



The Environment and Us

Past to present attitudes towards use of local landscape and environment, have changed over time. Learn about connection to Country, taming the landscape, use of natural resources, the conservation movement and rise of local environmental tourism, as you explore the Environment and Us at the Cairns Museum.

Links to Australian Curriculum v.9
Year 4
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The diversity of First Nations Australians, their social organisation and their continuous connection to Country/Place AC9HS4K01 The importance of environments, including natural vegetation and water sources, to people and animals in Australia and on another continent. AC9HS4K05
Year 5
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The impact of the development of British colonies in Australia on the lives of First Nations Australians, the colonists and convicts, and on the natural environment. AC9HS5K02 The management of Australian environments, including managing severe weather events such as bushfires, floods, droughts or cyclones, and their consequences. AC9HS5K05
Year 7
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The economic, cultural, spiritual and aesthetic value of water for people, including First Nations Australians. AC9HG7K03 The technological achievements of early First Nations Australians, and how these developed in different places and contributed to daily life, and land and water source management. AC9HH7K05 How the physical environment and geographical features influenced the development of the ancient society. AC9HH7K09 The cultural connectedness of people to places and how this influences their identity, sense of belonging and perceptions of a place, in particular the cultural connectedness of First Nations Australians to Country/Place. AC9HG7K07
Year 8
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The spiritual, aesthetic and cultural value of landscapes and landforms for people, including Country/Place of First Nations Australians. AC9HG8K03
Year 9
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The causes and effects of European imperial expansion and the movement of peoples in the late 18th and early 19th centuries, and the different responses to colonisation and migration. AC9HH9K01 The causes and effects of European contact and extension of settlement, including their impact on the First Nations Peoples of Australia. AC9HH9K03
Year 10
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The human-induced changes that challenge the sustainability of places and environments. AC9HG10K01 First Nations Australians' approaches to custodial responsibility and environmental management in different regions of Australia. AC9HG10K03 Changing historical perspectives over time in relation to the developments in technology, public health, longevity, standard of living in the 20th century, and concern for the environment and sustainability. AC9HH10K14 Continuities and changes in perspectives, responses, beliefs and values that have influenced the Australian way of life. AC9HH10K18 Different historical interpretations and debates during the second half of the 20th century. AC9HH10K20