

# Overview

## Prep and Year 1: Koala needs a home



*Toohey Forest*  
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Centre**



### Overview

*Koala needs a home* is a whole day program immersing students in a sensory exploration of Toohey Forest.

On the day students meet 'Joey' a koala who needs a new home. Students take on the role of 'Bush Jarjum' and explore habitats and living things in Toohey Forest in order to assist 'Joey'. Students read the story *Koala, koala, is this habitat for you?* to gain background information on koalas. Our Window to the Forest mural helps students identify forest plants and animals, their features, their habitats and their basic needs.

Using a map, the students search for clues about living things in the forest, interpreting the Aboriginal symbols on the map throughout their journey. In the course of their search, students use their senses to enhance their knowledge of plant and animal homes in the forest. Equipment utilised in the delivery of this program includes sensory bags as well as props such as puppets. Students participate in a sand story-making activity followed by an animal footprint art activity with paint.

When 'Joey' returns, students share their knowledge about the basic needs of koalas in Toohey Forest and receive a map to take back to school.

The program concludes with students getting up close and personal with live animals and discussing their habitats and needs.

*Koala needs a home* has been assessed as medium risk. A Curriculum Activity Risk Assessment is available on request. An itinerary will be provided upon confirmation of your booking.

### Curriculum Intent:

#### Science Understanding

Prep: Living things have basic needs, including food and water (ACSSU002)

Year 1: Living things live in different places where their needs are met (ACSSU211)

#### Science Inquiry Skills

Prep: Participate in guided investigations and make observations using the senses (ACSIS011)

Year 1: Participate in guided investigations to explore and answer questions (ACSIS025)

#### HASS Inquiry Skills

Prep and Year 1: Interpret data and information displayed in pictures and texts and on maps (ACHASSI007)

#### HASS Evaluating and reflecting

Prep and Year 1: Reflect on learning to propose how to care for places and sites that are important or significant (ACHASSI009)



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