

Year 6 Explores Aboriginal History and Language

As part of their History unit, Year 6 students recently participated in a rich and engaging workshop led by Mr Hinton, a proud Wonnarua and Kamilaroi man, alongside his daughters Grace and Eloise.

During the session, Mr Hinton shared his personal family history and taught students about Aboriginal heritage and the cultural importance of language. Students were introduced to some basic Wonnarua words, helping them understand how language is deeply connected to identity, culture, and Country.

Through a range of collaborative activities, students explored how Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander cultures compare with other ancient civilisations using timelines, highlighting their longevity and continued strength. They also learnt about the importance of revitalising endangered Aboriginal dialects, gaining an appreciation of why preserving language is vital for future generations.



One activity saw students work together to create a map of Country, using symbols to represent different areas and features. This hands-on task helped bring learning to life and encouraged thoughtful discussion and teamwork.

The workshop was engaging, interactive, and highly informative, providing students with a deeper understanding of Australia's First Nations histories and cultures. We are very grateful to Mr Hinton, Grace, and Eloise for generously sharing their knowledge and experiences with our Year 6 students.

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