

# Guide for Teachers:

## Assisting students in crafting a heartfelt Acknowledgement of Country

Creating an Acknowledgement of Country allows students to pay respect to the traditional caretakers of the land and their connection to Country. This guide is designed to help you support students in writing their own Acknowledgement of Country, making it a meaningful and personal expression of respect.

### Key questions to guide your acknowledgement

Encourage students to reflect on the following questions to help them write their Acknowledgement from the heart.

#### ● Who are the traditional caretakers of this land?

Encourage students to research and name the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples who are the Traditional caretakers of the local area.

#### ● What's really important about this Country to you?

Prompt students to think about what makes the land, seas and waterways significant to them personally.

#### ● What's something special about where you're from?

Have students reflect on unique aspects of their local area, including nature, culture, or community practices.

#### ● What do you love to do on Country?

Ask students to share personal experiences or activities they enjoy that connect them to the land.

#### ● Who has taught you about this part of Country?

Encourage students to acknowledge individuals who have helped them understand the importance and history of the land, sea and waterways such as family members, teachers, and community members or leaders.

#### ● What words can you use that are respectful and meaningful to you?

Guide students to choose their words carefully, ensuring they convey respect and significance.

