

**Year  
3**

# HUMANITIES AND SOCIAL SCIENCES

**Australia and Its Neighbours**  
Geography

**Term 2**  
5 weeks  
(Weeks 6-10)

Name:

Teacher:



# What to expect in Year 3 HASS: Australia and Its Neighbours

## Christian Worldview

God created the Earth and the environment we live in. Geography helps us to understand the environment and the interrelationships that exist within it. The skills in Geography enable us to represent both the natural and built or man-made aspects of this world in ways that make it possible for us to influence its use. The study of Geography leads students to think critically about God's world and the ways in which we live in it, our relationship to Him and others and the ways in which we use God's created world.

## Unit overview

Students develop an understanding of the similarities and differences between places within and outside Australia through a study of their environment and human characteristics. They examine climate and the types of settlements in Australia, the Country/Place of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples, and Australia's neighbouring countries. Students come to understand how people feel about and care for places. Students' mental maps further develop through learning about the representation of Australia and the location of Australia's neighbouring countries.

- What are the main natural and human features of Australia?
- How and why are places similar and different?
- What would it be like to live in a neighbouring country?

## Online Videos

Every effort has been made to only include YouTube videos that we can link in safe mode. However, for technical reasons this is not always possible. We ask that you monitor your child's activity closely when working online. **Youtube videos should be opened in the web browser NOT the Youtube App where possible.**

**Please note that assignments and exams will need to be completed and submitted by the due dates given. If a student is unwell and unable to submit they will need to request an extension through their teacher.**



### Time allocation:

5 weeks, 3 lessons per week, 4 hours per week

Week	Lesson Focus	Work Submissions
<u>6</u> p. 5-15	<b>Lesson 1:</b> Australia and its Great Landscapes <b>Lesson 2:</b> States and Territories <b>Lesson 3:</b> Cartographic Conventions of Maps	
<u>7</u> p. 16-24	<b>Lesson 1:</b> Torres Strait Islands <b>Lesson 2:</b> Places Significant to Aboriginal Peoples <b>Lesson 3:</b> Similarities and Differences	<b>Similarities and Differences - Formative Assessment</b> Due: Friday 2 June 2023
<u>8</u> p.25-36	<b>Lesson 1:</b> The Diverse Asian-Pacific <b>Lesson 2:</b> Life in the Asia Pacific Region <b>Lesson 3:</b> Comparing Australia and a Neighbouring Country	
<u>9</u> p. 33-36	<b>Lesson 1:</b> Summative Assessment: Australia <b>Lesson 2:</b> Summative Assessment: Neighbouring Countries to Australia <b>Lesson 3:</b> Summative Assessment: Similarities and Differences	<b>Australia and Its Neighbours - Summative Assessment</b> Due: Friday 16 June 2023
<u>10</u> p. 37-44	<b>Lesson 1:</b> States and Territories <b>Lesson 2:</b> Indigenous Languages <b>Lesson 3:</b> Graphing	





## Week 6 Lesson 1 Continued...

### Demonstrating

#### Activity 2:

Australia is a very large country and with a wide variety of landscapes. Australia is the lowest, flattest and driest continent on Earth. 70 percent of Australia is arid or semi-arid. The rain falls during the summer in the northern parts, while it falls in the winter in the southern parts.

The Great Dividing Range forces moist air from the ocean to rise and cause rain along the East coast and the inner parts of Australia to be dry desert.

The largest portion of Australia's food is grown around the Murray Darling and Murrumbidgee Rivers. These rivers have been dammed to control the water flow and make the area suitable for farming.



#### Class Discussion:

Can you name 3 natural features in Australia and three constructed features in Australia?



Australia and its Great Landscapes



#### Activity 2:

Use the map provided on page 7 to find and plot some of the natural features of Australia.

#### Plot:



1. Lake Eyre
2. Uluru
3. The Great Barrier Reef
4. The Great Dividing Range
5. Mt Kosciuszko



#### Activity 3:

Using a dictionary find the meaning of the following words:

**Arid**  
**Semi-arid**  
**Dam or Dammed**  
**Continent**

Handwriting practice lines for the words: Arid, Semi-arid, Dam or Dammed, Continent.