

Bringing Bush Tucker into Early Childhood and Primary Curriculum

WORKSHOP 4

Incorporating bush tucker programs into the curriculum as Early Childhood Educators and Primary Teachers is a fun and tasty way of demonstrating the diversity of Indigenous knowledges and skills. It also demonstrates the strong link between Indigenous people and the land, learning ways to be resourceful and thrive off what the land has to offer. This Professional Development workshop refers to existing resources that have been developed by **Yarn Strong Sista** in conjunction with Cancer Council Victoria and the Victorian Department of Education and Training. We will share and reflect on Dr. Sue Atkinson Lopez's PhD research "Indigenous Early Childhood Curriculum and Self Determination" which has a focus on "What Aboriginal Elders Want Children to Learn about Culture." Participants will come away from this workshop with recipe ideas, an understanding of traditional and contemporary uses of Indigenous plants and animals and how to utilise these in your curriculum. Plus, as a treat, our Aboriginal presenter will bring some bush tucker for you to taste!



Wattle tree, leaves and pods



Kiella walking on Country, being taught about "Bush tucker". Yea Wetlands, Taungurung Country



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