

Traditional and Contemporary Games

WORKSHOP 7

Marngrook is a traditional Aboriginal game played by Victoria's First People. Marngrook was played with a possum skin ball stuffed with reeds from the creek. The game we know as AFL is based on Marngrook and Gaelic Football. This Professional Development workshop explores contemporary versions of traditional games in a hands-on way. Traditionally Aboriginal children were taught skills in survival through play. By actively participating in the workshop, we will learn traditional games that have been adapted. You will go away from this workshop being able to share these games with the children in your Early Childhood Service or School. By linking Indigenous storytelling with play, we are encouraging the sharing of Indigenous culture within the everyday curriculum. We examine Dr. Sue Atkinson Lopez's PhD research 'Indigenous Early Childhood Curriculum and Self-Determination' and how games are a part of Aboriginal Pedagogy. This workshop includes group work, storytelling and hands on art experience.



Aboriginal Storytelling and Traditional Games at Mildura West Kindergarten's Bush Kinder



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