

Summary of teaching unit samples

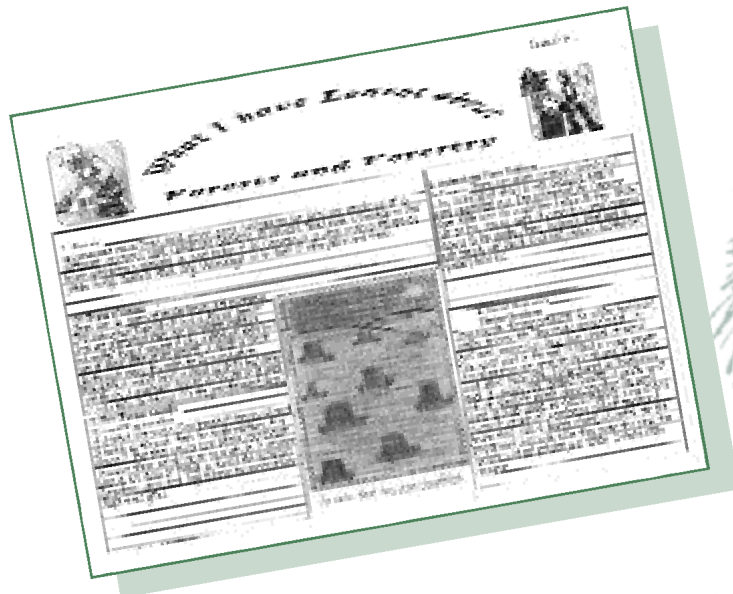
These teaching units have been developed to demonstrate some of the ways Learning about our forests can support classroom teachers in the planning, resourcing and delivery of units.

Student work samples are included to highlight achievement of some learning outcomes.

Forests and forestry

This is a grade 6 integrated unit having a major focus in SOSE, Science and Technology with support activities in other learning areas covering levels 3 and 4.

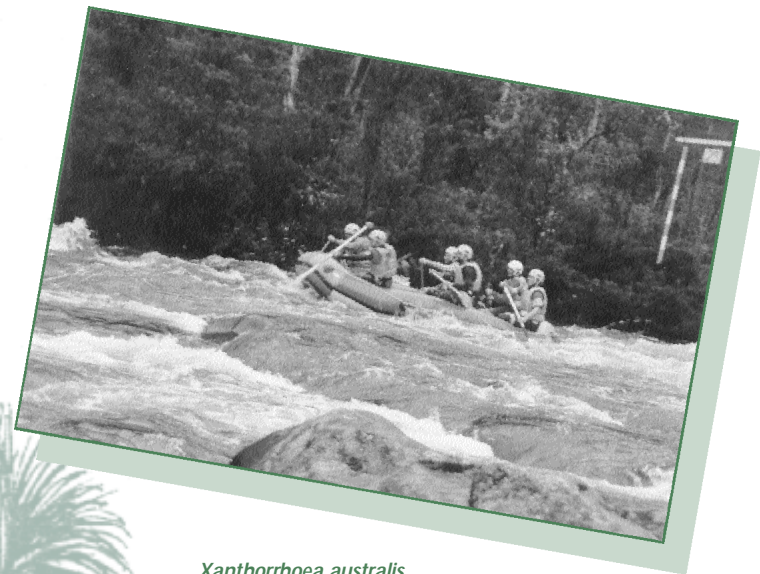
Students are engaged in a variety of research and discovery activities designed to create an awareness of the structure, function and impact of forest environments on our lives. The nature of conflict that so often surrounds environmental issues is investigated in different ways.



Natural resources in our local area

A grade 8 SOSE unit with links to Health and Physical Education, English and Technology covering levels 3 to 5.

Students investigate the nature of local forest areas and their use for a wide range of activities. Guest speakers from the local community who make use of the forests and/or its products enhance student learning.



Xanthorrhoea australis

Grasstree

Flowers prolifically after fire. Very susceptible to phytophthora. Shafts used by Tasmanian Aboriginals for spears.



Forests and forestry in the Derwent River catchment

A grade 9/10 integrated unit in SOSE, Science and Technology covering levels 3 to 6.

Students investigate forest ecology, timber harvesting, processing and marketing. Included in their studies are issues related to forest use, technology of timber production and harvesting, environmental impacts and occupational health and safety.



Tall timber

A Prep., Grade 1/2 integrated unit.

This integrated unit provides the students with the opportunity to investigate the growth cycle of trees and the importance of trees for all people. It provides opportunities for children to question and to explore ideas.

Forests Tasmania: If trees could talk what stories would they tell?

A grade 7/8 SOSE unit covering levels 2 to 6.

Develops students' understanding and appreciation that choices made about resource use have broad implications for our local, national and international communities.

Where have all the bush sawmills gone?

A grade 4 unit focusing on the Technology and SOSE learning areas.

This unit investigates historical timber harvesting and processing methods and compares these with the present. Changes in timber communities resulting from evolving technology are investigated.



Vombatus ursinus
Common wombat

