



Walk on Country Permission Note

This year in Preschool we are excited to be introducing a new program to our curriculum. The program, titled *Walking on Country*, is designed to provide students with opportunities to explore the land of the Ngunnawal people, while developing an awareness of the Indigenous traditional custodians of the land on which our preschool is built.

Students will use their five senses to explore the environment immediately surrounding Aranda Preschool, and learn some of the Ngunnawal language for features of the environment.

Having a positive sense of identity and experiencing respectful, responsive, relationships strengthens children's interest and skills in *being* and *becoming* active contributors to their world. Children's connectedness and different ways of *belonging* with people, country and communities helps them to learn ways of *being* which reflect the values, traditions and practices of their families and communities. Students will learn to respond to diversity with respect and become socially responsible and show respect for the environment.

The Walk on Country program will involve students exploring the natural, local environment including class walks directly outside of the Preschool gates. Walks will take place on Wednesdays and as per legislated requirements, there will two educators present per class at all times.

We kindly request that all children be dressed in accordance to the ACT SunSmart policy by covering their shoulders, wearing hats and sunscreen, as well as appropriate footwear and weather appropriate attire.

Please complete and return the permission slip by **Tuesday 6th March 2018.**

We look forward to sharing in this new and exciting learning opportunity with your children.

Kind regards,

Janine Collins, Renee Dickson, Dani Rolfe, Brenda D'Cruz and Samantha Ginger

I/We give consent for _____ (child's full name) in
_____ (class) to attend 'Walk on Country' experiences, exploring
the greater school vicinity.

Parent/guardian: _____ Signature: _____