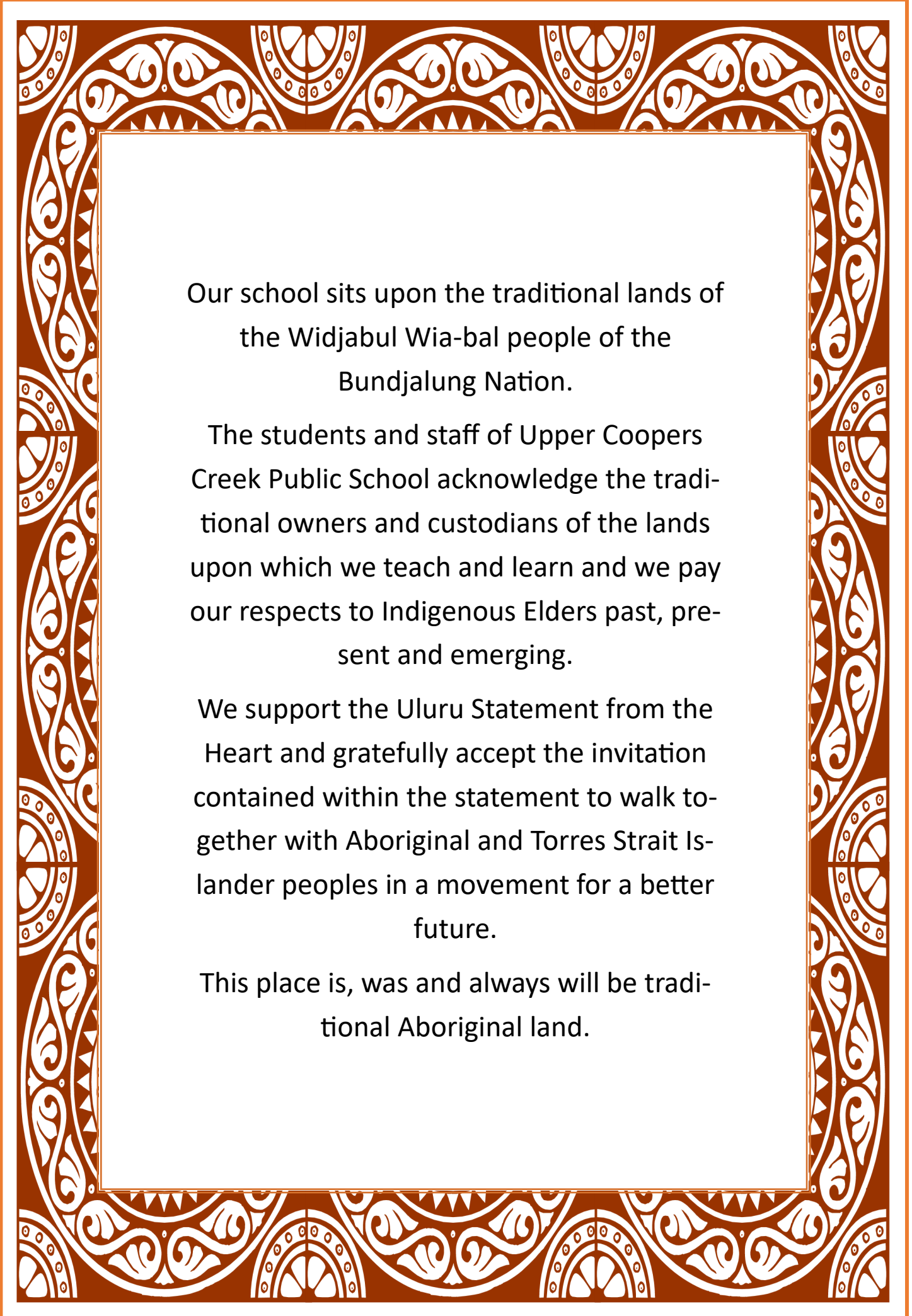




# Upper Coopers Creek Public School







Our school sits upon the traditional lands of  
the Widjambul Wia-bal people of the  
Bundjalung Nation.

The students and staff of Upper Coopers  
Creek Public School acknowledge the tradi-  
tional owners and custodians of the lands  
upon which we teach and learn and we pay  
our respects to Indigenous Elders past, pre-  
sent and emerging.

We support the Uluru Statement from the  
Heart and gratefully accept the invitation  
contained within the statement to walk to-  
gether with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Is-  
lander peoples in a movement for a better  
future.

This place is, was and always will be tradi-  
tional Aboriginal land.



## Upper Coopers Creek Public School

Upper Coopers Creek is a small nurturing school with a family like atmosphere, where children are encouraged to value their individuality.

With creek frontage and a mountain backdrop, we are nestled in a pocket of rainforest beside national parks and the majestic Minyon Falls.

At Upper Coopers Creek learning comes to life through exploration, discovery and deep engagement, as teachers work alongside students to inspire creativity, joy and excitement. Our students learn with and through nature and are given the time and space for awe and wonder.





## Upper Coopers Creek Public School

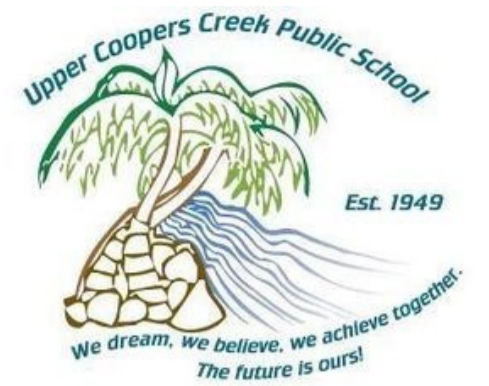
Our weekly timetable is purposefully designed to create a holistic learning experience, incorporating mindfulness, bush school, cooking, gardening and cultural learning with traditional educational areas.

Our week includes a very healthy dose of art, music and drama, as well as specialised sports and technology lessons. Our students shine in reading, writing and mathematics because we embed all learning in this rich and varied timetable.

Our students prosper in a safe and caring environment that develops respect, understanding and responsibility. We approach all aspects of learning and teaching with imagination, integrity, compassion and optimism and together we create a childhood learning experience where children have a say in what and how they learn.



# ENGLISH



## Learning through our stories.

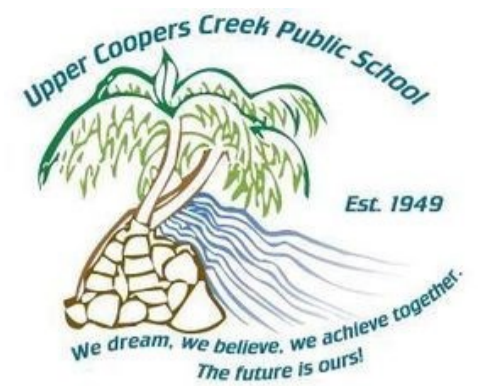


Language shapes our understanding of ourselves and our world. It is the primary means by which we relate to others and is central to the intellectual, social and emotional development of all students.

In English lessons at Upper Coopers Creek, children are immersed in rich quality stories, conversations and experiences that nurture and develop their natural joy in language and learning.



# MATHS



## Making Sense of Their World



Children 'learn by doing' and at Upper Coopers Creek children learn about Mathematical concepts by connecting these concepts with their environment and everyday activities.

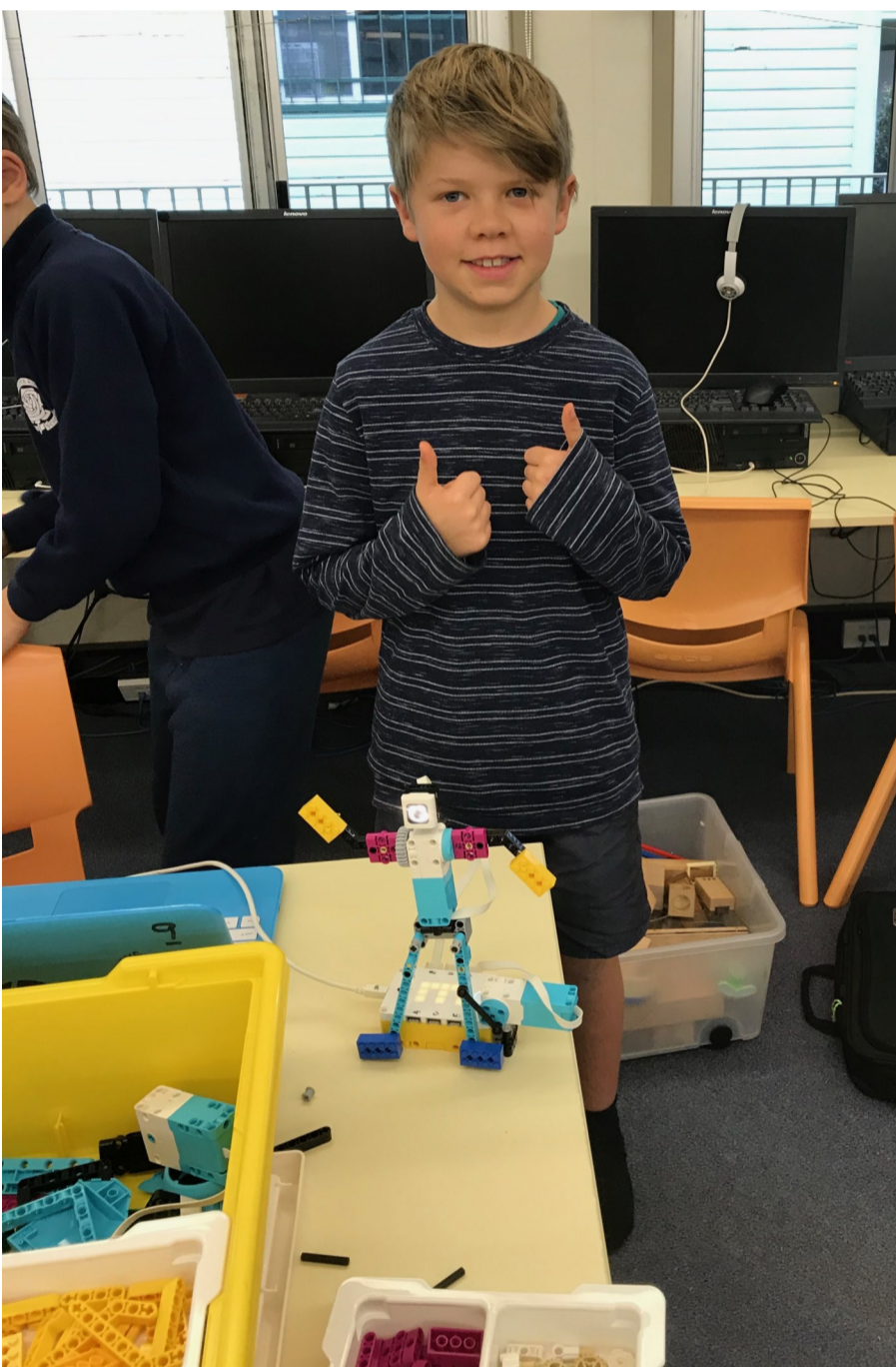
Our students learn about Mathematics through purposeful, authentic tasks that encourage higher order thinking skills and allow different possibilities, strategies and products to emerge. Students engage with Mathematics through the use of technology, hands-on learning and guided investigations. Learning is enhanced by games, songs and movement activities that nurture the enthusiasm of play in the task of learning.



# SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY

## Learning through exploration

In our rapidly changing world students need the skills to adapt and grow.

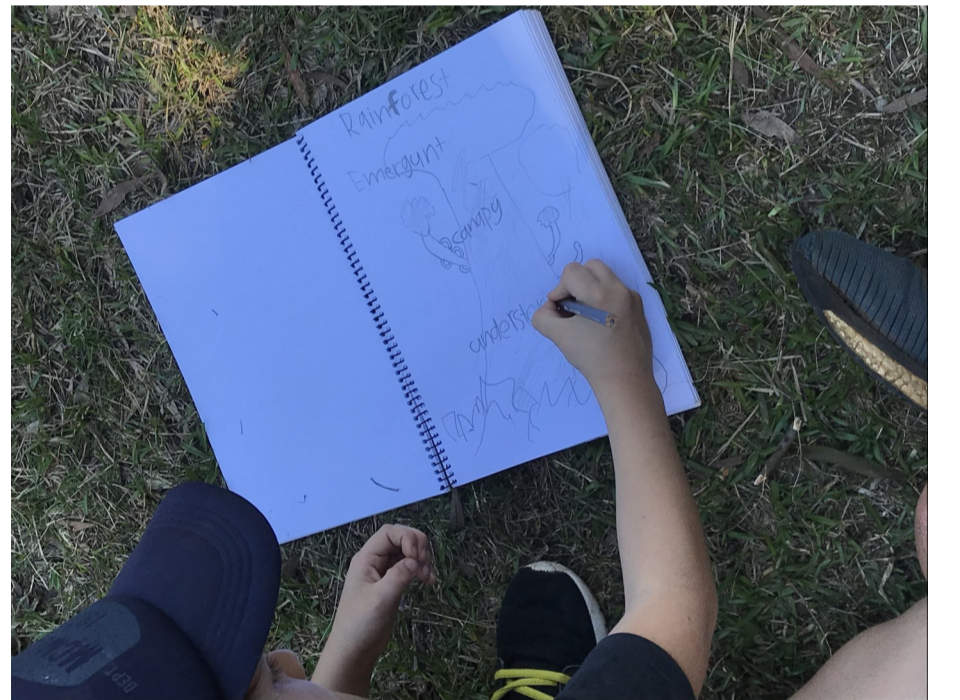


Our Science and Technology lessons nurture children's natural curiosity about the world and allow them to ask questions and develop the skills they need to answer those questions.

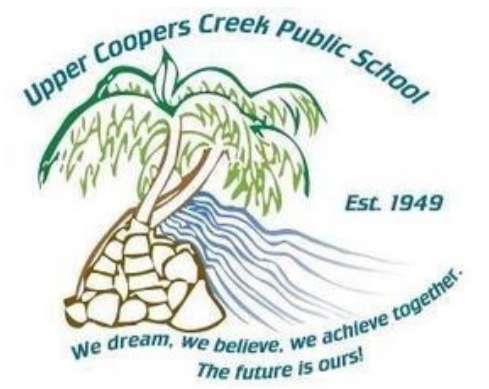
Discovery and investigation through scientific exploration help our students learn to become independent thinkers, problem solvers and innovators. They develop a thirst for knowledge so that they will continue to learn throughout their life.







# BUSH SCHOOL



## Learning through nature



At Upper Coopers Creek, we learn with and through nature.

Our students are given the time and space to explore their natural environment through gardening, outdoor classes and play. Children are immersed in nature in our vege garden, bush tucker garden and yarning circle and during Bush School lessons.

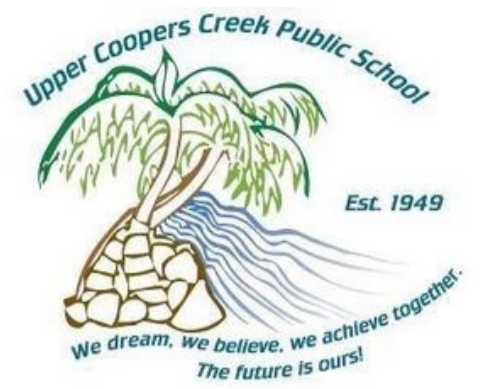
At Bush School, students explore our beautiful creek and surrounding forest and connect with their natural environment in deeper ways, enjoying learning experiences that inspire awe and wonder. The children investigate animal habitats and native flora and fauna, they engage in mapping activities and create botanical drawings. But more importantly, they have the opportunity to look, listen to and feel their learning environment.

*When we go to Bush School we get to have fun. We study things like the food chain and flora and fauna. We get to go on the rocks that are surrounded by water.*





# CAPA



## Learning through creativity.



At Upper Coopers Creek we know that an arts-rich education is crucial to a child's development. The Creative and Performing Arts (CAPA) help develop individual creativity and self-expression and positively impact academic performance and the development of social skills.

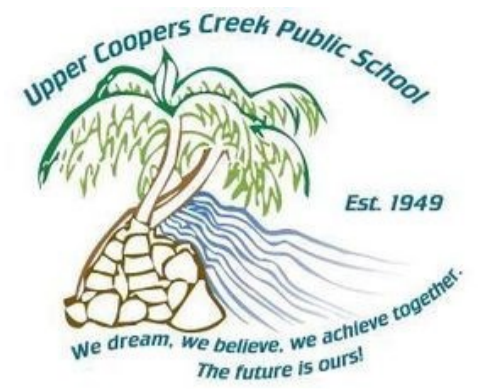
At Upper Coopers Creek, we have a dedicated CAPA teacher who ensures that Visual Arts, Music, Drama and Movement education is an integral part of all children's learning.

Music is an essential aspect of who we are as human beings and every student at Upper Coopers Creek participates and engages in both vocal and instrumental music. All students from Years 2-6 also take part in weekly small group guitar lessons. Learning through and about the Visual Arts enriches our students' school experience while encouraging self-expression, creativity, and a sense of individual identity. Drama and Movement also figure prominently in our timetable and our end of year performance is a marvel to behold.





# INDONESIAN



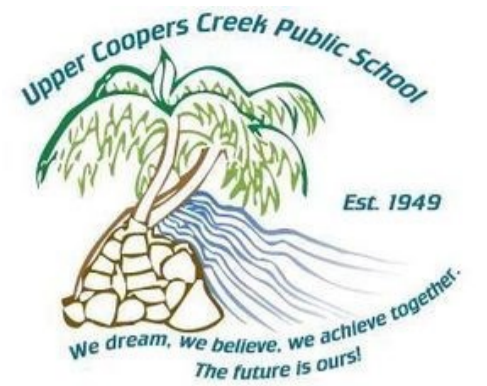
Broadening our horizons



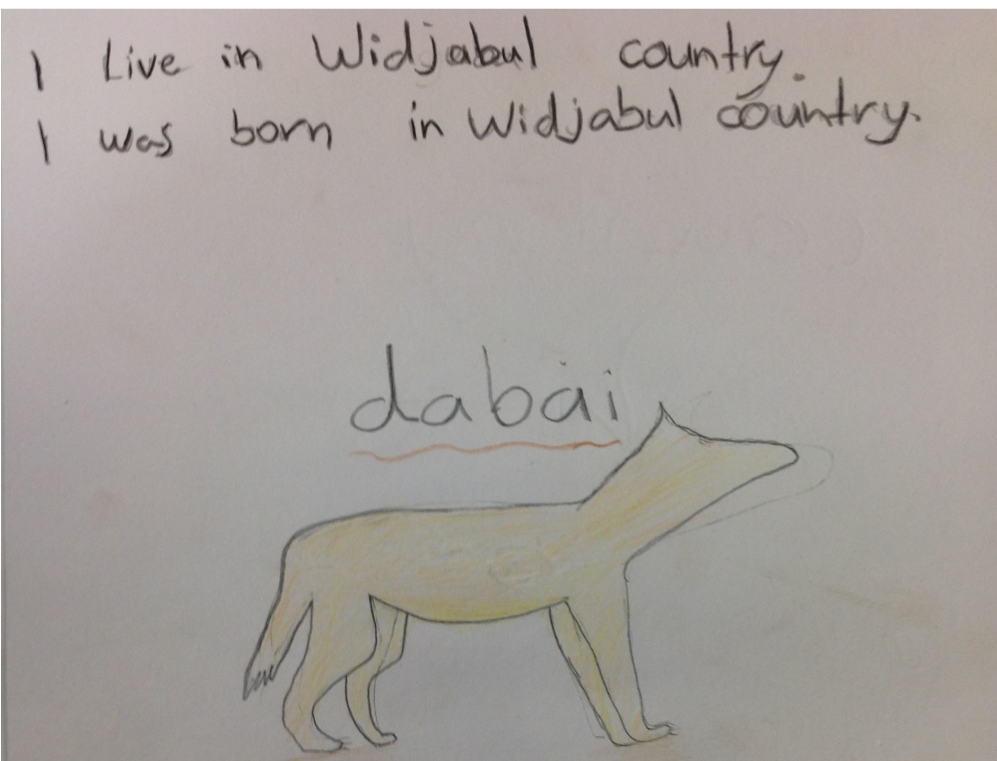
At Upper Coopers Creek, all students, from Kindergarten to Year 6, enjoy weekly lessons in Indonesian language and culture.



# HSIE



## Learning through our world.



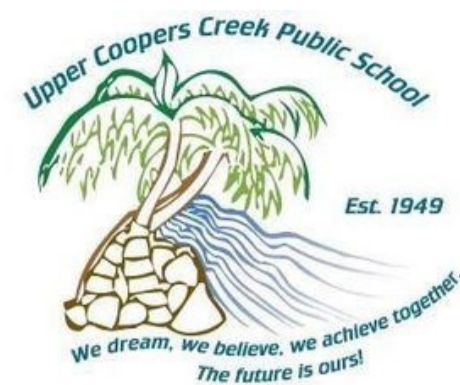
Through the study of Human Society and Its Environment, students develop the skills to prepare them to actively and responsibly participate as informed citizens in the contemporary world.

Geography and History inspire an interest in and engagement with our world, our cultures and our past. Children develop an understanding of the interactions between people, places and environments.

Through stories, role play, exploration and authentic research, students at Upper Coopers Creek explore the history and geography of their place and time and of the wider world.



# PDHPE



## Learning through teamwork



Personal Development Health and Physical Education embraces the knowledge, skills and values that children require, in order to live and lead healthy, happy and fulfilling lives.



PDHPE lessons let students experience what it is like to work as a team toward a common goal, helping them develop a better understanding and appreciation of their classmates and become part of creating a positive school culture.

At Upper Coopers Creek, we practise daily lessons in respect, teamwork, compassion and mindfulness.



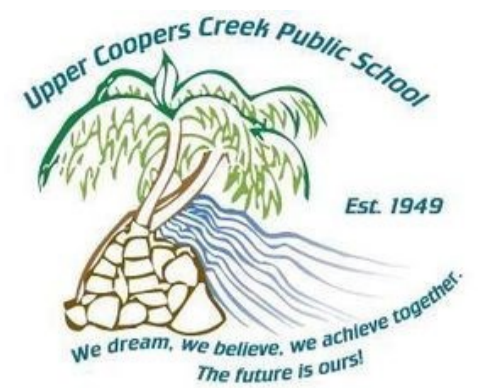
Our students receive specialised coaching in a wide range of sports including football, surfing, gymnastics, swimming and athletics.

We also join regularly with our local community of schools to take part in Cross Country, Athletics, Swimming Carnivals and other sporting events.





# GARDENING AND COOKING



## Learning through food



A highlight of our school week is picking food from our garden to cook and eat together.

Our school garden provides delicious organic food and is a powerful environmental education tool. Through gardening, our students become thoughtful caretakers, learning about the responsibilities and impacts of humans on the environment.

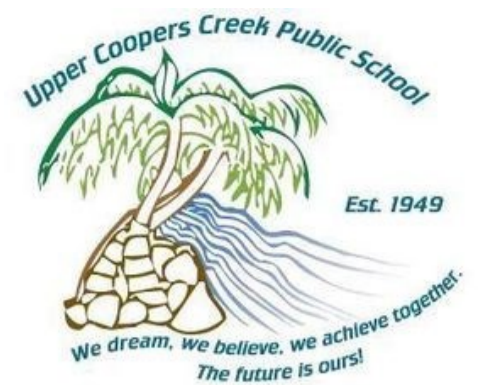
Our delicious vege garden leads directly to our mouth-watering cooking classes. Learning to cook broadens children's knowledge of nutritious food, inspires them to try new things and helps them to develop a positive relationship with food.

Sharing a meal together strengthens relationships and helps to build a sense of belonging. And it is delicious!!





# Community connections



## Learning through connections.



At Upper Coopers Creek we actively acknowledge the importance of community connections. As a small school, we know the enormous value of creating regular and ongoing opportunities for our students to develop and build upon friendships and relationships beyond our school grounds.

Our students regularly join with other primary schools, pre-schools and high schools to participate in a wide range of educational, cultural and sporting events including combined school Athletics, Swimming and Cross Country Carnivals, film making and book writing workshops, excursions to Canberra and Brisbane, Leadership Conferences, Writers and Film Festivals, trips to Art Galleries and Environment Centres and visits with Indigenous and other community organisations.

These opportunities allow our students to form strong social connections and develop new skills, boosting confidence and leading to new friendships and a sense of belonging to a place and its people.

