

Kulin Seasons Program

This seasonal curriculum connects culturally rich, hands-on activities with key pedagogical outcomes.

Program Highlights – Kulin Seasons Program

Across the seven seasons of the Kulin calendar, children experience immersive, culturally-grounded learning:

- **Marngrook** (Biderap - Dry Season): Active play, community, movement under the sun
 - **Eel Trap & River Journey** (luk - Eel Season): Sustainability, river life, eel trap story
 - **Didgeridoo Dreaming** (Waring - Wombat Season): Reflective storytelling, soundscapes
 - **Didgeridoo & Bees** (Guling - Orchid Season): Sound, rhythm, pollination themes
 - **Tadpole Necklace** (Poorneet - Tadpole Season): Life cycle crafting, bead necklace & storytelling
 - **Boomerang Painting** (Buath Gurru - Grass Flowering Season): Symbolic art, grass, wind imagery
 - **Culture Celebration** (Garrawang - Kangaroo Apple Season): Shared music, cultural celebration
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Alignment with EYLF V2.0

Principle: Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Perspectives

Each activity embeds Indigenous voices, seasonal knowledge, and cultural practices, reinforcing EYLF V2.0's call for cultural representation in all aspects of learning

Learning Outcomes

- **Outcome 1 – Children have a strong sense of identity**
Cultural storytelling, crafts, and seasonal awareness foster identity and belonging.
- **Outcome 2 – Children are connected with and contribute to their world**
Activities like sustainability lessons in luk or community play in Marngrook, build environmental and cultural connection.

- **Outcome 3 – Children have a strong sense of identity**
Repeated exposure to First Peoples' cultures nurtures belonging and cultural awareness through different expressive modes - music, art, storytelling, and performance. Fostering greater connection to Country.
- **Outcome 4 – Children are connected with and contribute to their world**
Experiencing a range of cultural activities helps children build relationships with Country, culture, and community in a scaffolded and rich learning progression.
- **Outcome 5 – Children have a strong sense of wellbeing**
Reflective sessions (Didgeridoo Dreaming), sensory art (Boomerang Painting), and active play (Marngrook) support emotional and physical wellbeing.
- **Outcome 6 – Children are confident and involved learners**
These hands-on, sensory-rich experiences nurture curiosity, experimentation, collaboration, and knowledge sharing.
- **Outcome 7 – Children are effective communicators**
Through music, art, storytelling, and play, children explore multimodal expression, symbolic understanding, and cultural storytelling.

Principles & Practices

The program employs cultural responsiveness and play-based, intentional learning as core practice strategies, consistent with EYLF V2.0 emphasis

Alignment with VEYLDF

VEYLDF shares the same five outcomes, extending them through Victorian context (identity, connectedness, wellbeing, learning, communication)

- **Identity & Community:**
Seasonal storytelling and cultural practices strengthen children's connection to Country and identity.
- **Communication:** Engages different modes of expression, enriching children's capacity for storytelling, expression, and understanding through diverse art forms.
- **Wellbeing:**
The mix of reflective and active activities nurtures emotional and physical resilience.
- **Learning & Communication:**
Multimodal learning - through sounds, symbols, hands-on crafts, movement - enhances expressive and narrative capacities.

Practice Principles:

The Kulin Seasons Program aligns with VEYLDF’s reflective pedagogy, cultural inclusion, equity, and respectful engagement standards.

Summary Table

Program Features (Seasonal Activities)	EYLF / VEYLDF Alignment
Seasonal cultural themes and storytelling	Builds identity, cultural literacy, and connection to Country
Hands-on craft and symbol activities	Encourages multimodal communication, creative confidence, and identity expression
Reflective and sensory music experiences	Enhances wellbeing, listening skills, and cultural imagination
Active play rooted in culture	Fosters belonging, physical wellbeing, and community participation
Authentic First Nations facilitation	Ensures cultural safety, role-modelling, and embedded representation

Final Reflection

The **Kulin Seasons Program** offers the most comprehensive, deeply immersive cultural curriculum promoting meaningful traditional Aboriginal season learning cycles and connection to Country. It strongly supports EYLF outcomes—identity, connection, wellbeing, learning, and communication—as well as VEYLDF’s principles of cultural identity, multisensory learning, and holistic wellbeing. By grounding each activity in Country, story, and sensory experience, this program empowers children to grow as culturally aware, engaged, and confident learners.