

# Welcome to Country

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## Suggested Teaching and Learning

**Text Type:** Non-Fiction

**Genre:** Recount

**Suggested Reading Recovery Level:** 4

**Word Count:** 96

### ACARA F-1 References

**Learning Areas:** English; Humanities and Social Sciences

**General Capabilities:** Literacy; Intercultural Understanding

**Cross Curriculum Priorities:** Asia and Australia's Engagement with Asia

### Understanding Texts

- Build background knowledge with a rich book introduction. Tell students that the Welcome to Country ceremony is how, in Australia, we acknowledge the traditional owners of the land. Ensure they know that a smoking ceremony, dance and music accompanies a Welcome to Country as well as the events in the text where a Welcome to Country happens. \*UnT4, UnT5
- After reading have students recall some things they would see at a Welcome to Country ceremony. Write these into a list.\*UnT4, UnT5
- Talk with students about how the school and class community welcomes new students or visitors to the school - buddies, greetings, inviting into games in the playground etc.\*UnT4

**Vocabulary:** country, school, smoke, special, welcome

**High Frequency Words:** are, come, for, have, here, this, way, we, when, will, you

### Phonic Knowledge and Word Recognition + Phonological Awareness

- Locate the words country, music, special and welcome. Clap to hear the syllables. Record each word highlighting each syllable. \*PhA2
- Locate the words have and here. Use these two words to prompt students to look all the way through words. Repeat with other visually similar high frequency words such as will and when, the and they and like and look. \*PKW4, PKE5

\*National Literacy Learning Progressions

# Welcome to Country

We Welcome You

Welcome to Country  
is **special**.

Welcome to Country  
is a way to say come in,  
we welcome you.



Here is the music at  
Welcome to Country.

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This is the dance at  
Welcome to Country.

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# Glossary



smoke



special

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**Welcome to Country** is an informational text that introduces students to the significant elements of a Welcome to Country ceremony. Four events where a Welcome to Country ceremony would be conducted are mentioned.

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