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# Yarrabah Trip

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I really wanted to go for a holiday to Far North Queensland. There are many interesting people and places there. Yarrabah Aboriginal mission is there. Yarrabah community is called a mission because the community was set up by Christian missionaries. In the old days the Aboriginal people went to missions to be protected from dangerous settlers. They were safer at the missions.



I needed to work to save money for the holiday. I worked very hard. The holiday was going to cost a lot of money. Money was needed for the flights, hire car, food, place to stay, and fun. After some time, I saved enough money for the big trip. I was now ready to plan my holiday.

SAMPLE



One day I was talking to my friend from work about the holiday plan. My friend was very excited to hear about the holiday. He told me that his Dad is from Yarrabah. He told me his Dad is from a large family with many relatives in Yarrabah. He told me to visit his relatives and say “hello”. I was excited to visit the relatives of my workmate.

SAMPLE





When I arrived in North Queensland it was very hot. Even though it was winter it was still hot. It was very green with lots of forests and beaches. I was scared to swim at the beaches. There are crocodiles in North Queensland. I made sure I was safe around the water. I am not worried to say, I am very scared of crocodiles. The people are used to living around crocodiles in North Queensland.

## Word bank

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Yarrabah  
Queensland  
Torres Strait  
aboriginal  
holiday  
interesting  
community  
missionaries  
relatives  
crocodiles  
languages  
rainforest  
mountain

communities  
cyclones  
excited  
introduced

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Cross Curriculum Priorities: Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Histories and Cultures; Sustainability.

**Teacher Notes:**

This is a story of Mark's travels to other parts of Australia. It is not only a story of Yarrabah and his travels but of goal-setting and planning. Skills that everyone needs to accomplish their goals are outlined in this story. Discussion points for consideration:

1/ Find Yarrabah on a map of Australia. What is the closest city?

2/ Why was Yarrabah started?

3/ Where would you travel to in Australia? Why?

**Difficult words to be introduced and practised before reading this book:**

Yarrabah, Queensland, Torres Strait, aboriginal, holiday, interesting, community, missionaries, relatives, crocodiles, languages, rainforest, mountain, communities, cyclones, excited, introduced.

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