

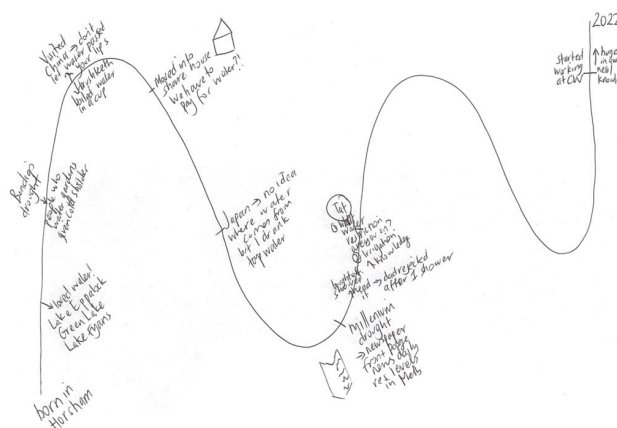
We hope you have had a great start to 2022. If you are planning to teach about water, waste, sustainability, the water cycle or natural resources, please consider:

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## What's new in 2022?



- Use **group discussions, brainstorming or ‘think, pair, share’** to enable students to share their water story.
- Designate 5 minutes at a staff meeting to individually **sketch a timeline of your life, adding notes on your water stories**, and then share in small groups. When we did this as a staff, there was a range of shared and unique experiences, including: drought, the delight of bath time for babies and the 1990s gas shortage that affected hot showers across Victoria.
- **Involve the wider school community** – there is so much we can learn from people who have lived through droughts or travelled to places where safe drinking water isn’t readily available.



My  
water  
stories

## Primary Schools

The 2022 poster competition theme is **Our Water Stories**. Children can share their unique water story or experience with water. Locally there will be a randomly drawn school prize and 5 judged categories: Foundation, Grade 1 / 2, Grade 3 / 4, Grade 5 / 6 and Students with additional learning needs (Students with a disability).

Across all categories we encourage entries from students who identify as:

- Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people
- Culturally and Linguistically Diverse
- LGBTIQ+

**NEW this year:** Upload entries at the new website: [National Water Week Poster Competition](#). We all have a unique water story we can share – we are looking forward to hearing from you and your students! **Entries close Friday 2 September 2022.**

## Secondary Schools

**Year 7 and 8 Geography Teachers:** You can now access seven short videos of Coliban Water Managing Director Damian Wells in conversation with Djaara CEO Rodney Carter to hear firsthand about water from a Traditional Owner perspective.

Find the videos here: [The future of water video series](#)



## Share. Inspire. Save

[Share. Inspire. Save.](#) showcases and rewards schools that are water efficient and enables them to:

- **Share** a video or photos explaining how your school is saving water
- **Inspire** other schools to adopt your water saving initiatives
- **Save** water, our most precious resource, and save your school up to \$450 in Schools Water Efficiency Program (SWEP) membership costs

**Entries close on the last Wednesday of each term.**

## Kindergartens and Early Years



**Please welcome Kiya to our Education team!** You may recognise Kiya from Play School. Kiya appears in our Kindergarten and F-2 sessions, providing an age-appropriate Aboriginal perspective. Kiya has a strong connection to Country. Her community's connection to the ocean was the inspiration for her dress, made with fabric designed by artist Kiya Watt. Children have been excited to meet Kiya and feedback has been very positive from teachers.