

# **Virtual Camping Teachers Guide**

Sector/ Activity Buckets:	
Session name:	Understanding Wind Year 7 & 8
Duration:	40 minutes

### **Session Description:**

Students will discuss what is wind, what causes wind and why knowing what the wind is currently/forecasted to do is so important when undertaking outdoor experiences and everyday life.

### **Curriculum Links:**

## Geography

- Analyse maps and other geographical data and information using digital and spatial technologies as appropriate, to develop identifications, descriptions, explanations and conclusions that use geographical terminology Science (VCGGC104)
- Ways that flows of water connect places as they move through the environment and the ways this affects places (VCGGK106)

# **Outcomes/Objectives:**

- Students will understand what wind is and what causes it
- Students will understand wind has on outdoor experiences
- Students will build their own wind vane and understand its use

### **Teacher Required Resources**

- Buffered understanding wind video
- Have collected all of the required participant resources
- Designated an area for students to test their wind vane

# **Participant Required Resources**

- Cardboard
- Straw
- Scissors
- Pencil with rubber on end
- Pin



# Location/Area set up:

• Ensure students have all required resources

#### **Teacher Instructions:**

#### Introduction:

- Pause video at 2:58
- Open link below and watch video
  - What Causes Wind to Blow?
- Once you have watched the video press play

#### Main Content

- Pause video at 6:59
- Steps to making your own wind vane:
  - 1. Cut-out a circle of cardboard 20cm in diameter
  - 2. Write North, South, East, and West on the relevant locations of the cardboard
  - 3. Write north-east, south-east, south-west & north-west on the relevant locations of the cardboard
  - 4. Cut a notch into one end of the straw.
  - 5. Cut an arrow out of thicker paper, then slip it into the slit on the straw.
  - 6. Cut a small hole in the centre of the cardboard, and stick the tip of the pencil into the hole.
  - 7. Use a pin to fasten the straw to the top of the eraser. Make sure it's centred. You may also want to wiggle the pin back-and-forth a bit to make sure the arrow can spin easily.
  - 8. Find north using a compass and the find the other inter-cardinal directions
- Once students have completed making wind vane they can head outside to practice using them

# Debrief/Farewell:

• To get a sense of how the weather changes try recording the direction of the wind and the types of clouds in the sky for a week in a journal