Earth and Environmental Science Syllabus resource links

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## Strengthened links to geological exploration and mining

It is strongly advised that teachers contact their local [AECG](https://education.nsw.gov.au/teaching-and-learning/aec/aboriginal-education-consultative-group-partnership-agreement) and Land Council to gather information regarding Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander protocols and cultures

### Websites

* [quarrying.org/quarrying-explained](https://www.quarrying.org/about-quarrying/quarrying-explained)
* [greatmining.com/quarrying](https://www.greatmining.com/quarrying.html)
* [beep.ac.uk – Pollution, Mining and Quarrying](https://www.beep.ac.uk/content/231.0.html)
* [mine-engineer.com - Basics of an open pit mine](http://www.mine-engineer.com/mining/open_pit.htm)
* [greatmining.com/open-pit-mining](https://www.greatmining.com/open-pit-mining.html)
* Earth resources- [Mineral resources](http://www.earthsciencewa.com.au/) - ESWA
* [Solvent extraction of copper experiment](https://www.oresomeresources.com/resource/solvent-extraction-of-copper-experiment/) – Oresomeresources.com
* [Exploring mining in Queensland](https://www.oresomeresources.com/resource/exploring-mining-in-queensland/) - Oresomeresources.com
* [In situ leaching Learning Object](https://www.oresomeresources.com/resource/in-situ-leaching-learning-object/) - Oresomeresources.com
* [Operating mines in Australia interactive Google map](https://www.oresomeresources.com/resource/operating-mines-in-australia-interactive-google-map/) - Oresomeresources.com
* [Underground Mining Methods and Applications](http://www.ct.ufrgs.br/laprom/Underground%20Mining%20Methods.pdf) - ct.ufrgs.br/larom/ - The Mineral Processing Laboratory (LAPROM) in the Technology Center (CT) of the Federal University of Rio Grande do Sul (UFRGS), Brazil.
* [Underground Mining Methods](https://miningandblasting.files.wordpress.com/2009/09/mining_methods_underground_mining.pdf) - ct.ufrgs.br/larom/ - The Mineral Processing Laboratory (LAPROM) in the Technology Center (CT) of the Federal University of Rio Grande do Sul (UFRGS), Brazil.
* [Onshore Drilling Natural Gas](http://naturalgas.org/naturalgas/extraction-onshore/)
* [Onshore Drilling](http://www.vallourec.com/DRILLINGPRODUCTS/EN/Application/Pages/Onshore.aspx)
* [Renewable Energy Resources](http://www.ga.gov.au/scientific-topics/energy/resources/other-renewable-energy-resources) – Australian Government
* [Bioenergy and energy from waste](https://arena.gov.au/renewable-energy/bioenergy/) – Australian Renewable Energy Agency
* [Energy Basics](http://www.ga.gov.au/scientific-topics/energy/basics) – Geoscience Australia
* [Renewable energy and agribusiness](http://www.nswfarmers.org.au/NSWFA/NSWFA/Posts/The_Farmer/Environment/Promising_future_for_renewable_energy_in_Australian_agribusiness.aspx) – NSW Farmers
* [nationalmap.gov.au - Australian Renewable Energy Mapping Infrastructure](https://nationalmap.gov.au/renewables/)
* [NSW renewable energy resources map](https://www.resourcesandgeoscience.nsw.gov.au/miners-and-explorers/geoscience-information/products-and-data/renewable-resources-map) – NSW Resources and Energy
* [Renewable resources data](https://www.resourcesandgeoscience.nsw.gov.au/) - Resources and geoscience in NSW
* [Australian Renewable Energy Mapping](https://research.csiro.au/data61/aremi/) – CSIRO – data relevant to the energy sector form government, industry and research.
* [Making agreements on Aboriginal land: Mining and development](https://www.clc.org.au/index.php?/articles/info/mining-and-development) – Central Land Council
* [Old habits die hard: Indigenous land rights and mining in Australia](https://www.culturalsurvival.org/publications/cultural-survival-quarterly/old-habits-die-hard-indigenous-land-rights-and-mining)
* [Essential skills for academic success](https://www.monash.edu/rlo) – Monash University
* [Australian non-renewable energy resources](https://www.aph.gov.au/About_Parliament/Parliamentary_Departments/Parliamentary_Library/pubs/BriefingBook44p/EnergyResources) – Parliament of Australia
* [Non-renewable Energy](https://www.solarschools.net/knowledge-bank/non-renewable-energy) – Solar Schools
* [Australian Energy –](https://www.abc.net.au/btn/classroom/australian-energy/10528036) ABC Behind the news
* [Australia’s renewable energy future](https://www.science.org.au/supporting-science/science-sector-analysis/reports-and-publications/australia%E2%80%99s-renewable-energy) – Australian Academy of Science 2010 report

### YouTube

* [Natural Stone Quarry/Open Pit mining animation](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=lWPh5qKWjBs) (duration 4:09)
* [Overview of Deep Water Drilling](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YQtDiX2Dbr0) (duration 2:15)
* [3D Animation Onshore Gas Drilling](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YTzrua7IS5M) (duration 2:36)
* [Oil Drilling; Oil and Gas Animations](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SfazJ6P_g7w) (duration 8:21)

## Climate Science

It is strongly advised that teachers contact their local AECG and land councils for cultural protocols.

### Websites

* [Greenhouse effect](http://www.environment.gov.au/climate-change/climate-science-data/climate-science/greenhouse-effect) – Department of the Environment and Energy
* [The Greenhouse Effect and Climate Change](https://www.penrithlakeseec.com/sustainability/sustainability) – Sustainability resources uploaded to Penrith Lakes EZEC
* [The Greenhouse effect simulation](https://phet.colorado.edu/en/simulation/greenhouse) – PhET
* [Greenhouse effect in a greenhouse](https://learn.concord.org/resources/645/greenhouse-effect-in-a-greenhouse) – via Scootle
* [Greenhouse gases](https://learn.concord.org/resources/646/greenhouse-gases) – via Scootle
* [Basics of Climate Science](http://climateofconcern.org/basics-of-climate-science/) – Natural Variability of the Climate
* [niwa.co.nz/Natural variations in climate](https://niwa.co.nz/our-science/climate/information-and-resources/clivar/variations)
* [Plate tectonic super cycle](https://dhrititimelineofplatetectonics.weebly.com/tectonic-super-cycle.html)
* [Decan Traps, India](http://volcano.oregonstate.edu/oldroot/volcanoes/volc_images/europe_west_asia/india/deccan.html)
* [le.ac.uk/Siberian Traps - Introduction](https://www.le.ac.uk/gl/ads/SiberianTraps/Introduction.html)
* [volcano.oregonstate.edu/deccan-traps](http://volcano.oregonstate.edu/deccan-traps)
* [Deccan Volcanism – An adventure in Science](http://massextinction.princeton.edu/deccan-volcanism/01-deccan-volcanism-adventure-science)
* [australian.museum/mesozoic-era](https://australian.museum/learn/dinosaurs/mesozoic-era/)
* [Orbital variations](https://earthobservatory.nasa.gov/features/Milankovitch/milankovitch_2.php) – NASA
* [Study: Earth’s Orbit Causes Global Warming Today And Climate Change 1.4 Billion Years Ago](https://dailycaller.com/2015/03/11/study-earths-orbit-causes-global-warming-today-and-climate-change-1-4-billion-years-ago/)
* [Milankovitch cycles](http://ossfoundation.us/projects/environment/global-warming/milankovitch-cycles)
* [Climate education modules](http://climate.ncsu.edu/edu/home) – North Carolina Climate Office
* [Milankovitch cycles – animation](https://www.sciencecourseware.org/eec/GlobalWarming/Tutorials/Milankovitch/) (requires Flash)
* [Effects of Climate Change – Currents Tutorial](https://oceanservice.noaa.gov/education/tutorial_currents/05conveyor3.html)
* [How does the ocean affect climate and weather on land?](https://oceanexplorer.noaa.gov/facts/climate.html)
* [Ocean currents](https://www.noaa.gov/education/resource-collections/ocean-coasts/ocean-currents) – National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration
* [Ocean currents and climate](https://www.nationalgeographic.org/media/ocean-currents-and-climate/) – National Geographic
* [Picture Climate: How pollen tells us about climate](https://www.ncdc.noaa.gov/news/picture-climate-how-pollen-tells-us-about-climate)
* [Pollen and Climate change](http://www.global-greenhouse-warming.com/pollen-and-climate-change.html) – Global Greenhouse Warming
* [global-climate-change.org.uk– Pollen analysis](https://www.global-climate-change.org.uk/3-3-6.php)
* [origins.swau.edu - Precambrian Pollen in the Grand Canyon](https://origins.swau.edu/papers/dinos/pollen/eng/index.html)
* [www.bgs.ac.uk - Past climates – evidence](https://www.bgs.ac.uk/discoveringGeology/climateChange/general/pastClimatesEvidence.html)
* [Geologic History of the Western US: Reconstructing the Geologic Past](http://geology.teacherfriendlyguide.org/index.php/geohist-w)
* [Sedimentary rocks contain clues to ancient environments](https://www.windows2universe.org/earth/geology/sed_facies.html)
* [What is the geological time scale?](https://australian.museum/learn/australia-over-time/evolving-landscape/the-geological-time-scale/)– Australian Museum
* [ucmp.berkeley.edu - Microfossils](https://ucmp.berkeley.edu/fosrec/Lipps1.html)
* [Microfossils – Earth Science Australia](http://www.earthsci.org/expeditions/microfossils/microfossils.html)
* [The most ancient evidence for life on Earth?](https://cosmosmagazine.com/palaeontology/most-ancient-evidence-life-earth) – COSMOS
* [This may be the oldest known sign of life on Earth](https://www.nationalgeographic.com/news/2017/03/oldest-life-earth-iron-fossils-canada-vents-science/) – National Geographic
* [Isotope Geochemistry](http://www.geology.cz/projekt681900/english/learning-resources/Lecture_4_Isotope_Geochemistry.pdf)
* [Ice core basics](http://www.antarcticglaciers.org/glaciers-and-climate/ice-cores/ice-core-basics/) – Antarctic Glaciers
* [Ice core 101](https://climatechange.umaine.edu/icecores/Ice_Core_101.html) – Climate Change Institute
* [Climate Change – How do we know?](https://climate.nasa.gov/evidence/) – NASA
* [Dendrochronology: What Tree Rings Tell Us About Past and Present](http://www.environmentalscience.org/dendrochronology-tree-rings-tell-us) – Environmental Science
* [About tree rings](https://ltrr.arizona.edu/about/treerings) – Laboratory of tree-ring research
* [Greenhouse gases](https://www.climatechangeinaustralia.gov.au/en/climate-campus/climate-system/greenhouse-gases/) – Climate change in Australia
* [What is Ocean Acidification?](https://www.pmel.noaa.gov/co2/story/What%2Bis%2BOcean%2BAcidification)
* [Ocean Acidification](https://ocean.si.edu/ocean-life/invertebrates/ocean-acidification) – Smithsonian Ocean Portal
* [Berrup Peninsula rock art shows extinct megafauna and Tasmanian tiger](https://www.abc.net.au/radionational/programs/backgroundbriefing/burrup-peninsula-rock-art-shows-extinct-megafauna/6561788)
* [Bulgandry Aboriginal Art Site](https://www.nationalparks.nsw.gov.au/things-to-do/aboriginal-sites/bulgandry-art-site-aboriginal-place) – NSW National Parks
* [The depiction of species in macropod track engravings](https://journals.australian.museum/mcdonald-1993-rec-aust-mus-suppl-17-105115/) – The Australian Museum
* [Kakadu culture and history-rock art](https://www.environment.gov.au/topics/national-parks/kakadu-national-park/culture-and-history/rock-art) – Department of the Environment
* [Earth in the Future: Predicting Climate Change and Its Impacts](https://open.ems.psu.edu/node/1313) – Penn State College of earth and mineral sciences.
* [Ocean acidification and its effects](https://coastadapt.com.au/ocean-acidification-and-its-effects)
* [Ocean Acidification animation](https://www.pmel.noaa.gov/co2/story/OA%2BEducational%2BTools)
* [Data in the classroom](https://dataintheclassroom.noaa.gov/) – NOAA

### YouTube

* [The Greenhouse Effect](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZzCA60WnoMk) (duration 3:29)
* [The Deccan Traps and Deccan Plateau](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qtch77zwUOc) (duration 17:34)
* [Siberian Traps likely triggered end-Permian mass extinction](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PNs9U4qVOII) (duration 2:02)
* [The Siberian Traps](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BAUYmR2BYSE) (duration 10:41)
* [Milankovitch Cycles](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6lbJrvtxWNE) (duration 3:13)
* [Milankovitch cycles precession and obliquity](https://www.khanacademy.org/science/cosmology-and-astronomy/earth-history-topic/earth-title-topic/v/milankovitch-cycles-precession-and-obliquity) (duration 12:56) – Khan Academy
* [Milankovitch cycles and Ice Age Explained](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=anZJZCvGoZE) (duration 8:45)
* [The Milankovitch Cycles and Climate Change](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PFfwIOzVlh8)
* [NASA – The Ocean: A driving force for weather and climate](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6vgvTeuoDWY) (duration 6:00)
* [Ocean Currents and Climate Change](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=_ieOmHcRXhk) (duration 2:51)
* [Flow: Currents and Climate](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HgoANl_97kM) (duration 8:09)
* [Studying ice cores in Antarctica – Natural History Museum](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VjTsj-fi-p0) (duration 2:40)
* [Climate Change from Ice Cores](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=r5Xm_v-22sE) (duration 34:01)
* [Earth’s Climate History from Glaciers and Ice Cores](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=_-fLHQKpXxA) (duration 34:11)
* [Richard Dawkins – Dating the Earth - Dendrochronology](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=AlMfqzihNTE) (duration 5:00)
* [Dendrochronology](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YRLjK8Mj04o) (duration 13:39)
* [Difference between natural and anthropogenic greenhouse effects?](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zKpLGgBC5io) (duration 5:53)
* [Acid Test: The Global Challenge of Ocean Acidification](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5cqCvcX7buo) (duration 21:34)
* [What is ocean acidification?](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Qdj6z5my58U) (duration 3:17)

## Mitigation and adaptation strategies for a changing environment

### Websites

* [NASA Responding to Climate Change - mitigation and adaption](https://climate.nasa.gov/solutions/adaptation-mitigation/)
* [Climate Mitigation and Adaptation](http://www.global-greenhouse-warming.com/climate-mitigation-and-adaptation.html) – Global Greenhouse Warming
* [Climate change](https://www.scootle.edu.au/ec/search?q=climate+change&field=title&field=text.all&field=topic) – Scootle
* [Adapting for Climate Change](https://www.cityofsydney.nsw.gov.au/vision/environmental-action/energy-climate-change/sydney-climate-crisis) Strategy – City of Sydney – pdf
* [Geoengineering the climate: science, governance and uncertainty](https://royalsociety.org/topics-policy/publications/2009/geoengineering-climate/)  – The Royal Society – pdf of full report
* [Mitigation, Geoengineering and Adaptation](http://www.geo.arizona.edu/geo4xx/geos478/GC10_Geoengineering.pdf) – pdf
* [Mitigation](https://nca2014.globalchange.gov/report/response-strategies/mitigation) – National Climate Assessment
* [How overharvesting affects biodiversity](http://cearahkindallbiodiversity.weebly.com/how-overharvesting-impacts-biodiversity.html)

### YouTube

* [An innovative strategy for climate change mitigation and adaptation](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jSDCU4Gy_2U) (duration 5:35)
* [Climate Change: Mitigation, Adaptation and Geoengineering](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fUhs0vSflZE) (duration 10:47)
* [Overharvesting](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CTC8hXWWnU4)(duration 3:26)
* [How does climate change affect biodiversity](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XFmovUAWQUQ)- California Academy of Sciences