

Reflective HANDWRITING

This series of books guides students through a sequential program that follows syllabus handwriting standards.

First Nations artwork and language examples

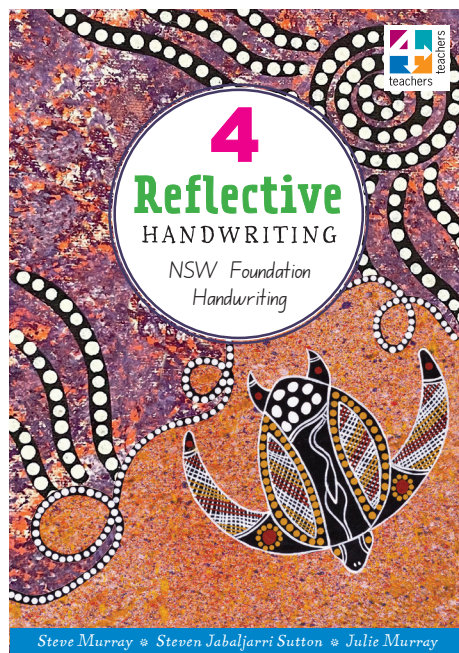
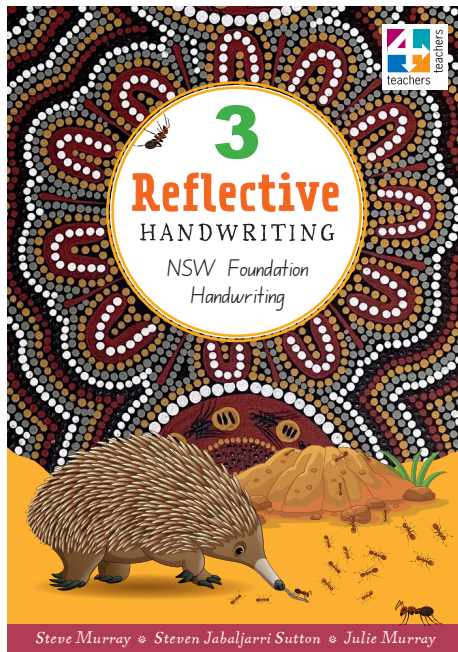
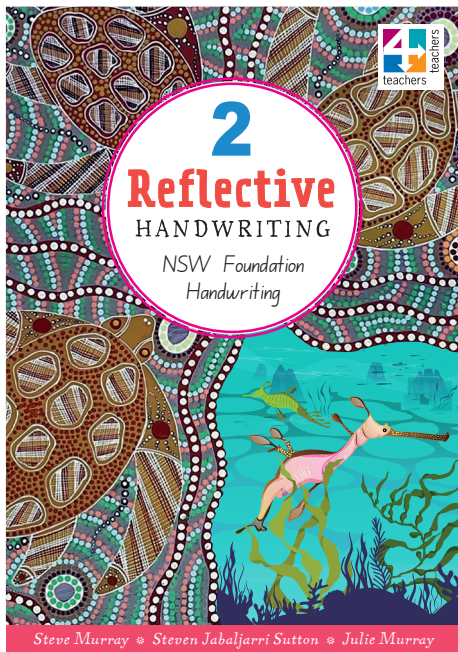
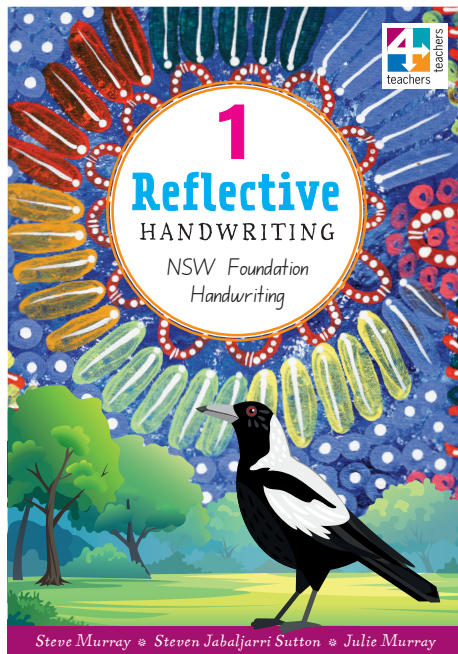
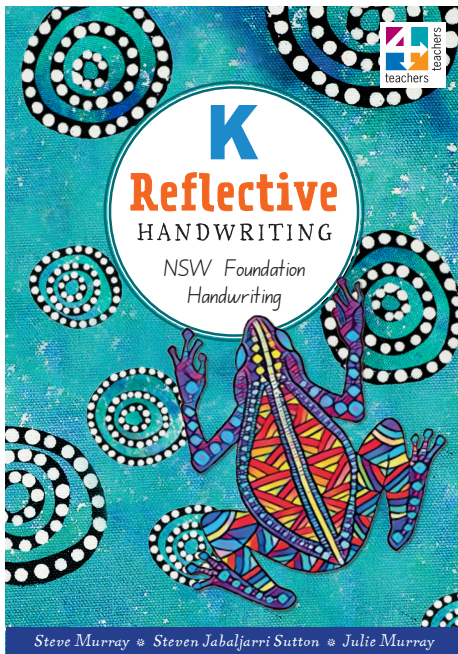
Throughout these books many examples of beautiful First Nations artworks by Steven Jabaljarri Sutton and references from the First Nations Warlpiri language* have been incorporated to cultivate cultural appreciation, understanding and respect among students. The inclusion of First Nations material also aims to foster a sense of belonging with First Nation students^ while offering non-Indigenous students the opportunity to learn about and connect with First Nations peoples of Australia.

The graphic designers and author have worked closely with aboriginal artist Steven Jabaljarri Sutton to incorporate their design and lessons that will enhance the First Nations artwork as well as the Walpiri language. The pages include lessons, Warlpiri words and interesting facts to engage all students.

* The Warlpiri people of the Tanami Desert Region of Northern Territory, Australia. The Warlpiri language is one of the largest spoken languages. The Warlpiri words used in these books are only one example of First Nations languages of which there are over 250.

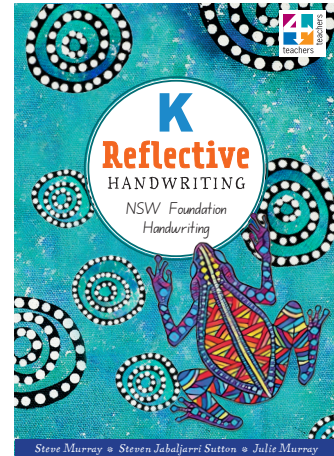
^ Between 40 per cent and 65 per cent of Aboriginal adults are functionally illiterate in English. Children of adults with low literacy are less likely to do well at school.

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Examples of pages for **Class K** book. (age 5 - 6 years)



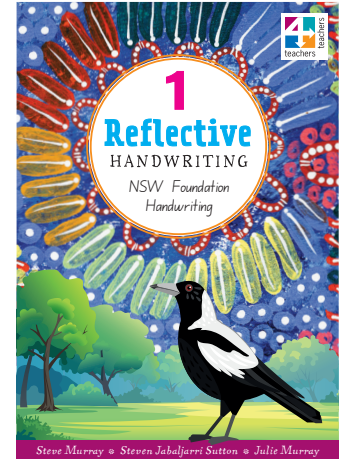
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Examples of pages for **Class 1** book. (age 6 - 7 years)



Many emus meet
at moonlight.

One First Nations word for moonlight is marilpi



Ellen the egret
fed her egrellets.

One First Nations word for egret is kalwa and nest is mina



Termites love to
eat timber.

One First Nations word for timber is watiya

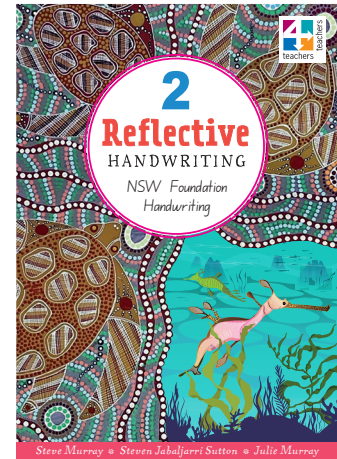
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Examples of pages for **Class 2** book. (age 7 - 8 years)

body tail Pp Pp Pp Pp

Did you know: a baby platypus is called a puggle

Poppy the puggle loved
to paddle with her mum.



Busy bees bobbled about
the banksia bush

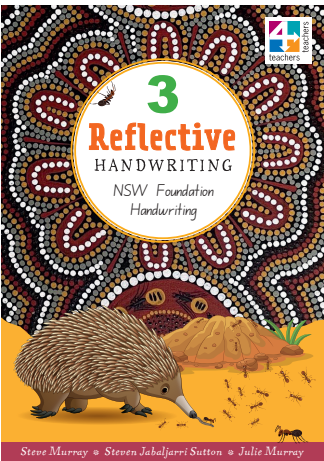
One First Nations word for bush is jari and bee is ukilyi

One First Nations word for goanna is kuwana

Gabby the goanna liked
sunning on the gravel.

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Examples of pages for **Class 3** book. (age 8 - 9 years)



Foundation printing - Labelling

Copy the passage.

Sharp spines provide protection.

The echidna rolls itself into a ball.

THE ECHIDNA

- Small and solid: grows to 45 cm in length
- Lives all over Australia
- Eats ants and termites
- Uses its strong claws for digging
- Enemies: dingoes and foxes

The long claw found on both hind legs is used for grooming.

The hard, narrow snout is 7-8 cm long. Echidnas find food using their strong sense of smell. The sticky tongue is 15-18 cm long. It scoops up ants in large numbers.

Exit dips : v and w

Australian Animals

Copy the passages.

Sharks have extra rows of razor-sharp teeth.

The nursery frog is a tiny, ground-dwelling frog living in tropical Queensland.

Currawongs are very large, mostly black birds that look like magpies.

A tarantula is a carnivore. They live in burrows, covered with silk-like webbing.

One First Nations word for spider is yhariki.

One First Nations word for frog is jarli.

Capitals don't have exit hooks

Because capital letters stand alone they don't have exit hooks.

Australian ENDANGERED SPECIES

1. Green Sea Turtle

Special feature: Large green or brown smooth shell

Habitat: Torres Strait Islands

Food: Seagrass, algae and jellyfish

2. Northern Quoll

Special feature: Red-brown fur with white spots.

Habitat: Northern Territory Western Australia

Food: Small mammals, reptiles, birds, carrion and fruit

3. Green and Gold Bell Frog

Special feature: It's call sounds like a distant motorbike.

Habitat: New South Wales

Food: Insects, small fish, water snails

4. Northern Hairy-Nosed Wombat

Special feature: Soft hair on their nose and body

Habitat: Queensland

Food: Native grasses and various roots

Complete the tables below by referring to the information above.

Animal	Special Feature	Habitat	Food
Green Sea Turtle	Large green or brown smooth shell	Torres Strait Islands	Seagrass, algae and jellyfish

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Neckline joins to anticlockwise letters

When forming neckline joins to anticlockwise letters extend the lateral dip across to the starting point of the next letter.

Then retrace back along the join as you shape the next letter.

Honey Pot Ants

Copy the passage.

Honey pot ants live in semi-dry environments in small underground rooms located below trees and bushes.

They look after aphids: tiny insects that produce sweet honeydew.

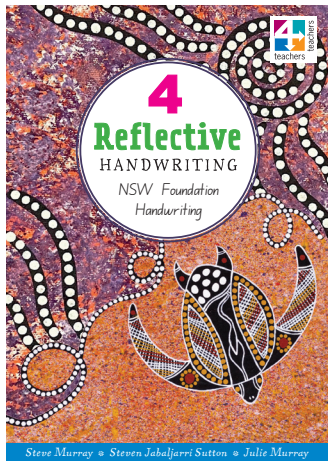
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Chosen ants store this liquid in their bloated abdomens that are swollen like large grapes. These ants hang from the arched roof of their nest providing their colony with an emergency food source.

One First Nations word for honey ant is minki.

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Examples of pages for **Class 4** book. (age 9 - 10 years)



Printing and numerals at a smaller size

Australia's Natural Wonders

Always print when adding captions or labels.

Trace and copy.

1. Jenolan Caves

2. Great Barrier Reef

3. Karlu Karlu Devils Marbles

4. Bungle Bungle Ranges

5. Organ Pipes National Park

6. Kala Tjula The Olgas

7. Wave Rock

8. Barrin Ml Gumbier

9. Jim Jim Falls

10. Wolfe Creek Crater

11. Franklin River

Australia's natural wonders are incredibly important to the First Nations people. For example, The Bungle Bungle Ranges have held spiritual significance to First Nations people for thousands of years.

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Neckline joins to the letter 'e'

The Great Barrier Reef

When joining to the letter 'e' from the neckline, drop the exit dip down a bit lower.

This allows you to follow on, forming the letter 'e' from its usual starting point.

Copy the passage.

The Great Barrier Reef off the coast of Queensland stretches for 2,600 kilometres. It is the largest of its kind in the world and can be seen from outer space!

It is listed as a World Heritage Site.

The reef supports a vast range of sea life.

The Great Barrier Reef is very important to First Nations people because:

- It is a living entity in which they have a deep spiritual connection.
- It is part of ancestral lands that have been sustainably managed for thousands of years.

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Neckline joins to the letter 'e'

including dugongs and giant clams. Tourists can view the colourful coral, fish and plants through glass-bottomed boats. Scuba diving and snorkelling also prove extremely popular.

The coral reefs are under threat from river pollution, warming oceans and the noxious crown-of-thorns starfish.

Crown-of-thorns starfish on bleached coral.

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Letter spacing and slope

Remember, the best way to keep your letters evenly spaced is to keep the width of your joins consistent.

balance balance

Torres Strait Islands

Copy the passage.

The Torres Strait Islands are made up of 18 inhabited islands and approximately 100 uninhabited islands. They are located off the northern tip of Australia. The Torres Strait Islanders are sea-farers. They also grow food in family owned gardens as well as being hunters and gatherers.

The region has 2 traditional languages: Kala Lagaw Ya, and Meriam Mir. Torres Strait Creole and English are also spoken.

The region has large areas of coral reefs, seagrass meadow and mangroves.

This makes the area popular for dugongs and sea turtles.

Torres Strait Islanders became citizens of Queensland in 1967, giving full access to health and social services.

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Spacing between words

Your writing will be much easier to read if the spaces between the words are a similar distance.

You don't actually have to measure the gaps with a ruler - let your eyes judge the spacing.

Trace and copy the passage.

Uluru is a massive sandstone rock located in the Northern Territory. It is 348 metres high with a circumference of 94 kilometres. Although huge, most of its plentiful bulk is below the ground. At sunset, its reflected glow is a beautiful, rich purple. Although Uluru has many springs

Height comparison

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Spacing between words

As you trace the passage below circle any incorrect spacing between the words. When you copy the passage keep all your spacing consistent.

Hint: There are two incorrect word spacings on each line.

and waterholes, it is after heavy rain that its under displays come to life. Falls gush down its cliff-like sides. Surrounding trees, shrubs, flowers and grass tufts provide local First Nations people with resources for crafts, tools and medicines. Uluru's environment provides a comfortable habitat for many different species of wildlife, including pythons,emus, frogs and birds.

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