Kamay – Botany Bay

This is the place Cook and his crew first set foot on the Australian continent. Label it on your map.

Naming a place

1. At the top of your page, design a title using both the Indigenous name and the English name. Include the date the Endeavour arrived.
2. What did Cook first name this place? Why did he change it to Botany Bay?
3. What are some of the names Gamayngal people use to describe their country?

Story from the ship

1. Why did the Endeavour anchor at Botany Bay for 8 days and nights?
2. What did the landing party think the two warrior’s gestures meant?
3. Imagine you are one of the landing party. How would you feel? What would you think about this new place?

Story from the shore

1. What did the warriors’ gestures actually mean?
2. Why did the Dharawal people ignore Cook and his men?
3. Imagine you are on the land watching these strange people come ashore. What would you be thinking and feeling?
4. Cook’s crew took many spears. How do you think this affected the Dharawal people?

Remembering

1. How do you think the Kamay – Botany Bay landing story affects the Dharawal community today?
2. How can this story be remembered into the future?

View from the telescope

1. Based on your exploration of Kamay – Botany Bay, draw a picture of what you think the shore looked like from the ship.