

Student Learning Activities

Activity 1: Engagement, locating and questioning – Introducing Papua New Guinea

- Locate Australia and its position in the Asia Pacific region. Measure the distances from the coast of Australia, New Zealand, Indonesia and Papua New Guinea. Geographically what is Australia's closest neighbour?
- As a class, list the connections students in the class have with Papua New Guinea. Students respond from personal experiences considering holidays, work, friends or family, sporting personalities, television, stories.
- View Source 1, a photo of an Australian girl who lives and attends school in Port Moresby, Papua New Guinea. What traditional clothing is she wearing? Why?
- Develop inquiry questions for investigation:
 - What are the historical links between Australia and Papua New Guinea?
 - What are the current links between the two countries?
 - What will the relationship be like in the future?

Source 1: Australian girl in traditional dress in Morobe Province. Photo: Kelvin Bramley

