



# *Deep Learning* KOALAFIED

**Do you love trees? We do!**

After reading the story, "The Lorax", 3W were inspired to address the issue of deforestation. Deforestation is a big issue in the Coomera local community, where construction and development has impacted the environment and the habitats of the local Koala population.

The Lorax spoke for the trees and so 3W decided to speak for the Koalas. This became the purpose for their unit on information report writing.



Once they had a purpose for writing 3W needed to find an authentic audience for their writing. They decided that the Gold Coast City Council would be the perfect audience to write to, in order to raise awareness of the issue. Over the next few weeks they learned how to research, plan and write an information report. Digital technologies were used, to add value to the learning and enable the students to present their work in different ways. The writing was published to a class blog which was shared with peers at another school to read and provide them with feedback, which they used to improve their writing. Engagement was high and learning continued at home with support from their families.



To complete their unit 3W met with a Koala ranger from the Gold Coast City Council at the koala corridor. They learned how to become rangers by digging for poo and looking for claw marks to determine where koalas had been. The ranger was impressed with their knowledge and expertise about koalas and even taught her a thing or two. Finally, they presented their writing and a letter explaining the importance of the environment to koalas.

A collection of their information reports was published and donated to the Coomera Rivers State School library to be shared with everyone for years to come.



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