

# MAKING YOUR FILM CLIP

Bush TV have provided us these easy steps to follow when making your clip:

## 1. Use a tripod

This will help you stabilise your filming and prevent any shaky hand - held footage. A chair or a stool can substitute for a tripod and both of these options are certainly better than handheld.

## 2. Light well

Indoor lighting is normally bad, so if you can, move your shoot outside and shoot in the early morning or late afternoon, when the sun is not right over your head. If shooting indoors is your only option, use a nice bright indoor space or get creative with a few desk lamps!

## 3. Get Good sound

Can you get hold of a microphone and use that to record your singers? If so, fantastic! Otherwise, ensure that your camera microphone can take a reasonable recording of the song. It might also be good if you can record the song separately from the video and then lip sync it. The quality of your singers and instruments is really what matters most.

## 4. Find an editor

If you can perform the song all in one take, then you don't need to do any editing, and this is the easiest way to make your video. If you've recorded your song and video separately then you can use a simple editing program like iMovie to put it all together.

Consider finding someone to help you with this if you can't do it yourself. There may be a budding filmmaker within your own school!

## Suggestions for filming

It helps both student and viewer learning if the participants clearly point to the parts of the body as they sing about them, and then feel free to stomp or clap at the end of each line.

E.g. mara thina, mara thina, mara thina, stomp stomp stomp.

We'd love to see them having fun and getting into the dancing to the music at the end as well.

On the day of recording you might want to have the children sing the whole song through 3 or 4 times so that a range of shots and angles can be captured. Different locations could also be fun.

It might also be nice to make a sign with the language name on it so viewers can easily see what language they are hearing. Get the students to make a cardboard sign or similar to include in the filming. A sign about 60cm by 90cm should suffice. You might want to try drawing a big cloud shape around the text and cutting it out so it doesn't feel so square. Hand painted lettering works well. One or more of the little ones could have the job of holding this up through the filming, or it could be in the background, or make guest appearances throughout the performance. Whatever works for you.

More video tips, such as filming with your tablet or smart phone, are available from ABC Open.

<https://open.abc.net.au/learn?sortBy=publishedDate&tutorialType=3>

Your ABC Open producer may even be able to help you to make the clip, so give them a call,

<https://open.abc.net.au/about>

## Finally

Thanks for participating in Marrin Gamu. We hope in the end it will be something you are proud to show the world, to encourage them to sit up and see the beauty and diversity of our languages.