THE AUSTRALIAN COLONIES
Study of the Swan River Colony 1827 to 1890s

Student Activity 2: A COLONIAL SETTLEMENT

Patterns of Colonial Settlement 1829 to 1890

1. Use a blank map of Western Australia to show the location of the expanding Colonial settlement from 1829 to 1890.

Instructions:

- Locate and clearly name the areas of settlement in the Colony from 1829 to 1890. (Use Chart 1: Population Distribution)
- Use different colours for settlement during the following time periods: 1829–1840; 1841–1850; 1851–1860; 1861–1870; 1871–1880; 1881–1890.

Make sure you include the following information on your map:

- a clear title
- a key showing the colours of the different periods of settlement
- a north point
- a dot to show a town or light shading to indicate a region
- clear and even printing of all names.

2. Use your completed map to write a short report that explains how the following influenced the pattern of colonial settlement in Western Australia:

- ocean
- rivers
- suitable land for agriculture and grazing
- the discovery of minerals
- road links to outer settlements.

3. Construct a bar graph showing the population of Western Australia from 1829 to 1901. Why was there such a large change in population from 1891 to 1901?

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