

## 2021 Sample Script for

### Event 3341: News Reading/Radio Announcing (13 & Under)

This is 102.5 FM, and these are the news headlines. I'm **[insert name]**.

Australians will not be asked if they want an indigenous voice in the Constitution when they go to a referendum in three years, Minister for Indigenous Australians Ken Wyatt says. The Prime Minister is known to be against such a voice, and Mr Wyatt confirmed the government would not explore such options when he gave a speech in Darwin last night.

The Great Barrier Reef is at a “critical point”, with the marine park’s outlook downgraded yesterday to ‘very poor’ due to coral bleaching and tree clearing practices. Climate change resulting in rising sea temperatures was blamed in the government report which highlighted the most significant threats to the reef. In response, marine park management said they are taking action and that the sheer size of the reef means that it still remains an extraordinary experience for visitors.

**A leading Sydney school principal believes there are smarter ways to deal with problematic student behaviour than enforcing bans. So instead of banning mobile phones as many schools have recently done, she has asked student leaders how they would deal with concerns about digital devices. The result was that students decided to ban themselves from using phones during school hours.**

**Koala populations are facing increased threats across NSW, with even the healthiest colonies at risk as critical habitat is destroyed and the climate grows hotter and drier. An Office of Environment document has shown that “less than one per cent of identified koala habitat is protected” under new land clearing codes introduced by the State government in 2017.**

**In overseas news, tourists are abandoning Hong Kong after weeks of increasingly violent protests, with the government warning of a looming recession due to the impact of the unrest on the economy. Tourist arrivals have fallen 33 per cent in August compared to a year ago.**