

## **Curriculum Relevance:** Aboriginal Studies

This entertaining exploration into the culture and day to day life in a hunter gatherer society will leave students with a lasting insight into Aboriginal histories and cultures.

Troy Allen combines dance, storytelling and music and after showing, quickly has students and teachers if willing, to join him in the dance as they all mimic the kangaroo, emu and other Australian animals using their newly learnt movements that stretch back thousands of years.

There is also a fine collection of artefacts - weapons, tools, nets and other everyday items all used to fully engage and educate.

A constant throughout all his stories is a theme of great respect for land and all creatures that inhabit it. Albeit occasionally, when he can find the time, Troy enjoys fishing, hunting and seeking out seasonal bush tucker and cooking up a feast. He emphasizes that animals are hunted for food never for sport and that when gathering tucker from the bush he and his family will only ever take what they and their friends can eat.

Each performance is structured to the audience, whether that is a single year level or a prep to year 12 central school Troy includes everyone with his enthusiasm and down to earth approach.

Troy Allen, a proud Bundjalung man. For nearly 30 years throughout Australia and around the world, Troy has been entertaining audiences of all ages while simultaneously educating them in the life, culture and traditions of both his ancestors and current day family.

Troy requires an indoor venue for his performance but will end the show with an outdoor fire starting demonstration weather permitting.

## What schools have said:

Excellent show. Troy had the students very involved and engaged the whole time. Friendly – Approachable. Great with the students. Shani Gill. Trinity College. Colac. VIC. Excellent. Entertaining – Informative - Inclusive. Achieved a terrific participation rate from all age groups in the audience (K to year 9). Barbara Napthine. Swifts Creek P – 12 School. VIC.

**Price:** \$6.00 per student (No GST applies) OR \$780.00 whichever is the greater. **Suitable:** Preps to 7 to 10. **Minimum Audience Size:** 130 students. **Times:** Performance 50 minutes duration. Set up 45 mins. Pack up 40 Mins. **Requires** an indoor performing area 4.5m deep x 7m wide with 2.5 height.



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