



## COMMENTS & REVIEWS

*"They loved it, & they learned. Best Aboriginal performance we've ever had!"*

*Sylvania Public School*

*"My students just loved the performance, especially the dancing. It was a great insight into Aboriginal culture & traditions. Very entertaining. There was never a dull moment. Great Work!"*

*Orchard Hills Public School*

*"Students were engaged & enthusiastic! The performers had a lovely way of creating energy within the students (positive energy that is!). Loved the interactive dancing! The students were excited & full of energy to A: go up on stage or B: watch their friends. Students learnt things they didn't know."*

*St Francis Xavier High School*

*"All students were attentive & enjoyed the performance. They participated enthusiastically. Both Ryka & his grandmother were friendly, happy people who passed this feeling onto the students during this performance."*

*Summer Hill Public School*

## KADUL with Ryka Ali

**Ryka's** heritage stems from the Yidinji clans of Cairns, the Kuku Yalanji clans of Mossman & the Torres Strait Islands. A winner in the Young, Black & Deadly Talent Quest (2003) he is a proud ambassador for Australia's Indigenous youth. Working since he was 12 both with his family & solo Ryka has performed his presentations in schools, festivals & cultural events throughout Australia & the world.

### PERFORMANCE 1: The Torres Strait islands.



**Years K-6:** Beginning with the Torres Strait Islands, Ryka will perform an introductory dance then talk about the flag. The show includes participatory dances with students & also explorations of various instruments, artifacts & costumes specific to the Islands. Ryka will then introduce the Aboriginal culture, 'painting up' with ochre (along with student volunteers) & explaining its importance & the significance of the designs. Ryka will perform & teach native dances for audience participation ending with a demonstration of the didgeridoo.

**Years 7-12:** Similar to the above, & on request Ryka will also give a short demonstration of the didgeridoo & the amazing sound he has created, including the more modern sounds of the DJ & beat-boxing tailored for the male youths.

### PERFORMANCE 2: The Mythology of the Yidinji & Kuku Yalanji.



**Years K-12:** Ryka presents the legends of his family clans through song, dance, didgeridoo & smoking ceremony. The students participate in the dance of the great cassowary Gindaja. They learn how his feathers turn black (here's a hint; he gets stuck in the mud), they are cleansed of negative thoughts and feelings through a smoking ceremony & feel the happiness of the Naroo - 'shake a leg dance' - which celebrates the lifting of our spirits. Afterwards they feel the joy of the hunt with (weather & space permitting) a demonstration of boomerang throwing.

**For Mythology please keep people with smoke allergies or asthma in a separate area or at a distance during the smoking ceremony.**

**SUITABILITY:** Foundation (K) -12

**DURATION:** 55 minutes.

**PER STUDENT INC GST:** \$7.70

**MINIMUM PER SESSION:** \$770 (if less than 100 students).

**WORKSHOP:** \$550. (Maximum 20 students. 40 minutes).

**REQUIREMENTS:** Microphone + access to power.