

# Trae - Trae

## Curriculum Relevance: Aboriginal Studies - Dance - LOTE – HSIE

Trae Allen introduces children to his wonderful world of first nations' culture that he has discovered on his quest to learn all he can about his family and heritage. With his mother a proud Gomeroi woman and his father a Bunbjalung man, Trae was born in Sydney and spent his formative years growing up in both Moree and Sydney

With his almost shy, gentle nature Trae quickly has the young audience listening, watching and quite often joining him. While introducing himself Trae begins painting his face and arms and is happy to apply the white clay markings to the children's faces if they want to join in. Teachers are also invited to have their faces painted

Dance is what Trae is trained in and it is dance that is the main focus of his show. He first entrances his young audience with a story of the animal in each of the dances before he, and often many of the audience dance out each action to the music. Whether he is scratching his chest and hopping as a kangaroo, stretching up to get a better view or head down feeding as an emu or just wriggling through imaginary water as the slippery eel, there are always eager volunteers willing to join him.

Trae Allen - Between 2015 and 2017 Trae trained for the 3 years as a dancer at the Aboriginal Centre for the Performing Arts in Brisbane where he now lives. Since graduating he has performed for Premiers, Lord Mayors, and other Dignitaries and on one occasion he even danced for the President of Ireland, Michael Higgins.



He has performed at numerous venues for audience of all ages, at the Woodford Folk Festival, Universities and for many years at countless NAIDOC week events. In 2019 he travelled Australia with his father, performing in Secondary, Primary, Pre Schools and Kindergartens entertaining and educating 2 to 18 year olds in the culture of his ancestors.

### What other centres have said:

Absolutely amazing. The children and teachers all had such a great time! We love hands on learning opportunities - so this was perfect for us. *Jodi Millar. Busy Bees at Everton. Everton Hills. QLD.*

Trae was fantastic. Children and educators loved it. A charming young man.

*Kim Louise. Crystal Waters Child Centre. Thornlands. QLD.*

	<p><b>Price:</b> \$5.50 per child or \$385.00 whichever is the greater. (No GST Applies).</p> <p><b>Suitable:</b> 2 to 6 Year Olds.</p> <p><b>Times:</b> Show: 40 to 50 minutes. Set up: 30 minutes. Pack up: 30 minutes.</p> <p><b>Requires:</b> an indoor performing area 4m deep x 5m wide.</p>	
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