



Get To Know Asia



Curriculum Relevance: SOSE, HSIE: Culture and Identity. Positive experiences of Asian Customs, Cultures and Traditions.

A vividly colourful, very hands on, Asian experience.

Inspiring imagery, costumes, music, puppets, objects and stories are all utilized in this hands-on interactive adventure into the exciting continent of Asia. In just a few minutes and in front of a map of the vast Asian continent, Karina's clever rap song will have your students remembering and identifying a number of Asian countries.

Students are shown the goods Australia sells to Asia and those we buy from Asia. You may be surprised.

Karina first tells of her personal experiences in Asia. She remembers how as a child she visited Malaysia and the Batu caves. Today the site is towered over by an enormous statue of Lord Murugan. While nowhere near the size of the real statue, Karina's statue of Murugan is no less impressive. Students are shown how the saree is still worn by many Hindu women in Asia today and how this long length of material is draped over the human body to create an elaborate and practical garment.

Students are called up on stage to model a collection of Asian hats from the very practical coolie to a very elaborate and all but impossible to wear shell covered headwear from Pakistan.

The land locked country of Laos is well worth a visit to meet one of the local monkeys, the Douc Langurs. Students will fall in love with this lesser known Asian primate. They've been called the cutest monkey in the world.

For her finale, with the help of twenty volunteers Karina's recreation of Asian New Year celebrations is quite an event. Students carrying lanterns, good luck symbols and imitation fireworks and operating not one but two dragons each over 5 metres long. Please note that Karina will ask for two teachers to operate the large Foo Lion.

Get to Know Asia thoroughly entertains and engages students, leaving them with vivid lasting impressions and insights into the culture and day to day lives of Australia's northern neighbours.

What schools have said: It was upbeat, informative and heaps of fun. Loved the costumes and how students were encouraged to use them. Students asked very informative questions. Karina worked well with the students. *Alyson Thyneh. K-6. Collarenebri Central School. NSW.*

Very Engaging - Lots of audience participation. Humour was appropriate and understood by all children. Rap was very good. Karina was approachable, friendly and had strong knowledge of the subject. *Leah Johns. K-6. Tamrookum State School. QLD.*

Price: \$6.00 per student (GST included). **Suitable:** Preps to Yr 6. **Minimum Audience Size:** 130 students.

Times: Performance 50 minutes duration. Set up 45 mins. Pack up 40 Mins.

Requires an indoor performing area 5m x 6m wide.



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