

# CULTURE IN EDUCATION



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discovering diversity

Multicultural Performers • School Incursions • National Schools Tours • Artists-in-Residence • Youth Events

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## Welcome to Cultural Infusion's national schools program for 2012!

Cultural Infusion has been delivering authentic cultural experiences across Australia for nearly 10 years. Our programming features multicultural and indigenous artists, interactive performances, regional and interstate tours, excursions, concerts, artist-in-residence programs, and extra-curricular youth events.

Cultural Infusion's programs are a fun and interactive way to inform your students and engage them in a dialogue about cultural awareness. Our programs support your curriculum in areas such as LOTE, History, Performing Arts and Physical Education, as well as offer a practical initiative to promote global citizenship and wellbeing in your school community.

Cultural Infusion has reached an audience of more than 1,000,000 students since its inception. This year promises to be even bigger, as we proudly launch Sound Infusion! Sound Infusion is a free, online, interactive learning experience that allows students to create music from around the world. Cultural Infusion has created this unique resource to further enhance the classroom experience, particularly for schools with limited access to cultural programs. (see page 24 for details)

Cultural Infusion's goal is to promote cultural harmony and wellbeing for a more cohesive and richer society. With our wonderfully diverse presenters and now Sound Infusion, we can't wait to bring the world to your classroom in 2012!

**Peter Mousaferiadis**  
Founder

# “Learning by doing”



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## Why have over 4,500 schools used Cultural Infusion?

Cultural Infusion has been enhancing the classroom experience for nearly 10 years, reaching over 4,500 schools and 1 million students across Australia. Our programs are underpinned by school curriculums, with the ultimate goal of nurturing an appreciation for diversity and a sense of global citizenship in the classroom.

The Australian Curriculum, guided by the Melbourne Declaration on Educational Goals for Young Australians, recognises that we live in a linguistically and culturally diverse country, and that developing students' knowledge of other cultures is vital to equip them for the world in which they live - locally, regionally and globally!

Through the dynamic medium of performing arts, and by providing opportunities to engage with some of the world's oldest living cultures, Cultural Infusion aims to deepen students' knowledge and understanding of history, languages, and society.

Such knowledge and understanding is essential in helping students become imaginative, thoughtful and informed members of society, and will enrich their ability to participate positively in the ongoing development of Australia!

# Cultural Infusion has the perfect format for your school

## School Incursions

(50 mins – All Day)

Cultural Infusion brings presenters from a diverse range of backgrounds into your school for one-off sessions, to showcase the traditions and customs of their culture, in an entertaining and educational way.

## National Schools Tour

(Regional / Interstate)

Cultural Infusion is committed to making art and culture accessible to all. Each semester we handpick some of our favourite programs to hit the road for a special tour to interstate schools and regional areas. Programs tour to each state for 1-2 weeks each, so places are strictly limited. Don't miss out!

## Artist-in-Residence

(6+ weeks / school term)

Cultural Infusion can tailor a special long-term program for your school. A presenter will work closely with your students for a number of sessions over a term or semester, culminating in a group presentation.

## Cultural Excursions

Every year Cultural Infusion presents a special school excursion or event in the community, showcasing our wonderful presenters and exciting cultures to a wider audience. Excursions are perfect for small classes, who may not have the minimum student number or budget for an incursion. You may even like to incorporate other stops along the way – such as a trip to the Museum or particular cultural precinct. Keep your eyes out for our special events!



“Experience the world”

*“An education rich in creative arts maximises opportunities for learners to engage with innovative thinkers and leaders... Such an education is vital to students’ success as individuals and as members of society, emphasising not only creativity and innovation, but also the values of broad cultural understanding and social harmony that the arts can engender.”*

**Ministerial Council on Education, Employment, Training and Youth Affairs**

# How can Cultural Infusion connect to your curriculum?

## Languages Other Than English (LOTE)

Learning a language goes beyond just vocabulary! Promote and support your language studies in a fun and interactive way by giving students the opportunity to experience firsthand the ways people communicate and interact across cultures.

## History, Cultural Awareness, Civics and Citizenship

Through the performing arts, students will learn about the past experiences of other societies and individuals, including their cultural identity and traditions. Knowledge of history and other cultures helps students understand the world around them and is essential for informed and active participation in our diverse society.

## School Celebrations


Cultural Infusion's programs are perfect for Cultural Diversity Week, Harmony Day, Language Days and NAIDOC Week. An incursion is also a great way to bring colour and variety to your end of term activities, graduation celebrations or school fetes.

## Health and Physical Education

Programs like Hip Hop, Capoeira and Bollywood are a fun and accessible way to introduce fitness and healthy lifestyle choices to your students, and provide an exciting alternative to traditional sports clinics.

## Wellbeing and Student Engagement

Cyber awareness, social exclusion, and self-confidence are significant challenges in the modern school community. Cultural Infusion creates a non-threatening environment in which to address these issues. Students have fun, whilst developing self-confidence, and forging positive relationships with their peers and the wider community.

A man with traditional Indigenous body paint (ochre and white) on his face and chest. He is holding a spear in his right hand and reaching out with his left hand towards the viewer. The background is dark.

*Develop a refreshing, eye-opening understanding  
and respect for our Indigenous culture through  
Cultural Infusions Indigenous programs*

*Djarrin Blow  
Indigenous Officer  
Cultural Infusion*

### Aboriginal Culture for a Day (Prep – Grade 6)

'Aboriginal Culture for a Day' is the perfect introduction to Indigenous culture. Led by Cultural Infusion's Indigenous Officer, Djarrin Blow, students will see artefacts and weapons once used in daily life, learn about aboriginal art symbols and come together in a wonderful celebration of music and dance. Our presenters are passionate about sharing their culture and through this hands-on, all-day program, students will develop a new understanding of the rich and ancient traditions of Australia's first inhabitants.

**Program fee:** \$10 + gst per student, minimum 150 students  
**Duration:** 9 am - 3pm (approx)  
**Availability:** Touring NSW, 28 May - 1 June 2012





### Warramar Man (Prep – Year 12)

Join Cultural Infusion's Indigenous Officer, Djarrin Blow on a journey back to the Dreamtime.

A member of the Barkindji tribe, Djarrin's name means 'fearless warrior'. In this presentation, Djarrin will take your students back to the time of the warrior, showing the weapons and artefacts he would have used in daily life on the land. Djarrin will share ancient stories passed down from his father, mother and uncles, to give students an insight into the one of the oldest living cultures in the world. By teaching the next generation, Djarrin hopes to preserve his people's rich and ancient traditions, as well as promote understanding and respect for the land and its traditional owners.

**Program fee:** \$4.50 + gst per student, minimum 140 students  
**Duration:** 50 mins  
**Availability:** Touring NSW, 28 May - 1 June 2012

*For an Indigenous program available year-round in metropolitan NSW– see Indigenous Infusion on page 21*

*"Just wanted to provide you with some feedback about the Warramar Man. He was FANTASTIC!!!! He was very passionate about his culture and the kids were engaged the entire time. The kids came out of it excited about what they had learnt and wanting to share it with their families tonight. I would definitely recommend the incursion to anyone. Djarrin was excellent with the kids and shared his knowledge passionately. A fantastic incursion. Thank you so much!!"*

Berwick Fields Primary School - VIC

Programs to educate children on etiquette and safety on the internet

### Cyber Wonder World (Primary)

Primary students can be extremely tech savvy, but not always aware of the risks the Internet can pose. This fun play introduces primary students to the concept of cyber awareness, teaching them how to protect their computer and, most importantly, their privacy!

### Cyber Sense (Secondary)

Older students may have learnt about cyber safety, but don't necessarily heed the advice! This play examines the way students can use mobile phones, the Internet and social networking sites, and the impact their decisions and behavior can have on their own lives, and others.

Through our series of Wellbeing performances, Cultural Infusion aims to engage students in a dialogue about some of the challenges they might face at home and at school. The lively in-school performances engage and entertain students, whilst teaching them how to make better choices and developing their confidence and coping skills. The presenters lead a short follow-up discussion and teachers are provided with activities to complete in-class.

**Program fee:** \$5 + gst per student, minimum 150 students

**Duration:** 50 mins

**Available:** Touring NSW, 12 - 15 June 2012



### Les Bâtons Français

Bonjour tout le monde! Come on a journey to the streets of Paris, as our hopelessly romantic hero encounters obstacles both strange and wonderful in pursuit of his lady love! A dynamic mix of mime, puppetry, music and dance featuring French traditions and icons such as la Tour Eiffel, the Three Musketeers, classical ballet, and the farcical theatre style of Moliere. It uses basic French words, making it accessible to all primary levels!

Treat your students to a taste of all things French with this hilarious performance, seen by over 5000 students last year!

**Program fee:** \$4.50 + gst per student, minimum 140 students  
**Duration:** 50 mins  
**Available:** Touring NSW, 23 - 27 July 2012

*"I thought it was hilarious and very professional...I questioned every class this week about the performance and the response was positive. 10+ / 10"*

Prescott Primary School - SA

Celebrate  
**Bastille Day**  
(14 July)



### Commedia Dell' Arte

Split your sides as our acclaimed Commedia dell' Arte duo take your students on a hilarious journey al' Italia!

Watch out Il Dottore! The poor Doctor tries to win the heart of lovely Colombina by baking 'The Greatest Pie in the World'. But of course nothing goes to plan with tricksters Scaramouche and Arlecchino around! Drawing on the classic Italian renaissance theatre style of 'Commedia Dell' Arte', this is a loud, slapstick comedy with zany characters that will have your students laughing for days! It uses basic Italian words accessible to all primary levels!

**Program fee:** \$4.50 + gst per student, minimum 140 students

**Duration:** 50 mins

**Available:** Touring NSW, 23 - 27 July 2012

*For an Italian program available year-round in metropolitan NSW- see Commedia Dell' Arte on page 21*

*"The characters were so convincing, the acrobatics so lively and exciting, the singing and music so entertaining and the acting and improvisation just hilarious. The students and teachers really had a wonderful morning of laughter! Thank-you again for providing such quality entertainment for our students."*

Greenslopes State School - QLD



### Indonesian Culture

### Sumardi- Master Shadow Puppeteer

#### Touring directly from Indonesia

Back by popular demand, Cultural Infusion is once again proud to present Dalun (master) Shadow Puppeteer - Sumardi.

Give students a wonderful insight into the myths and legends of Indonesian history and culture. Theatrical storytelling brings to life the ancestral spirits said to swell inside the puppets. The climatic scenes are based on Hindu epics, such as the Ramayana Cycle. Students are given an opportunity to watch the shadow puppetry from both sides of the screen to experience the magic as well as learn the skills and techniques behind these ancient art forms. A magical experience!

**Program fee:** \$5 + gst per student, minimum 140 students

**Duration:** 50 mins

**Available:** Touring NSW, 20 - 24 August 2012

*For an Indonesian program available year-round in metropolitan NSW- see Bali In Motion on page 21*



### The Tirol Dancers

Dust off your lederhosen or dirndl and dance your way across the Alps! As Cultural Infusion proudly brings an amazing German-Austrian folk dance duo to your school – just in time to celebrate Mock-tober Fest!

Join Rowan and his partner as they perform high-energy folk dancing from Bavaria and Austria. Students will love trying the famous Schuhplattler – kneeslapping dance. That is if they can untangle themselves for long enough!

Rowan has been performing this program in Sydney and regional NSW for Cultural Infusion for over 5 years. He is one of Australia's best, recently beating hundreds of other dancers for the chance to perform the Schuhplattler in a national television commercial! Now your students will have the opportunity to share his energy and enthusiasm, as he tours nationally for the first time!

**Program fee:** \$5 + gst per student, minimum 140 students  
**Duration:** 50 mins  
**Available:** Touring Regional NSW, 8 - 12 October 2012  
Metro NSW, year round (see page 20 for more details)

*"We would definitely book this again because of the positive student response and the enthusiasm/professionalism of the performers... We would rate it at 10/10!"*

Burwood Public School - NSW

Celebrate  
"Mock"tober  
Fest!

### Japanese Culture

Cultural Infusion will be touring an exciting new Japanese program in semester two. More details to come - stay tuned!

**Program fee:** \$5 + gst per student, minimum 140 students  
**Duration:** 50 mins  
**Available:** Touring NSW, 29 October - 2 November 2012



Celebrate  
Japanese  
Cultural  
Day  
(3 November)

**Dance \* Confidence \* Friendship \* Fun**





## Multicultural All Day Program

Why book just one program to visit your school? With the Multicultural All Day program, you can book 5 programs! It's the perfect way to celebrate the diversity of our nation. Students rotate between 25 minute sessions, then come together for a 50 minute session to finish and celebrate the day!

Select from the individual programmes that appear on pages 18-22 including:

- African Drumming
- Bollywood Dance
- Chinese Acrobat
- Brazilian Capoeira
- Hip Hop
- ...and more!

Program fee: \$11 + gst per student, minimum 300 students  
Duration: approx. 3 – 4 hours with breaks (4 x 25 mins plus 1 x 50 mins)  
Available: Metro NSW, year round

*"The Cultural Infusion presenters were very well organised and professional. The presenters had a genuine desire to share their cultural heritage with students, a desire that came across and reinforced our theme of harmony well. They considered it a highlight of our Harmony Day celebrations."*

**Bayside Secondary College - Williamstown Campus VIC**

*"I'm just writing to thank you for arranging a great day for us. The children enjoyed the African drumming and the Capoeira acts immensely."*

**Ardeer South Primary School VIC**



From African traditions comes a joyous and exciting program that immerses students in rhythm. Music is an indispensable element in African social and religious rites. This incursion enables participants of all ages, abilities and backgrounds to experience the instruments and chanting of Africa for themselves.

**\$5.00 + gst per student, min. 140 students**

**50 mins**

**Metro NSW, year round**



Immerse your students in the sights and sounds of Asia! Students will see Korean masks, Vietnamese drums, Chinese fans, monster bamboo sticks of South East Asia, and a Samurai martial arts display of Japan! The presenters provide background information and teach greetings from each culture. A fun, interactive and educational program showcasing the best of Asian culture!

**\$5.00 + gst per student, min. 140 students**

**50 mins**

**Metro NSW, year round**



Capoeira is a unique African-Brazilian art form that fuses dance, acrobatics, music and song into an exciting high-energy combat-dance! Originally developed by slaves, Capoeira is complex martial art discipline disguised as a dance. Students will love keeping the beat as the Capoeiristas display their energy and athleticism.

**\$5.50 + gst per student, min. 140 students**

**50 mins**

**Metro NSW, year round**

Central America

Latin Dance Fiesta!



Introduce your students to the fiery and fantastic Latin dance styles. This incursion enables students of all ages, abilities and backgrounds to experience the exciting rhythms and movement of Central America, with ever popular styles like the Salsa, Merengue and Cha Cha. It will get everyone on their feet and dancing to the beat!

**\$4.50 + gst per student, min. 140 students**  
**50 mins**  
**Metro NSW, year round**

Central America

¡Viva Mexico!



Join Victor on a musical journey to Latin America, with a range of instruments including the Mexican harp, Mexican and Spanish guitars and Latin percussion instruments. Students will love Victor's traditional costume, learning Spanish greetings, and clapping and dancing along to Mexican folk songs and iconic Latin American tunes.

**\$4.50 + gst per student, min. 140 students**  
**50 mins**  
**Metro NSW, year round**

China

Chinese Acrobat



Join acrobat Ms Jerry for a lively program that showcases the best of traditional Chinese dancing, juggling, balancing, plate spinning and magic! Students will be in awe as she makes the most complex moves seem effortless! Toured nationally in 2011.

*"I thought it would be engaging and fun. I wasn't disappointed... Students were actually asking whether they could watch it again...9 / 10"*  
*Cranbourne East Secondary College - VIC*

**\$5.00 + gst per student, min. 140 students**  
**50 mins**  
**Metro NSW, year round**

Germany

Tirol Dancers



Dust off your lederhosen for a session of high-energy Bavarian and Austrian folk-dance! Presenter Rowan's energy and enthusiasm is infectious and students will love trying the famous Schuhplattler – kneeslapping dance. That is if they can untangle themselves for long enough!

**\$5 + gst per student, minimum 140 students**

**50 mins**

**Metro NSW, year round**

**Touring Regional NSW, 8 - 12 October 2012 (see page 14 for more details)**

Hip Hop

Hip Hop Infusion



With its origins in the multicultural communities of New York's Bronx, Hip Hop is a broad subculture that encompasses music, art and, of course, dance! Led by accomplished teacher and b\*boy Nick, students will be introduced to the history of hip hop then learn a fun and funky routine. Remember it's not just your moves, it's the 'flavour' you bring!

**\$5 + gst per student, min. 140 students**

**50 mins**

**Metro NSW, year round**

India

Classical India



Introduce students to the rich cultural traditions of India, as Hindu myths of gods and goddesses unfold and come to life through hand gestures, language, rhythmic footwork and facial expressions. Set to the rhythms of South India, Vimala explains the stories behind the dances and leads students as they try the unique hand gestures and footwork.

**\$5 + gst per student, min. 140 students**

**50 mins**

**Metro NSW, year round**

## Indigenous

## Indigenous Infusion



Join Aboriginal elder Walangari for an entertaining and educational program showcasing traditional dance, music and storytelling. Students will be enthralled by the affable and multitalented Walangari and develop a new understanding of the rich and ancient traditions of Australia's first inhabitants.

**\$4.50 + gst per student, min. 140 students**  
**50 mins**  
**Metro NSW, year round**

## Indonesia

## Bali in Motion



Introduce your students to Indonesian culture as Sisca showcases traditional dances and music from the province of Bali. Students will be in awe of the intricate movements and gestures, especially when they try the steps themselves! The program also includes basic Indonesian language and singing, perfect for beginners!

**\$4.50 + gst per student, min. 140 students**  
**50 mins**  
**Metro NSW, year round**

## Italy

## Commedia Dell' Arte



Commedia dell' Arte is an Italian comedy style that originated in the market places of the Renaissance. Students are introduced to the history of Commedia, its trademark masks and characters, before 3 of them come to life in a performance! Miserly Pantalone has finally agreed to pay his servants – but in typical Commedia style nothing goes to plan when Brighella schemes to steal Arlechinno's share!

**\$4.50 + gst per student, min. 140 students**  
**50 mins**  
**Metro NSW, year round**

Middle East

Azadoota



The Azadoota band presents Assyrian and Iraqi culture in a lively and contemporary music program. Despite unfamiliar language and rhythms, Azadoota draws students in, encouraging them to participate in a musical celebration of freedom! Featuring musicians from around the globe, this wonderful program works to break down stereotypes and promote tolerance and harmony.

**\$5.50 + gst per student, min. 150 students**  
**50 mins**  
**Metro NSW, year round**

Middle East

Middle Eastern Infusion



Introduce your students to the mysterious and exotic world of the belly dancer. Students will love the colour and movement of this high-energy program. Suitable for all ages and abilities, students will learn a fun belly dance routine and the traditional meaning behind some of its movements.

**\$4.50 + gst per student, min. 140 students**  
**50 mins**  
**Metro NSW, year round**

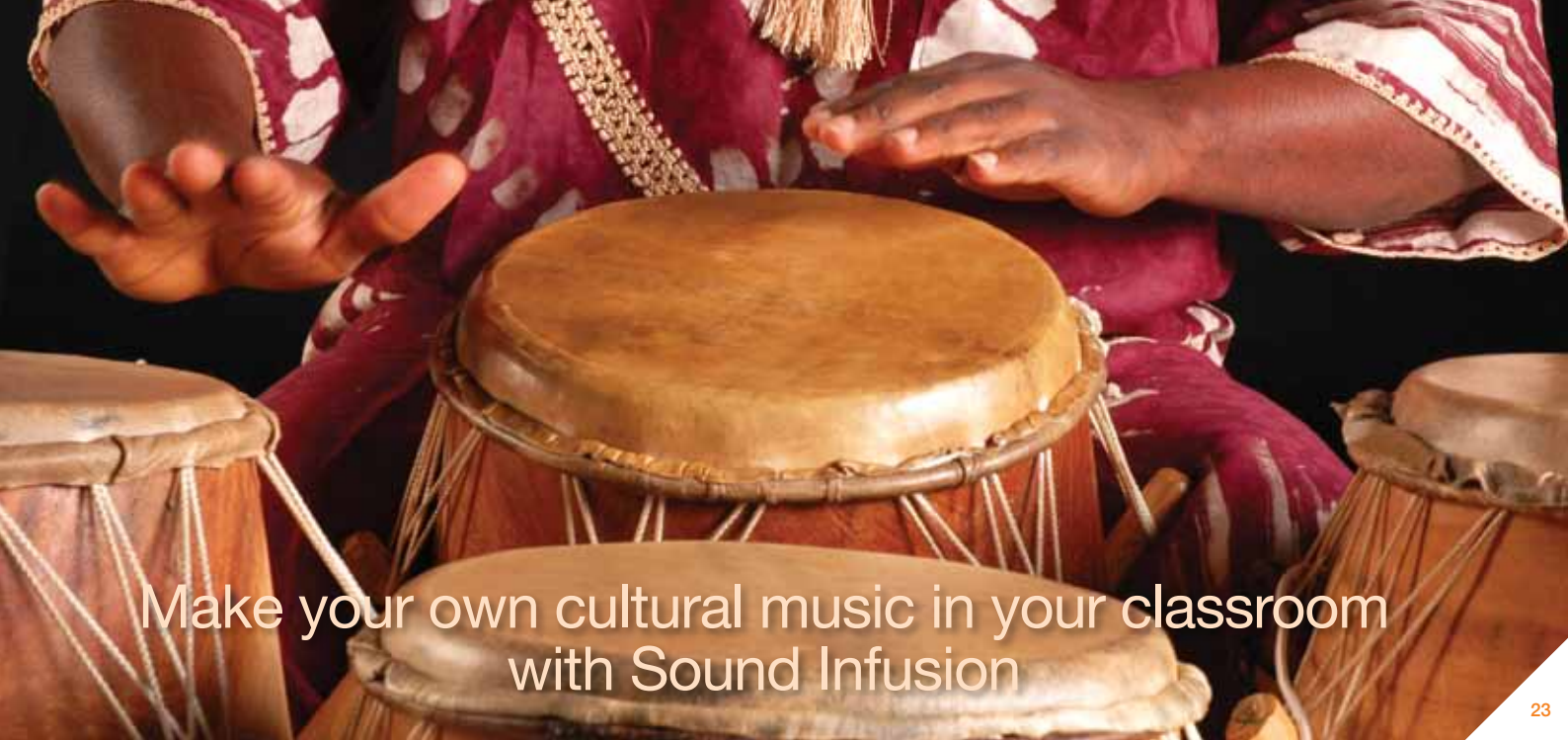
Spain

Flamenco is Not a Bird!



This vibrant program teaches students how the unique Flamenco music and dance style evolved, from the gypsies of Andalusia, back to Jewish and Indian culture! Students will be impressed by the dancer's fast and furious footwork, as they help keep the unique Flamenco beat with palmas (handclapping). Accompanied by live music, it will have everyone on their feet shouting Ole!

**\$5 + gst per student, min. 140 students**  
**50 mins**  
**Metro NSW, year round**



Make your own cultural music in your classroom  
with Sound Infusion

## Free Online Sound Studio Application

The screenshot shows the Cultural Infusion website interface. At the top, there is a navigation bar with links for 'cultural infusion', 'about', 'education', 'community', 'resources', 'support us', and 'contact us'. Below the navigation bar is a large banner image with the 'Sound Infusion' logo. The main content area is titled 'Nepal' and features a video player on the left showing a man playing a stringed instrument. To the right of the video is a text block about Nepal's population and ethnic diversity. Below the text are logos for 'Victoria Department of Education and Early Childhood Development' and 'FUSE'. At the bottom of the screenshot, a portion of the sound studio application is visible, showing various audio controls and a waveform display.

## Sound Infusion

### Make your own cultural music in your classroom

Welcome to a new online learning tool that incorporates music and culture from all over the world just for students!

Sound Infusion is a free, online, interactive learning experience that blends music making and cultural awareness.

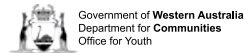
Students can create their very own music tracks, using hundreds of music samples from around the world. They can save, share and discuss their work online with their classmates as well as students from other schools! Comprehensive resource notes are also available, so the students can learn more about the different instruments they can hear and the role of music in various cultures.

The screenshot shows the Cultural Infusion website home page. It features a navigation bar at the top, a large banner image with the 'cultural infusion' logo, and a central video player showing a woman in traditional yellow attire. Below the video are several text blocks and images, including a logo for 'Victoria Department of Education and Early Childhood Development' and 'FUSE'. The bottom of the page has a grid of images related to music and culture.

Go to  
[www.culturalinfusion.edu.au](http://www.culturalinfusion.edu.au)  
and log in to  
'Sound Infusion'

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# Booking is easy!

## Booking Enquiry

1) Use this brochure, or visit our website [www.culturalinfusion.edu.au](http://www.culturalinfusion.edu.au), to find a program that best suits your school or curriculum outcomes.

2) Contact us to receive a quote for your preferred program. At a minimum, we will need to know your student number, school location, and preferred performance dates in order to provide an accurate quote.

**Email**  
[info@culturalinfusion.org.au](mailto:info@culturalinfusion.org.au)

**Phone**  
**1800 010 069 (toll free)**

Please note - presenters are only contacted to confirm their availability, once you have approved the quote.

## FAQ

### Availability

Upon your initial enquiry, Cultural Infusion staff can advise if a program is likely to be available on a given date – depending on the presenters' prior bookings with our company and the general availability they have provided us. The presenters are only contacted to their availability for a specific date once you have approved your quote.

### Timeline

We recommend booking at least 8 weeks ahead of your preferred performance date. For 'Multicultural All-Day' programs, regional bookings and touring programs, please allow at least 12 weeks, in order to for us to coordinate with the multiple

presenters and/or make necessary travel arrangements. Short notice bookings are possible, but may not result in your first preference.

### Fees

In addition to the Program fees stated in this brochure, a travel fee may be charged to schools located outside the metropolitan area. This is a direct result of the additional time, accommodation and transport involved in regional travel. Any travel fee will appear on your quote.

### Minimum Student Numbers

Programs can run for less than the minimum stated student number, however the minimum fee will still apply. You are welcome to combine with other schools in your area, in order to boost your numbers. We

can arrange for a separate invoice if needed.

### Duration

Our incursion programs run for 50 minutes. The 'Multicultural For A Day' program runs in a series of 25, and one 50, minute blocks with breaks timed to coincide with your usual bell times.

### Performance Requirements

Presenters are advised to arrive approximately 30 minutes prior to the start time. All programs require at least a 4 x 4 m performance area and access to power. If a program has more specific requirements, these will appear on your quote.



**Bringing the cultures of the world to your classroom**

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