

VICTORIA
PRE-PRIMARY



CULTURAL
EDUCATION
PROGRAMS
2020

Welcome to 2020



Cultural Infusion launches 'Mungo Explorer' with special guests including Prof. Jim Bowler, 2019

For over ten years Cultural Infusion has been working with a network of artists representing culturally and linguistically diverse backgrounds and cultural practices to create education programs that celebrate cultural diversity and support intercultural learning through the arts.

Our early year's programs emphasise interactivity and inclusivity and contribute to learning environments that reinforces a strong sense of identity, belonging, respect and appreciation.

Our central focus is to elevate Indigenous Australian voices, perspectives, histories and identities across the education system. This year we will be expanding, developing and touring Western Creation's acclaimed 'Kinder Dreaming' programs. Cultural Infusion's education programs are officially endorsed by the Australian National Commission for UNESCO and are supported by the Department of Education and Training Victoria.



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Cultural Infusion Culture Education Program

Cultural Infusion brings culturally diverse artists to schools, early learning centers, libraries and more around Australia. The programs are available across metro areas and if booked in clusters or as part of a mini-tour can be booked in regional and rural areas as well.

The pre-primary structure is specifically tailored to suit the needs of younger learners with small groups, shorter times and highly interactive activities. Cultural Infusion and presenters are flexible and consultative and can adapt the program structure to the specific needs of your organisation, group or event.

- 25+ programs available in Victoria
- Highly interactive
- Opportunity for everyone to participate
- Educators included in session
- Ages 3-6 (flexible, can include Prep/Foundation)



In addition to the program fees stated in this brochure, a travel fee may be charged to schools located outside the metropolitan area to cover additional accommodation and transportation costs.



Programs can run for less than the minimum student numbers, however the minimum fee will usually still apply. You are encouraged to combine with other schools in your area in order to boost your numbers. Feel free to call us, and we will endeavour to assist, or to tailor programs to suit your needs, group or event.

Programs details

 Program/Duration	 Price	 Number of Students
30-40 minutes	\$350 + GST	30 maximum

HOW TO BOOK

Call our toll free number **1800 010 069**

Email us at info@culturalinfusion.org.au

View all programs at www.culturalinfusion.org.au

Culture and Belonging

The Early Years Learning Framework encourages the creation of learning opportunities which embrace the cultural and linguistic diversity of Australian communities and celebrate and center Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander cultures, people and history.

Our programs can support your center in connecting with cultural diversity and Indigenous perspectives with one off incursions or ongoing visits.



Our aims

- To provide diverse cultural experiences to pre-primary, primary and secondary school students across Australia regardless of geographical location.
- To engage students in intercultural learning and other subject areas such as languages, history, geography, drama, dance and more.
- Enhance students understanding of different cultures and encourage them to reflect on their own cultural heritages.
- Encourage students, schools and communities to value diverse cultural practices.
- To give presenters, performers and artists a platform to share and develop their skills, talents and knowledge.

Cultural Events Calendar

JAN	24-30	Lunar New Year/Spring Festival (International)
FEBRUARY	1-7	World Interfaith Harmony Week (International, UN)
	6	Waitangi Day (Aotearoa, New Zealand)
	8	Lantern Festival (China)
MARCH	21	International Mother Language Day
	6	Independence Day (Ghana)
	9-10	Holi Festival (India)
	20	Norouz New Year (Iran, Kurd)
APRIL	21	Harmony Day (Australia)
	25	Hari Raya Nyepi Day of Silence (Balinese New Year)
	1	Kha b-Nisan (Assyrian New Year)
	12	Easter Sunday (International)
	18	National Day (Zimbabwe)
MAY	19	Orthodox Easter (International)
	23	Ramadan Begins (International)
	5	Children's Day (Japan)
	23	Eid al Fitr Festival and End of Ramadan (International)
JUNE	25	Africa Day (International)
	27 to 3 Jun	National Reconciliation Week (Australia)
JULY	17 to 23	Refugee Week (Australia)
	7 to 14	NAIDOC Week (Australia)
	14	Bastille Day (France)
AUGUST	18	Nelson Mandela Day (International)
	4	National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Children's Day (Aus.)
	9	International Day of the World's Indigenous People (International)
	13 to 15	Obon (Japan)
SEP	17	Indonesian Independence Day (Indonesia)
	12	Krishna Janmashtami (International, Hindu)
OCT	16	Independence Day (Mexico)
	1	Mid-Autumn Moon Festival (International, East Asia)
NOV	3	Culture Day (Japan)
	14	Diwali (International, Hindu)
DEC	25	Christmas Day (International)
	31	New Year's Eve (International)



POPULAR

DURATION
30m

STUDENTS
30 (max)

YEAR LEVEL
Kinder

Kinder Dreaming with Western Creation

Running for over ten years now, this immensely popular program is a fantastic introduction to Aboriginal cultures of Australia, tailored especially for younger learners. The talented presenters from Western Creation use live Didgeridoo, face-painting, dance, games and storytelling elements to engage the whole room.

"Tristan had an amazing rapport with the children and made his presentation humorous and they were really engaged with what he was saying. The second day that he came, there were some children who already had seen his performance from the day before and Tristan was able to adapt it and teach them new things."

- TRISH, SARA COURT KINDERGARTEN, VIC -

For more information on Western Creation Incursions

Contact us at: info@culturalinfusion.org.au

CELEBRATE

Indigenous Culture

Celebrate and learn more about
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander
cultures, histories and contributions

Reconciliation Week

27 May to 3 June

NAIDOC Week

6 to 12 July

Book a program at www.culturalinfusion.org.au



POPULAR

DURATION
40mSTUDENTS
30 (max)YEAR LEVEL
Kinder

Kinder Dreaming Art and Storytelling

In this popular program students and educators will learn to draw traditional symbols found in Aboriginal artworks from different cultures around the country. Using symbols for child, woman, man, numerous animals and features of the land as well as paths and footsteps connecting them, they will demonstrate how they can be combined to tell a visual story and guide students to create and draw their own stories and get to share them with the group.

“Great incursion. Informative for educators and for children, especially about why particular symbols are as they are (man, woman, child, etc). The art work was appropriate and children responded well - good opportunities for extension work with children.”

- JAN, EAST BURWOOD PRESCHOOL, VIC -

West Africa / Music

West African Dance & Music

The dance and music cultures of West Africa are some of the richest in the world. In this high-energy program students will be dancing traditional and contemporary styles of West Africa accompanied by music from Senegal, Ghana, Guinea and more! This program is highly interactive and each presenter for this program will bring their own language, style and warmth to your classroom.

"The African Drumming session we had today was brilliant and was enjoyed by all. Very engaging, energetic and vibrant."

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DURATION

30m

STUDENTS

30 (max)

YEAR LEVEL

Kinder

West Africa / Music

Rhythms and Instruments of West Africa

The musical cultures of West Africa are explored through rhythms and songs from Ghana, Guinea and Senegal. Students will be introduced to a range of instruments such as the djembe, dun dun drums, shekere, talking drum, balafon and more! This program is interactive and students will be playing the drums and other percussion instruments.

"Great performer. Very interactive and 'chilled'. Met the abilities of the students and was lots of fun. Students loved him."

BULLEEN HEIGHTS SCHOOL



DURATION

30m

STUDENTS

30 (max)

YEAR LEVEL

Kinder

World / Music

Cajon Drumming Workshop

The Cajon originated in Africa, then travelled to South America, Asia and Europe – it's a truly global instrument! Tawanda is an expert Cajon maker and percussionist and presents this drumming workshop where students will try different styles of Cajon playing and hear how migration and being open to change can lead to innovation and new shared meaning.

"We held this session in our garden, which provided the children the opportunity to come and go and those who were not right 'in the action' were swaying and dancing to the music. They could engage at their own pace and level."

KENSINGTON COMMUNITY CHILDREN'S CO-OPERATIVE



DURATION

30m

STUDENTS

30 (max)

YEAR LEVEL

Kinder



DURATION
30m

STUDENTS
30 (max)

YEAR LEVEL
Kinder

Japan / Music

Taiko Drumming

Students explore Japanese music through traditional and original compositions with the amazing A.YA. They will bring in several instruments such as flutes and of course, Taiko Drums. They will also include some short songs and dance moves for younger learners to follow.

"They were really engaging performers and students enjoyed playing the drums."

SPRINGSIDE P-9 COLLEGE



DURATION
30m

STUDENTS
30 (max)

YEAR LEVEL
Kinder

China / Dance

Chinese Fan Dance

Chinese Fan Dance blends a graceful folk dance with strong Kung Fu moves, which students will learn in this interactive program. After a beautiful demonstration from the presenter, students will each get their own fan to try the dance for themselves!

"Very relevant to our setting. Our children from a Chinese background absolutely loved this experience as did the other children."

WINSTON HILLS PRESCHOOL



DURATION
30m

STUDENTS
30 (max)

YEAR LEVEL
Pre-Primary

China / Martial Arts

Chinese Martial Arts

Introduce students to fast Kung-Fu and slow Tai-Chi, exploring the philosophy of Chinese martial arts. This workshop can be adapted to different ages and physical abilities and can include some Chinese percussion as accompaniment.

"Great program. Students had fun and laughed especially when they could try it."

BIMBADEEN HEIGHTS PRIMARY SCHOOL, VIC



DURATION
30m

STUDENTS
30 (max)

YEAR LEVEL
Kinder

China / Music

Chinese Drumming

The earliest known drums in China date back to four thousand years ago! Drums are still an important part of public celebration and students will love the rhythm and colour of the performance. In this interactive drumming workshop students will learn about each instrument that makes up the soundtrack to a Lion Dance or Kung Fu training session and try playing the music themselves!

China / Dance

Chinese Traditional Dance

This program engages students with an incredible performance of folk dances from across China such as the Lantern Dance, Ribbon Dance or Fan Dance. Students will practise a short routine using some of the moves they've seen, performed to both traditional and contemporary Chinese music.



DURATION	STUDENTS	YEAR LEVEL
30m	30 (max)	Pre-Primary

"The presenter handled the students all brilliantly!"

LYNBROOK PRIMARY SCHOOL, VIC

Korea / Workshop

Korean Taekwondo Workshop

Taekwondo is a form of martial arts originating in Korea. Incorporating a dynamic display and workshop, this program aims to inspire confidence, positivity and cultural awareness in an engaging, fun and safe environment. Students will get to learn the meanings of basic Korean words and engage in Korean etiquette such as bowing and greeting each other.



DURATION	STUDENTS	YEAR LEVEL
30m	300 (max)	Pre-Primary

India / Dance

Bollywood Dance

Bollywood is an important part of modern Indian culture, it incorporates film, music and of course – dance! In this program, students are introduced to the significance and symbolism in Bollywood dances and will learn a short routine backed by awesome Bollywood tunes and paired with colourful outfits.



DURATION	STUDENTS	YEAR LEVEL
30m	30 (max)	Pre-Primary

"This incursion was a great cultural experience."

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Middle East / Dance

Middle Eastern Bellydance

Middle Eastern Bellydance Introduce your students to Arabic cultures through stories and movement. The traditional meaning behind a belly dance routine is taught to students in this engaging and high-energy program. From classical music to modern pop and dance styles from Egypt to the Arabian Gulf! The music and dances can be tailored to a specific region or style by our expert presenters.



DURATION	STUDENTS	YEAR LEVEL
30m	30 (max)	Pre-Primary



Sumardi Wayang Kancil

Dalang or Master Puppeteer Sumardi presents the Wayang Kancil, a live puppetry performance especially for younger students. The Wayang Kancil uses colourful cut-out animal puppets to bring traditional fables of Java, Indonesia to life!

"Sumardi is a very welcoming and engaging man. His show was very authentic to Indonesian culture and had the children interested and engaged. He was happy to answer questions at the end of the program and he was easy to work with when setting up"

- MARC, WONTHAGGI PRIMARY SCHOOL, VIC -

Taking expressions of interest for March 2021

Regional and rural schools encouraged

Search on google for "Sumardi Master Puppeteer" to know more



CELEBRATE

Cultural Diversity

The perfect time to discover and
celebrate the world's cultures

Harmony Day

21 March

Book a program at www.culturalinfusion.org.au



DURATION
60m

STUDENTS
30 (max)

YEAR LEVEL
Kinder

World / Theater

Jungle Shimmy

Hailed by parents, and teachers as a one-woman-multicultural-rock-concert-for-kids, Jungle Shimmy is a dynamic music and dance adventure across the world! With colourful props and fun, easy-to-follow dances including Belly Dance, Bollywood, Bhangra, Turkish, Egyptian, Gulf and Lebanese folk styles, everybody is up on their feet dancing.



DURATION
50m

STUDENTS
300 (max)

YEAR LEVEL
Kinder

Languages / Theater

Fairytale Puppetry Exploring Languages

Engage with language and culture through a range of nine classic fairytales and stories told through exquisitely crafted traditional European hand puppets. The performances feature audience participation and are available in French, Italian and German. This program can be tailored to suit different ages or language levels.



DURATION
60m

STUDENTS
30 (max)

YEAR LEVEL
Pre-Primary

World / Theater

Around The World and Back Again

Two Friends Productions present the story of the world's greatest explorer, Captain, and his jittery first mate, Todd. Visit different continents and meet exciting characters and strange animals, learning all about the various cultures and their history along the way. This comedic and fun children's theatre experience is 50 minutes for up to 150 participants, meaning your whole community are invited!



DURATION
30m

STUDENTS
30 (max)

YEAR LEVEL
Pre-Primary

India / Dance

Yoga and Mindfulness

Accredited Yoga teacher and academic Valli is on a mission to reconnect the wonderful practices of Yoga and mindfulness to their Indian cultural origin. Students practice postures and techniques adjusted for age and ability as Valli explains the symbols and stories behind them. Students will be energised and focused as they engage in this ancient practice.

Italy / Music

Music of Southern Italy

This energetic program brings the traditional music of Italy's south into your classroom! Through this interactive workshop, your students will discover the rhythms and sounds of instruments like the Castanettes, the Diatonic Accordion, the Tamburello, the Putipù and the Ciaramella – and practice folk dances like the Tarantella accompanied by the music!



DURATION
30m

STUDENTS
30 (max)

YEAR LEVEL
Pre-Primary

Science

Hero Ladybirds of the Galapagos Islands.

Carolina Zuluaga is an ecologist who worked on the project to introduce the Australian Ladybird to the Galapagos Islands with the aim of controlling a feral insect that was destroying the balance in the ecosystem. Through her firsthand experience and the help of cute hand puppets she tells a fabulously quirky story that helps children understand basic ecology.



DURATION
30m

STUDENTS
75 (max)

YEAR LEVEL
Pre-Primary

Science

Osmosis Art

Cielo is an agronomist engineer from Colombia and a visual artist who combines these two fields in a beautiful way. Students will learn about the process of osmosis with images, a simple experiment and a short story about trees and their roots. Students will create osmosis art themselves using watercolour paper and colourful paints to illustrate the process.



DURATION
30m

STUDENTS
30 (max)

YEAR LEVEL
Pre-Primary

World / Dance

Hip Hop Dance

This welcoming and inclusive Hip Hop dance workshop is specially adapted for young learners to experience and explore, rhythm, dance and movement. The session starts with a short performance, moves into a dance warm-up, teaches a simple routine and finishes with a freestyle dance session at the end!



DURATION
30m

STUDENTS
30 (max)

YEAR LEVEL
Pre-Primary

"It was tonnes of fun for all. We loved it!"

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Cultural Infusion acknowledges the Wurundjeri people of the Kulin Nation as the Traditional Custodians of the country where our office is based in Melbourne. We pay our respects to the past, present and future custodians and elders of the Wurundjeri and in all places where Cultural Infusion works, and to the continuation of cultural, spiritual and educational practices of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples throughout Australia.

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