

Bianca Williams presents



Barka (River) Friends

THE PERFORMANCE

Inspired by her grandmother Evelyn Crawford's biography *Over My Tracks: A Remarkable Life* Bianca shares the history and culture of her family alongside her own experiences as a modern Indigenous woman. Throughout her presentation Bianca will blend historical anecdotes, Dreamtime stories and contemporary Indigenous dance to demonstrate to students many aspects of the living culture of which she is a part.

Using both contemporary and historical photographs Bianca introduces students to the Barwon River that runs through her home town of Brewarrina and shares the story of Baiame and the creations of the Fish Traps. Through her gentle presenting style, Bianca will explain the Significance of Country to First Nations people and highlight the importance of maintaining a connection to place. In sharing her family's history and culture Bianca also introduces students to totems and the value placed on caring for the land and its inhabitants.

Throughout the presentation Bianca will display her range of authentic artifacts and demonstrate their uses. She will also introduce students to aspects of Indigenous dance, teaching a variety of movements ultimately culminating in a short piece everyone can perform.

Suitability: Years K-6

Duration: 50 minutes

Cost: \$4.50 GST N/A per student

Minimum Fee: \$450 GST N/A (100 students)

Every student over 100 pays \$4.50 per head

Preschool flat rate: \$330 GST N/A (for a maximum of 40 children – Duration: 45 minutes)

BIANCA WILLIAMS

Bianca grew up in Brewarrina in North West NSW and is passionate about celebrating and sharing Indigenous culture. She believes strongly in the value of community outreach and has spent years working to encourage Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students to pursue tertiary education. Throughout her professional career Bianca has worked with a number of nationally recognised initiatives, programmes and institutions including The Aboriginal Housing Office, the Gadigal Information Service, and The University of Sydney.

Bianca has also had a successful career as a performer. In 2017 she began dancing regularly with the Sydney based Jannawi Dance Clan and has performed at a number of prestigious events. Performing highlights include: *Homeground* (Sydney Opera House) 2017, Artstate NSW Opening Ceremony 2017, Invictus Games 2018, Boomerang Festival 2018/19 (Byron Bay Blues Fest), *Warami* celebrations for City of Parramatta 2019, and The National Indigenous Art Fair 2019.

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