

An Amazing, Hysterical History of Australia



OUR STORY

Come on a madcap romp through the history of this great nation as Professor Topbottem and Neville tear from the Dreamtime to today at breakneck speed. Slapstick comedy, circus, live music and mime are all employed to present snapshots of the important events and amazing facts that have shaped the nature of modern day Australia. Presenting a balanced portrayal of our history with a strong emphasis on indigenous issues, the show has been performed nationally for ten years, a testimony to its strong entertainment value and enduring relevance.

The Dream Time
Convict Beginnings, Exploration & Expansion
Gold and Eureka
Federation
The Wars
Depression
Immigration
Multi-culturalism
Social Change and Today

Exciting, vibrant, sad and funny, our history is the most important story we share - Our Story.

Details

Suitability: Prep – Yr 7
Duration: 60 mins + Q&A
Cost per head: \$5.00 + GST
Min Fee per session: \$700 + GST
(if less than 140 students attend)



Bookings & Enquiries

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Praise for “Our Story”

Our Story is a wonderful show, creative, dynamic and humorous, it's a dynamic way to cover a lot of Australian history to a diverse lot of age groups, FABULOUS!! The children were totally engaged & entertained. Cygnet PS, TAS

*I was amazed at how much information the children retained, they were so engaged and loved the performance. “Loved it. Laughed a lot”
Excellent!! You captivated them completely. Top rate! The world needs more shows like this. The show made History into a CRACK-UP!*

FANTASTIC! ENTERTAINING! HILARIOUS, no one wanted it to end. The students were totally engaged, they loved the humor and action, it was a brilliant overview of history as NEVER SEEN BEFORE! Table Cape PS, TAS

The children loved it, lots of laughing and clapping – at the same time the show was very informative. EXCELLENT! Hutchins School, TAS

Our Story is an outstanding performance, cleverly constructed to entertain all age groups presented with wonder and humor, to ensure students learn and remember many of the historical events covered. Richmond PS, TAS

Our Story inspired the children to talk about history and the show they were so engaged, they loved the slap stick and the music combined with historical information. Kingston PS, TAS

UPROARIUS!!! The children had a fantastic time and loved the multi-dimensional nature of the act; they were rolling in the aisles with laughter whilst learning along the way. The performance was WONDERFUL. Avenel PS, VIC

*Comments from Holland Park Senior School students were “ Funny! Cool! Spectacular! Fantastic, Wow! Wow! Wow! Best show!, Funny! Weird! Awesome! I want to see it again! I didn't think history could be so fun and educational!”
Basically the children LOVED IT!!!!* Holland Park Senior School, QLD

The performance managed to bring history to life in a way that no amount of lessons could achieve. A great addition to my ability to absorb students in history. Gordonvale State School. QLD

EXCELLENT! The students understood the content enabling them to consolidate prior learning into the show. Seriously, WELL DONE covering all details and facts making for a tidal wave of entertaining learning. Freshwater State School, QLD

VERY ENTERTAINING & relatable; the children loved it! They were able to make connections from the show to their history unit; they laughed, they loved the music. Moranbah East State School, QLD

AWESOME! The Students said it was the coolest incursion they have ever seen. All the students were totally engaged, it was by far the most funny, educational school show we have ever seen. ENGAGING!!! The students responses were amazing! They totally became part of the show, no one wanted it to finish. Gingin District High School, WA

Hugely entertaining! Just great! The students were highly engaged with the music & the slapstick comedy. St Francis Xavier Catholic School, QLD

Great use of comedy & music to showcase Australia's history, WELL DONE. After the show the children asked if they could see it again. St Gerard Majella, QLD

Fantastic!! Students were laughing all the way through. 100%! Holy Cross School, QLD

Comments from the classroom included: AWESOME! COOL! FUNNY! CLEVER! Zero criticisms! What a wonderful way to teach history! Brilliant! Bramfield Park PS, WA

Highly entertaining and brilliantly comical approach, the history of Australia in one hour, incredible! Upperswan Primary School, WA

All round hilarious! Thank you!, The children thoroughly loved the performance. Cottesloe Primary School, WA

Enthralled, the students were totally “with” the guys the whole show, the children were completely enthralled; we ALL loved it! Yale Primary School, WA

All round great job!! The pace and delivery was great, the show was also well aligned with Australian Curriculum. Dunsborough Secondary School, WA

10 out of 10!!! The children remembered many facts saying it was the best way to learn. Everyone loved the show, we highly recommend. Brilliant!!! Will have them back for years!! Carisbrook Primary School

This show was ABSOLUTELY FABULOUS, one of the best ever performances at this school. We wanted more more more more!!! My tummy hurts from laughing so much, said one of the students Crystal Brook Primary School

The show yesterday was absolutely brilliant. I have never laughed so much. The students and teachers thoroughly enjoyed it. I am sending letters to you that the children have written to Patrick and Roscoe. West Beechboro PS, WA

A fortnight ago, I along with parents, teachers and captivated students (yrs 3-6) at Tatachilla Lutheran College (McLaren Vale, South Australia) were treated to the most magnificent Australian History lesson that I believe we will all remember for a very long time. Sincerest congratulations to Patrick and his colleague for writing such a brilliant script which was completely engaging from the beginning to the end for the children, both big and small. My friend and I laughed the whole way through and I felt like a kid myself sitting up the back on a table swinging my legs like I was the children’s age. We praised them after the performance but will say again, brilliant show, captivating, clever, and witty which the students absolutely LOVED ALL THE WAY THROUGH. Mother Beth Jellicoe, Tatachilla Lutheran College, SA

Brilliant! Fantastic! Best show we’ve had! Still talking about it the next day! Totally engaged, and able to link it to the history curriculum. Educational, engaging, fun, age appropriate for R – 7 and enjoyable for adults too! Airdale PS, SA

Spectacular! The children were mesmerized and totally engaged. Kerang South PS, VIC

One of the best shows we have ever had! Carlton School, SA

The students absolutely loved the performance. It reinforced knowledge they already had & introduced more. Very educational – excellent show. Action packed, informative, fast moving but information was reinforced throughout. Great use of humour and mime/tricks. HIGHLY RECOMMEND!! Teachers, Taillem Bend PS, SA
“Funny, fantastic, amazing, awesome!” Students of Taillem Bend PS, SA

My class has just seen this performance this morning and they loved it! It was a broad brushstroke of Australian History very entertainingly presented. The performers brought together a myriad of skills which entertained the children all the way through. It was a very cleverly constructed script with a lot of language-based humour. It was a hilarious show and it was presented brilliantly. Well done Holland Park SS, QLD

I laughed ‘til I cried and my glasses fogged up! Student, Karrinyup PS, WA

Children were captivated by the humour. Fantastic material presented in a clear and relevant order. We were thoroughly entertained from beginning to end. Morwell Park PS

Fantastic – very funny and covered many historical events. One student said, “Best show I’ve been to at school!” Immanuel PS, SA

How could I forget to tell you about Our Story! It was the most hilarious show I have EVER seen, bar none! Everyone was rolling in their seats in stitches, the whole performance, the laughter was endless. It was such a wonderful combination of history, humour, songs, visual humour, child-like puns and silliness that we are still talking about it now. The show was cleverly written, brilliantly acted and the timing was perfect. Heidelberg PS, VIC

BEST show I’ve ever seen! Loved every bit! Teacher, Mooloolaba SS, QLD
I’ve been wanting to learn about all those things! Student, Mooloolaba SS, QLD

In 20 years of teaching, it’s the best incursion I have EVER seen!
M. MacManus (PAC), John Paul II PS, TAS

Loved the action, humour and fast pace of the show. Met with total acclaim! You are brilliant!! Plenty of information included with the action. Exceeded our expectations. Elliminyt PS, VIC

Funny! Entertaining way of learning! FULLY SICK! Students, Holland Park SS, QLD
The BEST arts performance ever! This has re-ignited our desire to book Nexus Arts performances! Teachers, Holland Park State School, QLD

A great romp through Australian history told in a very entertaining way! One of the BEST children’s performances I have ever seen! The students were exhausted from all the laughing! Teachers, St Rita’s Victoria Point, QLD

An amazing ability to cover so many important aspects of Australia’s history in such short a time! Good Shepherd Lutheran PS, VIC

Students loved the humour and vibrant performance! Highly relevant to curriculum and content. ONE OF THE BEST I’VE EVER SEEN! Stella Maris School, Maroochydore QLD

Students were totally involved. Feedback showed fact retention was very high. A great motivational tool. St Thomas’ PS, Sale, VIC

Loved it. The visual antics kept the younger ones rapt and the tom-foolery kept all following the main points without even realising. Superb! Sublime!! Sensational!!! Kojonup DHS, WA

Excellent. Probably the best performance we have seen at this school. Tied in nicely with NAIDOC week. Bridgewater PS, TAS

Students were glued! They loved it! I thought it was brilliant and so did everybody else! Great sense of humour along with very valuable information on our Australian history! Teacher, Faith Lutheran College – Redlands, QLD

Complete engagement and focus! So much laughter and attentive, active listening and learning! FABULOUS! Fantastic, interesting presentation of “facts” that normally are so boring... multi-layered presentation that catered for all year levels. Port Fairy Consolidated School, VIC

LOVED IT! Best incursion we’ve ever had. The actors were engaging and talented. The show was A+ , hilarious, quirky and informative. Lysterfield PS, VIC

