Mana Artist in Residency with Bernard Mangakahia

With over 20 years of performing, teaching, dancing, speaking and creating personal development programs, Bernard has developed a unique set of skills that has proven to be very valuable and effective.

At a young age Bernard travelled the world to discover his own heritage. He had a passion to understand the strengths, wisdom and knowledge of his ancestors.



He believes once knowledge is gained, it must be passed on, in a, creative, fun and respectful way.

Mana workshop program will motivate students to:

- Appreciate different genres of music
- Create self-esteem
- Have fun
- Cultivate an understanding and appreciation of multiculturalism
- Experience the power & excitement of dance & story telling, & the fun of movement & expression
- They will also develop courage as they perform in front of a live audience



Each class/grade will be taught one or two dances from Hawaii, New Zealand Samoa, Fiji or American Indian.

Each class/grade will perform their dance in front of an audience (either in front of students or parents or both) – this is decided by the school.

Workshops will focus on the final performance; however, many more dances, songs and stories will be told, performed and taught for education and fun.

The timetable and schedule is all dependent on the size of the school/ classes, and the number of days booked with Bernard. He will work with you to fit this into your schedule.



Feedback for Artist in Residencies with Bernard Mangakahia

We are looking to have another 'Artist In Residence' next year. Loved working with Bernard again. Our concert was amazing, children loved performing and the feedback from parents was wonderful!

- Vicki Fisher, Principal Portland South PS

Bernard has a genuine passion for his craft and is highly enthusiastic about passing his skills onto children. Bernard also includes some life lessons in his workshops and explains these though references to a variety of cultural beliefs and their dance styles. **I cannot recommend Bernard highly enough.** The students have asked me to book him again.

- Janette Leaver, Principal Baringhup PS

Exuberant! Enchanting! Extraordinary!

Through the magic of dance and storytelling Bernard workshopped the whole school for three days. Bernard seamlessly wove his stories from the different cultures with the end result, a slick and polished concert performance.

We highly recommend Bernard's outstanding artist in residence program. Not only does he deliver an exciting, polished production but also equally he motivates all the children to begin to dream and to realize that dreams can become a reality.

- Shan Christie & Principal Rob Christie, Briagolong P.S

