

Sean Choolburra

- one of Australia's most loved and acclaimed Indigenous performers

The Performance

Charismatic, vibrant and captivating, Sean fuses his engaging energy and humour with historical facts, spiritual wisdom, depth of ancestral understanding and knowledge; he is one very exciting and talented cultural ambassador.

Dance – stories – painting – fire creation – didgeridoo playing: all are presented with a wonderful array of artefacts, from fishing nets to hunting shields.

Students are encouraged to dance, sing and participate!

About The Performer

Sean Choolburra was born and raised in Townsville and his ancestors are Gu-Gu-Yalanji, Kalkadoon, Kandju and Bwgcolman from around Townsville and Palm Island.

Sean trained and toured internationally with the Bangarra Dance Company and was the creator and leader of the Naroo Dancers. His performances are hugely entertaining and filled with humour, and as his career continues to flourish, he is in demand for corporate and public events as an accomplished professional MC and comedian.

He has toured schools and colleges throughout Australia, Canada, Japan and New Zealand for over 20 years with his unique cultural program.

Check out Sean on YouTube: https://youtu.be/pA04xG6ZHJg



"Absolutely brilliant! Excellent cultural information delivered in an entertaining and humorous manner. He had both adults and children in the palm of his hand!" <u>- John Farnell, Principal Our Lady of Mount Carmel Primary School, NSW</u>

Cost: \$6.00 plus GST per student **Minimum:** 140 students per session **Session duration:** 50 minutes plus Q&A



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Feedback for Sean Choolburra

"Thank you so much for Sean's performance, it was **wonderful**. Everyone just loved him! We would love to book Sean again next year!" - <u>St Marys Primary School, Bellingen NSW</u>

"Sean was a BIG/HUGE success. The community loved him. He did a **sensational** job. He is truly a wonderful performer and always gives such a lot to the community at these events." <u>- Jody Irwin, Community Event: World No Tobacco Day, Grafton NSW</u>

"The audience were **mesmerized** throughout and the pupil involvement was just right" - <u>G. Harrison, Wesley Primary School, VIC</u>

"Loved it! Funny, fast talker, great sense of humour. Students loved the stories, song and dance. Students said, "Amazing!" "Spectacular!" "Absolutely fantastic!" "Hilarious!" "Unusually Terrific!" "Blew my mind!" "Deadly! Can you come back for our graduation?" Great to see students participating throughout the performance. Totally brilliant, personalised, very educational. Held the whole school's attention for 1 hour 20 minutes!" <u>Cat Johnson, Magnetic Island State School, QLD</u>

"Sean had all the students captivated and totally engaged. It was a very entertaining cultural experience for all of us." - *Sharon Costello, Georges Hall Public School, NSW*

"All students gave Sean 10/10 for his performance this morning.

Erica "It was really funny!" Brock "It was really, really, really fun and happy!" Samantha "Awesome!" Kayla "I liked the fire making!" Damon "The end and the middle when we all started dancing was fun!" Brooke "Blake, Tayla and I enjoyed getting our face painted." Zieke "The didgeridoo was the best part." Elise "The dancing was the best part." Shanae "I really liked the Whoopa Gammon Style." Abbey "The Shake it off was good." Mason "The goanna dance was deadly!" Ivy "I liked all of the dancing." **Another quality performance from Nexus Arts**. © " <u>- Heathcote PS, VIC</u>

"Our school was absolutely thrilled with Sean Choolburra. Can we re-book him for NAIDOC week next year? We'd love to see him again." <u>- Freemans Reach PS, NSW</u>

"Absolutely brilliant!" - Eden Primary School, NSW

"Sean was absolutely amazing on Friday night. The show was enjoyed immensely by both students and parents." <u>- Lisa Haller, Canterbury Public School NSW</u>

"Sean Choolburra is the best indigenous performer we have ever had!" - Marlene, Mount Tarcoola Primary School, WA

"Thank you, Sean was amazing!! Students and staff absolutely LOVED him. Very professional, very funny – thank you again!" - Cecil Fox, Aboriginal & Islander Education Officer, Falcon Primary School, WA

"The performance was awesome, wonderful, entertaining & great!" - Great Ryrie PS, VIC

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"Students were fully engaged during the whole performance and will remember aspects of Aboriginal culture because it was presented in a meaningful way, with variety and humour." <u>- Foster Primary VIC</u>

"Students were highly engaged and interested throughout Sean's entire performance. It was **relevant to all students, interactive and very informative**. He uses humour in an excellent way – both students and teachers were **talking about it for days** after the event. One of the best incursions for the whole school that we have had. - *Tracy Bancroft, Knox Gardens Primary School, VIC*

We absolutely love Sean Choolburra, I have been trying to get hold of him for years to come back and do schools." <u>- Justyn John, Indigenous Liaison Officer, Bundaberg Schools, QLD</u>

"Sean managed to create very targeted stories for the children at their level. Children enjoyed the presentation and were **fully engaged**. They were very excited when able to participate and understood the content. We were impressed with his ability to link traditional stories with modern life." - <u>Teachers, Mount Scopus Memorial College, VIC</u>

"The show this morning was wonderful. Sean was exciting, lively and very entertaining. He had all the students from pre-school to year 7 thoroughly **enthralled**. I would like to book him again next year." <u>- Sheila Delahay, Berry Springs PS, Northern Territory</u>

"Sean was fantastic. His humour, acting and didge playing was awesome. His **message of anti-racism and reconciliation was wonderful**. His performances revealed a wonderful, warm and caring person. He included the kids, and took aside a young lad with low self esteem. He is now walking on cloud nine. Thank you very much!" - *Tom Leach. Principal St Andrews Lutheran School. Darwin*

"The performance was absolutely fantastic! He was most entertaining and had a great rapport with the children. Lots of **variety** and **fit in well with curriculum**." <u>- Balwyn North PS, VIC</u>

"The performance very cleverly wove in dance, music and creation stories and also very effectively dealt with the history of the white colonisation of Australia and the way that Aboriginal youth of today have woven their current experience of life back into their dances and music!" <u>- Lauriston Girls School VIC</u>

"Sean was very entertaining and his message to us was to always try our best at whatever opportunities came our way. He taught us to look at the funny side of life and to enjoy every day. He also reminded us that we need to encourage each other when we do well." <u>-</u><u>Student, St Joseph's School, Cloncurry, QLD</u>

"Sean Choolburra again has been working within our Diocese and he continues to **inspire** our students with his story-telling, humour and dance. Sean is always welcome in our schools and is always enthusiastically received by our students."

- Ernie Christie, Assistant Director of Religious Education, Curriculum, ICT & Indigenous Education, QLD