

WELCOME

Thank you for your interest in participating in a Traditional Indigenous Games program with Dreamtime Games.

This will be a learning experience that will help your students and educators learn about, understand and connect with an important traditional Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander cultural practice.

A Dreamtime Games Kindergarten incursion program can be tailored to fit in with your existing Kindy program and timetable. It is both educational and fun, focusing as much on physical activity as it does on cultural learning.

Our experienced facilitators have Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander heritage and have delivered traditional games and sporting activities to more than 100 schools and many Kindy's across South East and South West QLD. We are passionate about delivering traditional games activities and are very proud to have the opportunity to share our culture with you.

We base our incursions around the games outlined in the Australian Sports Commission's Yulunga resource, which is based on extensive research, including several hundred accounts collected over many years from all parts of Australia and the Torres Strait Islands. Many of the original accounts of games were recorded during the nineteenth century by explorers, government officials, settlers, scientists and missionaries. A number of these games and activities continue to be practiced by Aboriginal people today and we have modified them for safety, ease of use and to cater for all ages and abilities.

Please note that Dreamtime Games is Toowoomba based and a travel fee will apply for any Kindergarten bookings outside of the 4350 postcode area.

We look forward to working with your Kindergarten and helping your students and teachers learn about, understand and connect with an important traditional Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander cultural practice.

Kind regards,

Dusty Wilson

Owner, Dreamtime Games



TRADITIONAL INDIGENOUS GAMES

Dreamtime Games would like to acknowledge the traditional owners of the games and activities that we use to educate and inspire others about Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander culture and history.

Traditionally the games were played to teach important life skills such as hand/ eye coordination, aiming, agility and control but there are many, many other benefits of participating in the games including:

- bringing together of Indigenous and non-Indigenous people
- helping reconnect urban Indigenous youth to their culture
- promoting reconciliation
- enhancing physical health
- encouraging teamwork, communication and leadership

Dreamtime Games would like to acknowledge and pay respects to the traditional owners of the lands in which we deliver our programs. We would like to acknowledge, their elders past and present and emerging.

GAMES

Some of our favourite traditional Indigenous games are:



GORRI

A disc-bowling game played in central Australia. Practice accuracy to hit a moving target.



THAPUMPAN

A tag game of thapumpan (shark) that was observed being played by little children at Cape Bedford in north Queensland.



KEENTAN

A keep-away game of catch-ball that was played everywhere by both genders in the northwest central districts of Queensland.



KUTTURI

A stick-practice game used by girls to prepare them for the digging-stick (kutturu) duels they would be involved in during adult life.



BUROINJIN

A ball game played by the Kabi Kabi people of south Queensland. The game was played with a ball made of kangaroo skin, which was called a buroinjin.



KALKADOON KEE'AN

A game of throwing skill that was played in areas of north Queensland. A large bone, such as an emu shinbone (with twine attached to it) was thrown over a net into a pit or hole.



WHAT TO EXPECT

Dreamtime Games will contact you to discuss your dates and timeframes. Please note that Dreamtime Games is Toowoomba based and a travel fee will apply for school bookings outside of the 4350 postcode area.

Costs for a program to be run at your Kindy are dependent on travel time from Toowoomba and how long you are booking us for. We are happy to provide you with a quote for delivery of traditional games at your service.

The incursion is designed to be as flexible as possible, and the games can be played both outdoors (on a sporting oval or hardcourt area like a tennis/basketball court) or inside (ideally an area roughly half the size of a basketball court). We require a space that is free of obstructions like play equipment or trees to run activities.

If your Kindy uses a local park or neighbouring oval that is more suitable for outside activities, we are also happy to meet your participants at this venue and deliver activities there.

All the games we deliver use modern sporting equipment which we will provide, and the games have been designed to cater for all ages and ability levels with safety being of paramount importance. Our activities cater for ages three through to adult participants.

Our facilitators can run activities for up to 25 Kindy aged participants at a time. This number allows more game time for each participant. We can run activities for as long or as little as you like and are happy to suit your schedule and/or do back-to-back sessions for multiple groups.

All our incursions are facilitated by experienced staff members with an Aboriginal heritage who are Yulunga qualified instructors.

We also bring several Aboriginal artefacts/items (such as a stone axe and hunting spear) with us to educate participants on how games were traditionally played and for photo opportunities.

The Kindy that is booking our services assumes that each participant is healthy and has no medical condition that would prevent them from participating in the games.

The educator or staff member accompanying each participating group has overall responsibility for the Kindy incursion. We advocate inclusive education and if a child has any allergies, learning issues etc please make the facilitator aware. All due care is taken however, we do not take responsibility and will not accept liability for injuries in the sessions.

ABOUT DREAMTIME GAMES

Dreamtime Games offers a fun and educational program for Kindergartens across South East and South West QLD will give participants an insight into both the past and present cultural heritage of Australian Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples.

The company was founded by Dusty Wilson in 2019. Dusty is proud of his Aboriginal heritage and is passionate about sharing that culture and history with others through the traditional games.





MEET THE TEAM

DUSTY WILSON

*Owner and Facilitator
– Dreamtime Games*

Dusty is the founder of Dreamtime Games and is a descendant of the Kooma and Murrawari people. He has extensive experience delivering traditional Indigenous games activities and sporting activities in communities across South West QLD.

Dusty has a lifelong love of sport and spent a large part of his youth participating in a variety of different sports such as Aussie Rules and Basketball. He enjoys passing on the cultural knowledge of the games through the language of physical activity.

Dusty has experience working for major state sporting bodies such as AFL QLD and non-for-profit organisations such as the Clontarf Foundation and the QLD PCYC, where he spent 7 years as the Toowoomba Indigenous Community Sport and Recreation Officer. He also spent many years on the executive committee of the South West Indigenous Network (SWIN) developing regional sports education tour programs (the TRAX tour program) which provides sport and recreation opportunities to communities in the most remote parts of the state and assisting with events such as the Western Rivers Cup Indigenous cricket carnival.

He is Yulunga trained and has had the pleasure of delivering traditional Indigenous games sessions to over 100 schools and many Kindy's across South West QLD. He has also delivered games activities for Outside School Hours Care services and at various community festival events such as the Toowoomba NAIDOC Family Fun Day, Brisbane City Council Mt Coon-tha School Holiday programs and at QLD Government Deadly Sports Expo events across Southern QLD.

He enjoys working in the community and outside of Dreamtime Games he also works for the QLD Ambulance Service and as part of the Youth Worker team at the Toowoomba Regional Council's YouthConnect program.

THE IMPORTANT STUFF...

- For Ages 3+
- Yulunga Qualified Instructors
- Public Liability Insurance
- Suitable for all ages and abilities
- All equipment supplied
- Indoor and outdoor activities
- Servicing South East and South West QLD

CONTACT DREAMTIME GAMES

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