



Name of your organisation	YIRRA YAAKIN ABORIGINAL THEATRE COMPANY
Location/Contact Details	
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Yirra Yaakin exists to share Aboriginal stories. Inspirational, Accessible, Relevant, Original and Nurturing	
Yirra Yaakin delivers inspiring, innovative Indigenous theatre relating stories that are exciting, passionate, celebratory and life-changing.	
Purpose of the Excursion	
<p>Attending a performance presented by Yirra Yaakin provides a unique opportunity for engagement with Indigenous culture, including traditions, identity, awareness, language and protocols.</p> <p>Performances represent an opportunity for students to develop skills linked to the <i>Curriculum Framework</i> including viewing, responding, reflecting and evaluating, while recognising and considering Indigenous cultural perspectives.</p>	
Environment	
<p>Yirra Yaakin is located at 65 Murray Street Perth, just east of the CBD and adjacent to the corner of Pier and Murray Streets.</p> <p>The venue is predominantly on one level, with entry via a side lane which is adjacent a residential precinct. A small stairway is located at the entry to the theatre area, however the theatre has wheelchair accessibility. The theatre features raked seating with an audience capacity of 80.</p> <p>Toilet facilities (including accessible) are located in the foyer.</p> <p>The venue has wheelchair access.</p>	

<p>Transport</p>
<p>There is limited parking available for chartered buses directly opposite Yirra Yaakin on Murray Street for drop off purposes only.</p> <p>If buses then continue down Murray Street, turning into Hill Street (between Hay and Goderich) parking will be available there as long as there is a sign in the windscreen stating “School Group at Yirra Yaakin Theatre” – no fees will be charged.</p> <p>For public transport options contact Transperth www.transperth.wa.gov.au</p>
<p>Students’ Capacity</p>
<p>Yirra Yaakin performances are generally appropriate for students in PP through to Year 12, with specific information outlining recommended audiences developed and advised for each production. Please advise if you have any students with special needs so we can attempt to maximize the benefit of their visit.</p> <p>Performances are generally 60 minutes in length, with students viewing a live theatre performance presented onstage with associated production values including sound, lighting, props and costuming.</p> <p>Post–show sessions provide an opportunity for audiences to discuss performance, production and script elements through question and answer interaction with cast and crew.</p> <p>Performances, while often interactive do carry a general expectation that students will be seated during the performance and consider the enjoyment and experience of other audience members.</p>
<p>Supervisor/Supervisory Team</p>
<p>It is the responsibility of the school to develop a supervisory team that meets their specific requirements in line with the recommendations for supervision outlined in this document.</p> <p>The school supervisory team must accompany the students throughout the visit to actively monitor behaviour and intervene as necessary.</p> <p>Yirra Yaakin staff and performers may lead, demonstrate, perform and present activities but will not undertake any role(s) in a supervisory context.</p>
<p>External Provider Information</p>
<p>Clearances: All relevant staff hold a current <i>Working With Children Check</i></p> <p>Qualifications: Yirra Yaakin staff and performers are professional arts practitioners with varying levels of experience and qualifications.</p>

Public Liability Insurance:

Insurer: ansvar insurance

Amount: \$10,000,000.00

A Certificate of Currency is available for download from www.yirrayaakin.com.au

Supervision Strategies

The development of appropriate supervision strategies is the responsibility of individual schools. The school supervisory team must accompany the students throughout the visit to actively monitor behaviour and intervene as necessary.

School groups will be seated together where possible to assist with supervision. It is recommended that school supervisory team members are seated amongst students to facilitate ease of supervision.

Yirra Yaakin recommends the following ratios:

- Yrs K – 3 1 adult to 10 students
- Yrs 4 – 7 1 adult to 12 students
- Yrs 8 – 12 1 adult to 15 students

with a minimum of 2 supervisors.

The recommended ratios may vary according to the needs of your students. Please feel free to discuss supervision requirements with us.

Identification of Excursion Participants

This is the responsibility of individual schools.

Communication Strategies

School supervisory teams can access an external telephone line to call out if required during an excursion.

In addition, should the school need to contact the supervisory team during an excursion they may do so by contacting our office during business hours on (08) 9202 1966 and 0413 592 322 after hours.

Communication strategies between students and school supervisory team are the responsibility of the school. Please ensure everyone recognises the communication strategies.

School supervisory teams are encouraged to provide a mobile phone that they can be contacted on and use to call out during their visit, and are asked to ensure that this number is fully functional in all locations throughout the venue. **Please note, school supervisory team mobile phones are required to be turned to silent during performances.**

Emergency Response Plan

Yirra Yaakin has developed an Emergency Response Plan including a PA system and audible fire alarms. Please contact Yirra Yaakin's Venue and Technical Manager, Amy Hammond, on 9202 1966 for further details, or visit Yirra Yaakin website to download a copy of the venue ERP: www.yirrayaakin.com.au

Briefing Students and Supervisors

As it is not possible to provide pre-performance briefings, the information within this document in collaboration with further information sent on confirmation of booking is provided for school supervisory teams to use in briefing students.

Other Relevant Details

Owing to technical interference and Occupational Health and Safety requirements for technicians, mobile phones belonging to students must be turned off during performances. School Supervisory Teams are responsible for monitoring this requirement.

Please note a lockout may apply to some performances. Please check with the booking agent at the time of ticket purchase.

If you require any additional information or wish to discuss any aspect of your visit, please contact our Education & Touring Manager on (08) 9202 1966 or visit our website www.yirrayaakin.com.au

This information is valid until 31 January 2011