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## Wayne Brennan

Wayne, of Kamilaroi ancestry through his mother's side of the family, is a trained archaeologist specialising in rock art and is passionate about the natural world. He is a cultural and natural heritage educator who has worked for the National Parks & Wildlife Service for the past 27 years. Wayne offers 3 separate programs for schools:

**1. RECONCILIATION:** National Reconciliation calls for an awareness & a celebration of indigenous culture & history – a change of heart & mind. It will come about when we see ourselves connected, as one people, one land with a long history. It is also about building better relationships between the wider Australian community & Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander peoples.

RECONCILIATION is a 55 minute illustrated presentation by Wayne Brennan exploring how Australians have viewed reconciliation over time. He will develop three major themes: Relationship, respect & responsibility. He will also showcase some successful reconciliation programs including a co- management project with Aboriginal people in the World Heritage Area in the Blue Mountains NSW.

### Requirements:

1. Students need to each draw & bring along a Birdseye view of their world including: Where they were born, live, go to school, play sport etc...
2. A reasonably dark space, a screen set up & a white/black board.

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## Connection to Country

*"The concept of Country is central to Aboriginal culture, where (unlike Western culture) there is no separation between the natural and human world. By involving Aboriginal people in Land Management, we recognize that culture and spirit are important elements of a sustainable future." - Wayne Brennan.*

Connection to Country explores the fundamental importance of land, water, animals and plants. How this healthily functioning ecosystem is vitally important to our survival and sense of identity. The concept that nature and culture are inseparable.

### (2 Modules to choose from)

1. A 55 minute presentation with slides in your classroom, hall, gym etc....
2. A 2 hour onsite presentation in your local park, or your closest National Park, the Blue Mountains National Park, the Sydney Harbour Foreshore etc..

### Highlights

- Exploration of the way knowledge was traditionally passed down through the use of storytelling, song, dance, art, ceremonies and rituals.
- A demonstration & explanation of Aboriginal artefacts.
- Traditional uses of native species.
- Traditional management practices.
- Indigenous philosophy and worldview that promotes long-term sustainability.
- Specific local knowledge about places, particular species, the way ecosystems operate and the history of the site and changes over time.

#### **RECONCILIATION & Module 1 – (2 separate) 55 minute presentations**

**Cost per student for 1 presentation: \$5.50 (Inc .50c GST)**

**Minimum for 1 presentation: \$660 (Inc \$60 GST) If less than 120 students**

**Duration: 55 minutes + 15 minute (optional) Q&A**

#### **Module 2 – Two Hour Onsite Tour**

**Cost per student: \$16.50 (Inc \$1.50 GST)**

**Minimum per tour: \$330 (Inc \$30 GST) If less than 20 students**

**Maximum 30 students per tour. Duration: 2 Hours.**