

## **KITE SHOP WORKSHOP PROGRAM - PRIMARY SCHOOLS:**

Kite Shop is the oldest Kite Company in Australia (*recently changing our name from Kite Factory*) and we have been running workshops with schools and social groups for many, many years. Over this time we have developed a program that is a lot more than just making a kite. We teach the students about the history of kites, the different components required for kites, why kites fly and the skill in flying kites. Students enjoy themselves because we do all of this while having a lot of fun.

**THE WORKSHOP FORMAT: approx 60—80 minutes 40—100 students**

1. Once a workshop is booked, kite skins (sails) are sent to the school for decorating prior to the date of the workshop. This allows the students time to decorate their kites, without the pressure of the kite maker needing to move the workshop along.
2. On workshop day the kite maker brings all the necessary materials to assemble the kites.
3. The workshop starts with a "Show and Tell" section - approx. 15—20 min.
4. Next we assemble the kites - approx 20—30 min.
5. Finish with the "Skills to Fly a Kite" and kite flying - approx 20—30 min.
6. Schools are invoiced on a 7 day account after the workshop.

Although the Kite Shop is SA based, we do travel to communities in country SA and interstate - If you are interested please do not hesitate to contact us for details (*travel expenses will apply*). Also please remember we do offer all of our workshop kites and other styles in a BULK KITE KIT FORMAT for a DO IT YOURSELF WORKSHOP.

### **THE WORKSHOP IN DETAIL:**

#### **1. DECORATING THE KITE SKIN (SAILS) - prior to workshop.**

When you receive the kite skins a final booking sheet will be included with the order confirming details of the workshop—if there are any problems we do ask that you contact us immediately to sort out any discrepancies. Also with the kite skins there is a diagram showing the top and bottom of the kite. We do recommend that teachers just confirm this detail with students to avoid students spending many hours on their graphics just to find out that they did it upside down (this can be heart-breaking to some).

Skins can be decorated with Paints or Textas ..... BIG, BOLD, COLOURFUL GRAPHICS.

*Please Note: we do ask that if you are using paints, allow plenty of time for the skins to dry, we can not assemble wet kite skins. Crayons can be used but it does have a wax that stops the tape from adhering properly to the skin.*

#### **2. "SHOW AND TELL" - 15—20 mins**

- A Kite Shop workshop is more than showing students how to make their kites. We use this opportunity to educate the students about the world of kites.
- The "Show and Tell" is designed for student participation and discussion.
- We bring interesting kites and visual aids to assist in making the fun and informative.
- All the subjects listed are explained in ways, all ages will understand and comprehend.
- Some of the subjects we cover are:

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| • The history of kites.                                 | • The sport of kites.                            |
| • How kites are used in different cultures.             | • The terminology of kites and materials.        |
| • The evolution of kites in inventions and discoveries. | • The purpose of tails on kites                  |
| • Why kites fly.  | • Why some kites need tails and why some do not. |

- We are able to tailor the "Show and Tell" to cover a particular subject:

Example: Olympics are being held in China—we are able to tailor the talk to relate to the world of kites in China. Or perhaps you are studying Japan, again we could base the talk on kites in Japan. Just have a chat to the staff at the Kite Shop for further information.

#### **3. ASSEMBLING THE KITE - 20—30 mins**

The kite maker brings all the materials with them for assembling the kites. All the students need to bring is their decorated kite skins.

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#### 4. **“SKILLS TO KITE FLYING” - 20—30 mins**

This is our opportunity to teach students the art of kite flying. We are able to squash some myths like “the need to run to make your kite fly”. It is also the opportunity for the kite maker to have the group stop, calm down and get their thinking caps on before the group invades the oval for a group fly.

#### 5. **PAYMENT TERMS -**

Your school will be invoiced after the workshop. The invoice will be based on the number of skins sent to your school prior to the workshop. Kite skins not used or damaged may be returned to the kite maker and you will not be charged for these numbers.

Payment - Net 7 day account.

#### **HOW MANY STUDENTS DO YOU NEED FOR A WORKSHOP:**

- Whether you are doing a workshop of 40 or 100 students there is little time difference or advantages to the kite maker. The difference is in the quantity discounts we are able to offer. The kite makers are very capable in running workshops, totalling 300 + students in one day. Therefore before booking check with other staff members as they may also be interested and you could take advantage of our quantity discounts.
- Reception to year 2 students—these guys have a lot of fun in the workshops but they do need a buddy class to assist with the assembling of the kites—years 5 /6 and above are perfect for this.
- Kite Shop do require a minimum number of 40 students to run a workshop. For numbers less than 40 students we recommend trying one of our BULK KITE KITS for a DIY WORKSHOP.

#### **WHAT STYLE OF KITE AND COSTS:**

- Style of kite will depend on the age group of the students. For combined classes with R—Year 7 we would strongly recommend either the Hexa or Diamond Kite.
- We guarantee 100% success with all of our kites - only one style can be used per workshop.
- Please refer to the Price List for costing on the workshops. All workshops are charged with GST. As this is an educational program the GST can be used as a tax credit for the school, however the GST does not necessarily need to be passed on to the students.

#### **HOW TO ORGANISE YOUR GROUPS AND SIZES:**

- Workshops run for approx 60 - 80 mins
- Our preferred size for workshops is between 70 - 100 students per group in a community room or gym hall.
- Students must be able to sit comfortably with room for construction of kites in front of them.
- Large groups work best by mixing the age groups - using a buddy system. Older students become great helpers with the younger students.
- We prefer to work large groups using the floor. For small groups in the classroom we can use their desks—but often the floor is the easiest. Most of the kites are too large for the desks.

#### **INSURANCE & POLICE CHECKS:**

***Kite making and flying is a very safe activity, however accidents may occur. The Kite Shop hold a Public & Property Liability Insurance to cover any unforeseen accidents with our workshops or products. Kite Makers have also undergone police checks to ensure safety of the students.***

### ***THE KITE SHOP - KITING SAFELY AND BEING RESPONSIBLE.***