Who is Bindi Bindi Dreaming

• *Ngang Kwerl Marissa*

• I have been a Cultural Educator for over 18 years in continuing to share cultural knowledge by permission of Elders that taught me

• I’ve been running my own business since 2014 and schools have been my biggest clientele (been involved in schools since 2000)

• The most requested item of my business is teaching the Six Seasons and our perspective of connection to country.
Connection to Country

- Sharing the true way of the Seasons (Aboriginal way – Noongar 6 Seasons).
- Truth telling and sharing the correct information about our natural environment and our plants and medicines.
Totems

Sharing this strong connection that we have as Aboriginal people but educating the wider community to play a role also. Adopt a totem or it may adopt you (explain)

Plants – can provide you with all that you need
- Food
- Medicine
- Animals need them and we need the animals

Understanding the role of a totem ensures that you play your roles and responsibility of taking care of country.

You may many different totems in your life depending on your situation

My totem – *Bindi Bindi* - Butterfly
Hawaiian Nut
Orange
Gubinge
Finger Lime
Bain or Coastal Pigface
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Bohn or Bloodroot
Native River Mint
Chocolate Lily
Sea Parsley
Native Thyme
Cultural session

• Deeper understanding of the Six Seasons – Aboriginal connection to country, what the activities were during each seasons (making tools/hunting/gathering), where we were during each seasons, what were the plants/animals/food sources, learn how to say the Seasons and learning language.

• Knowledge of the plants as food and medicines and how they were used and how we can continue to make use of them in our lives for cures, cooking, or again bridging the gap and assisting for the animals (bees, birds).

• Encouraging students to plant their own bushtucker gardens at home/playing their role/bigger picture/encouraging animals/insects
Tucker Bush Schools Program
Maths
Science
"Bindi Bindi means Butterfly in the local Noongar language."