

REMOVED

By Prime Cut Productions

At DreamBIG Children's Festival 2023



Note for Teachers: A general 'Coming to DreamBIG' social story can be found at: [\[LINK\]](#), which includes information about entering the theatre space and general theatre etiquette.

I am coming to see a show at the DreamBIG Children's Festival. The show is called *Removed*.

The show is taking place in the Dunstan Playhouse Theatre at the Adelaide Festival Centre. The Dunstan Playhouse looks like this:



Dunstan Playhouse Auditorium

Inside the theatre, there are lots of seats. All of the seats are facing towards the stage. Everyone who is sitting watching the stage is called the audience.

Everyone in the theatre has their own seat. Once I am sitting down, I may have to wait a few minutes for everyone else to sit down before the show can start.

Once I am in my seat, the theatre will get dark. This tells me and the rest of the audience to be quiet. There may be an announcement before the actors come on stage, and the performance begins.

This is Conor O'Donnell. He is an actor. He is playing the role of Adam in *Removed*.



Adam tells his audience the story of his life, from when he was a young boy until he is eighteen. When Adam was young, he and his brother were placed into foster care, as his mother couldn't take care of him.

Adam is not a real person – his story is pretend. However, the story is based off real things that have happened to other young people. It is important to tell their story, even if it makes us feel sad.

Some of Adam's story is sad. Sometimes, when Adam is telling his story, he gets angry or upset. Sometimes he even swears. This is Conor acting.



If I find Adam's story makes me feel uncomfortable, I can close my eyes, put on headphones or earplugs until I feel better. If I feel too uncomfortable, I can leave the theatre quietly and safely. A front of house staff member will help me exit. They will have a torch to help me see in the dark theatre.

There is only one performer in *Removed*. On stage with him is a bench. Images are projected behind him like in the image below.



When the show is finished, the actors will come on stage and take a bow. The audience will clap to say thank you to the actors. Then, the lights will come up. A Front of House staff member will help me find my way to the theatre's exit.