

## Pilot – Kali Bellear

**Kali Bellear is a commercial pilot employed by Virgin Australia Airlines.**

**He is a Captain and flies the Boeing 737 passenger aircraft. His inspiration came from his father Bob Bellear, who was the first and only Aboriginal Judge in Australia.**

**While he has had to face racism throughout his life, Kali advises that to beat it, you need a good education. Kali says that if you want to achieve your goals, just never give up!**



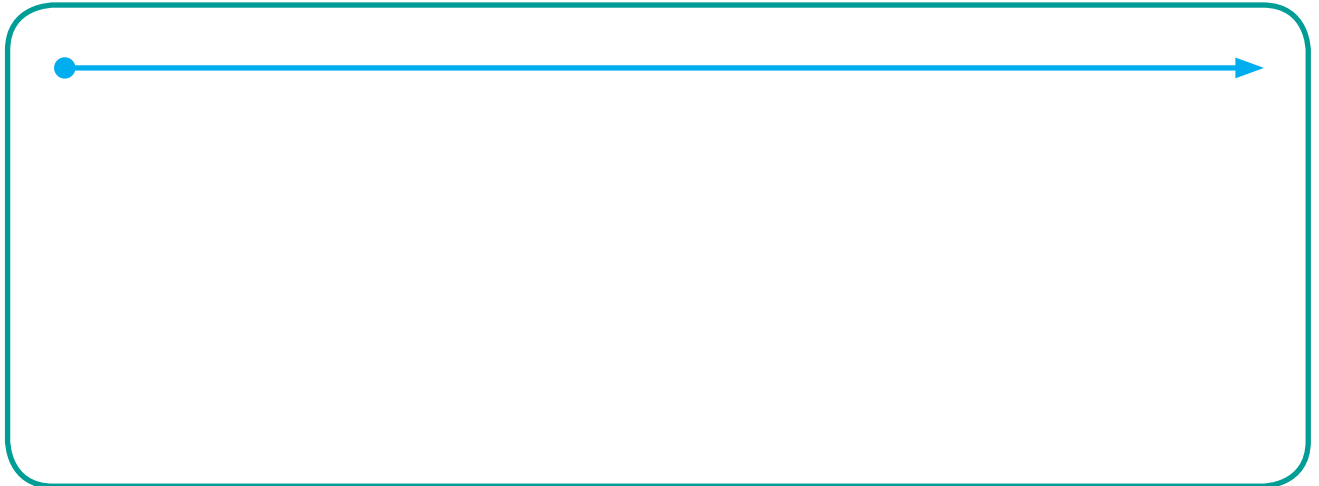
### 1 Here is a brief Autographical Recount from Kali Bellear.

To become a pilot, I have been flying since I left school. My training took two years to get a commercial pilot's licence and a licence to teach other people to fly. I then flew for two years in the Northern Territory, northern South Australia and Western Australia based in Alice Springs, flying for Ngurratjuta Air, Pitjantjatjara-Yankunytjatjara Air and Ngaanyatjarra Air. This was to service remote Aboriginal communities, taking people home from hospital, bringing them in for medical treatment and generally servicing these communities. I then flew with Hazelton Airlines until I was appointed a First Officer with Virgin Australia Airlines, eight years ago.

I got my job by studying really hard at school and TAFE and working hard to get my pilot's licence.

The personal qualities you need to do my job include a high level of manipulative skills coupled with a sound technical knowledge, and the ability to lead and communicate effectively with your crew.

On a timeline, show the steps that Kali took to become a pilot.



**2** Kali says in the clip that he faced racism throughout his life.

Racism is an extreme form of bullying, where personal power is used in a negative way. Read the scenario below and answer the following questions.

Jada likes to play basketball, and she plays with her friends on the school courts at lunchtime. Wayne often takes the basketball from the girls and throws it to his friends. He laughs at Jada and tells her that she'll never be good at it and that they should all give up. Jada feels upset and powerless.

a) Who has the power in this relationship?

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b) Why do they have the power?

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c) Do they use their power in a positive or negative way? Explain.

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**3** When these sorts of conflicts arise, clear and appropriate communication is effective in helping to resolve it.

Imagine that Jada has decided to confront Wayne about his comments and attitude towards her and her friends.

Transform Jada's **accusing statements** into **"I" statements** (statements that state how she feels when Wayne and his friends act in that way).

a) "You always call me names and put me down."

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b) "You are a real jerk when you are with your friends. It's embarrassing."

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c) "You are the cause of our problems at lunchtime. You're always being selfish and rude."

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