

BETTY AMSDEN YOUTH SCHOLARSHIP COURSE



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ABOUT THE COURSE

Our annual Betty Amsden Youth Scholarship Course is a five-day course in developmental drama for students aged 14 to 16 who are interested in performance, but would not usually have access to an intensive, practical workshop due to economic, educational, geographic or personal disadvantage. Students are guided through processes of performance-making and encouraged to extend their expressive skills, learning how to contribute as a member of an ensemble. The course concludes with an informal presentation which parents and nominating teachers are encouraged to attend. MTC staff and donors will also be in attendance.

WHEN AND WHERE

**Monday 21 September to
Friday 25 September 2020**

(first week of the spring school holidays)

10am to 5pm daily

MTC HQ

252 Sturt St, Southbank

ELIGIBILITY

Young people who:

1. Are aged from 14 to 16 years at 21 September 2020
2. Are currently enrolled in secondary school in Victoria
3. Would not usually have the opportunity to participate in an intensive drama course due to disadvantage in one or more of the following areas: economic, educational, geographic and/or social/personal

SELECTION PROCESS

Students are nominated by a teacher at their school, with only one nomination accepted per school. The selection panel, comprising MTC Education staff and the course teaching artists, selects 25 students who best meet the eligibility requirements. The panel strives to achieve a balanced mix of students according to age, gender, school type and region.

GUIDELINES FOR NOMINATION

The opportunity for students to showcase their talent is **not** the major focus of this course, so students nominated purely for reasons of ability will **not** be given preference. Teachers should consider nominating a student who may thrive if given the opportunity to develop their skills in an alternative learning environment.

TRAVEL TO AND FROM MELBOURNE

Upon request, MTC can reimburse students for train/bus fare only. Please save receipts.

ACCOMMODATION FOR REGIONAL STUDENTS

MTC can provide free accommodation to a limited number of students from regional and remote areas if they do not have relatives or family friends to stay with in Melbourne. For this option, **one parent or guardian** is required to accompany the student to provide duty of care.

Accommodation Partner:



LUNCH

Lunch and drinks will be provided on each day of the course.

EVENING EXCURSIONS

There will be one or two evening excursions to the theatre included during the week at no cost. We will advise successful nominees of the details closer to the date. Students will be supervised until the end of these excursions, but will need to make their own travel arrangements home.

SUPERVISION

MTC will supervise students during the course, including evening excursions to the theatre. MTC cannot provide duty of care outside of the course hours. If the student is staying with relatives or family friends, a contact person must be nominated by the student's family. Students are expected to make their own travel arrangements to and from MTC.

CLOSING DATE FOR APPLICATIONS: THURSDAY 6 AUGUST 2020

Students will be advised by email of our decision by Wednesday 19 August 2020. All applications are strictly private and confidential.

For all enquiries, please call 03 8688 0974.

Email this application form to:
education@mtc.com.au
Or post to: Education Administrator
Melbourne Theatre Company
252 Sturt St SOUTHBANK VIC 3006

FOR THE STUDENT'S PARENT OR GUARDIAN TO COMPLETE

Parent/guardian name: _____ Relationship: _____

At same address? Yes No Address (if not the same): _____

Phone: (H) _____ (W) _____ (M) _____

Second emergency contact: _____ Relationship: _____

Phone: (H) _____ (W) _____ (M) _____

Please list any allergies (including food allergies or requirements) or medical conditions that we should be aware of:

Please advise if your child/ward has any particular access requirements that we should be aware of:

We can provide reimbursement for travel for a limited number of regional or outer-metro students. Please only apply if there is a financial need.

Train/Bus fare for:

Student Required (please save receipts) Not required Parent/guardian Required (please save receipts) Not required

For those students who don't have anywhere to stay in Melbourne, a limited number of apartments are provided thanks to the generosity of MTC Partner City Tempo. Please only apply if the student doesn't have anywhere to stay.

Accommodation required for student and parent/guardian

Required (for this option, **one adult** is required to accompany the student to provide duty of care)

Not required

Please provide details of where the student will be staying during the week of the course:

Please provide contact details of the adult who will provide duty of care for the student during the week of the course:

Name: _____ Relationship: _____

Phone: (H) _____ (W) _____ (M) _____

If the student's nomination is successful, will you be available to attend the presentation on the final afternoon of the course at 3pm on Friday 25 September? The presentation will be under an hour. Max. 2 guests per student.

Yes No

'I hereby consent to my child/ward applying for the 2020 Betty Amsden Youth Scholarship Course.' I agree with the course conditions, as outlined in this brochure.

If I am unable to be contacted in the event of illness or injury to my child/ward while participating in MTC's Betty Amsden Youth Scholarship Course, I authorise an MTC staff member to:

- Consent to my child/ward receiving medical or surgical attention that is deemed necessary by a medical practitioner
- Consent to my child/ward receiving first aid that is deemed necessary by a qualified MTC staff member

Parent/Guardian signature: _____ Date: _____

By completing this form, you agree to receive communications from Melbourne Theatre Company. Your data will be handled securely in accordance with our privacy policy, and you may opt-out of communications at any time.

FOR THE NOMINATING TEACHER TO COMPLETE

Teacher's Name:

Student's Name:

Are you related to the student you are nominating? Yes No

If yes, how are you related?

School:

Position:

School Postal Address:

Postcode:

Phone (School):

(Mobile):

Email:

Please summarise how you think the nominated student would benefit from taking part in this program:

Please describe how you believe the student is disadvantaged in at least one of the following areas:

Please note: We don't expect nominated students to have considerations in each area, but please provide as much information as possible, as all relevant details regarding the student's situation can assist the selection panel.

1. Are there known economic challenges being faced by the student's family?

2. Are there known educational challenges being faced by the student? (Including, but not limited to, the student's aptitude in other learning areas, learning difficulties or behavioural problems, the student being under-challenged by the learning environment, or the lack of a Drama curriculum at the school.)

3. Does geographic isolation prevent the student from accessing extra-curricular Drama programs?

4. Are there any known social or personal challenges being faced by the student? (Including, but not limited to, problems at home, bullying or shyness, access/inclusion needs due to living with a disability or mental illness.) What personal qualities could the student offer to a group situation?

If the student's nomination is successful, will you be available to attend the presentation on the final afternoon of the course at 3pm on Friday 25 September? The presentation will be under an hour. Max. 1 teacher per student.

Yes No If yes, please provide a contact phone number so that we can confirm the details with you ahead of the course:

Phone:

Teacher signature:

Date: