



Hills Youth Theatre

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INFORMATION SHEET

The Hills Youth Theatre is a **Non Profit Community Organisation** aiming to provide young people with the opportunity to be involved in all aspects of live theatre. Theatre is recognised as being one of the more enjoyable and rewarding ways of promoting confidence, self esteem and teamwork in children of all ages.

VENUE: Stirling Institute on Avenue Rd, Stirling. In the Rehearsal Room.
(Enter via back verandah at the rear of theatre)

TIMES/FEES: *Fee payments are made per semester (half year/2 terms), or on a term basis.*

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| Junior | (5 - 8 years) | Thursday | 4.00 - 5.00 p.m. | \$60 term/ \$120semester |
| Junior | (5 - 8 years) | Saturday | 9.00 - 10.00 a.m. | \$60 term/ \$120semester |
| Junior Youth | (8 - 10 years) | Thursday | 5.00 - 6.15 p.m. | \$75 term/ \$150semester |
| | | Saturday | 10.00 -11.15 a.m. | \$75 term/ \$150semester |
| Youth | (10 - 13 years) | Monday | 4.00 - 5.15 p.m. | \$75 term/ \$150semester |
| | | Friday | 4.00 - 5.15 p.m. | \$75 term/ \$150semester |
| Senior Youth | (13 - 15 years) | Monday | 5.15 - 6.30 p.m. | \$75 term/ \$150semester |
| | (13 - 15 years) | Wednesday | 4.00 - 5.15 p.m. | \$75 term/ \$150semester |
| | (13 - 15 years) | Friday | 5.15 - 6.30 p.m. | \$75 term/ \$150semester |
| Seniors | (15+ years) | Tuesday | 4.15 - 5.45 p.m. | \$90 term/ \$180semester |
| | (15+ years) | Wednesday | 5.15 - 6.45 p.m. | \$90 term/ \$180semester |

TUTORS: **Judy Sampson** (Youth, Senior Youth, Senior Classes), **Di Mason** (Junior, Junior Youth) and **Lucy Russell** (Junior, Junior Youth) are the Hills Youth Theatre tutors. They have a wealth of experience in drama and theatre skills as well as in the teaching of drama.

CLASSES: The aim of classes is to provide a fun approach to dramatic art through practical experience, that is, drama games and other drama skills. Prior to productions, classes concentrate on the skills involved for that production. Rehearsals are held in either the rehearsal room or on the stage.

COMMITTEE: The Hills Youth Theatre is managed by a parent committee. If you are interested in becoming involved in the Committee, please let one of the tutors know and/or attend the Annual General Meeting which is held in March each year. Your involvement is encouraged.

PRODUCTIONS: The productions chosen for performance contain a diversity of theatrical skills, that is, drama, music, song and dance. The junior classes will not usually be involved in a major production but will present a 'performance evening' of their own towards the end of each year.

There are three major productions held each year:

Senior Production: aimed to involve the Senior Students. (August production Term 3)

Primary Production: aimed at involving all the Youth, Senior Youth & Junior Youth students. (June production Term 2, before school holidays.)

January Holiday Production: Involving all HYT students (except Junior students)

Students who choose not to be involved in productions can still attend weekly drama classes.

The Hills Youth Theatre strives for excellence and, as such, we encourage and expect this in students' behaviour and performance levels.

***PLEASE PAY PARTICULAR ATTENTION TO THE FOLLOWING:
If your child agrees to take part in a production he/she MUST attend all dress rehearsals and be available for ALL performance dates.***

It is unlikely that new students will have major parts in productions. Student selection for roles is based on experience and talent. For all students, auditions are used for selection of major and cameo roles. Please help your child to have realistic expectations about the size of the role he/she is given.

Auditions: Auditions are an important part of theatre and students are taught the process of how to audition in class time two to three weeks prior to auditions. They will be well prepared with a short monologue and a verse and chorus of a song of their choice, and conducted in class time in a safe happy environment.

Students enrolling mid-term, prior to production, may not necessarily be included in the production.

Costumes are provided, however tutors may ask you to provide small accessories, for example, tights, shirts, hat for your child. Shoes are not provided. Any assistance with costume making will be greatly appreciated. **Simple sewing involved.**

STUDENT/PARENT COMMITMENT: The Hills Youth Theatre productions are amateur shows open to the public and admission is charged.

To maintain standards total commitment to each production is expected. This means your child, if involved, must attend each performance and all rehearsals.

Each class rehearses their part during regular lessons and extra rehearsals are kept to a

minimum.

There is usually one all day rehearsal (half day for Junior Youth classes) and one or two dress rehearsals. It is at these rehearsals that the whole scenario is put together.

PARENT ASSISTANCE: For each production in which your child is involved, the Committee will ask for your assistance. **You will receive a notice with a box to tick where you would like to help.**

Examples of help are: Making costumes, collecting or preparing props, backstage assistance, ticket sales, lolly shop (Front of House), building sets, painting sets, cleaning theatre etc.

Each production requires a lot of voluntary adult assistance. Please keep this in mind.

WAITING LISTS: There are usually waiting lists as we endeavour to juggle class balances, i.e. age, gender, etc. We feel it is important to maintain friendships so try to keep friends in classes together however this is not always possible for the reasons of balance mentioned above.

NON PAYMENT OF FEES: Fees will be invoiced twice yearly at the start of each semester. It is expected that tuition fees will be paid to HYT within one month of their issue. In the event that they remain unpaid one month after one reminder letter, we will regretfully require that the student forfeit their position in their class.

OTHER INFORMATION: Classes commence at the start of each school term (Education Dept) except after the Christmas school holidays, when classes start in Week 2.

If your child wishes to **withdraw** from the Hills Youth Theatre, please advise their tutor and Melinda Butler. Students who miss three classes in succession and fail to contact their tutor or Melinda Butler will be considered as having withdrawn from the Hills Youth Theatre.

Fees will not be refunded for students withdrawn part way through term unless three months notice is given.

Parents and/or caregivers are responsible for their children **outside the stated times** for classes, rehearsals and productions.

PARKING: There are many parking restrictions around the Stirling Theatre. The CFS requires clear access to and from their facilities at all times. If you need to park to wait for your child, use the car park between the theatre and the playground, or park on the street.

Contact phone numbers and e-mails.

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