Information for parents and carers

About artsbusTV

From the Valley to the Mallee, artsbusTV is providing a platform for children and youth to get creative through film and the arts. Twelve twenty-five minute episodes are being filmed across six Victorian locations:

- Latrobe Valley (Morwell)
- Dandenong / Springvale
- Mornington Peninsula
- South Melbourne
- Geelong
- Mildura

The episode format is like a 'talk show' with a set of segments such as: guided tours of local places, child-led interviews, panel conversations, screenings of film and art made by young people. The artsbus is working with kids and teens at each location in partnership with organisations, libraries and youth services.

What is the purpose of this project?

This program is facilitated by for-purporse organisation, Artists for Kids Culture (AKC). AKC inspire children to use the arts to challenge themselves, build belief in their own creativity and improve their wellbeing.

artsbusTV is a vehicle for participants to:

- collaborate to tell stories
- celebrate young artistic talents
- be inspired and inspire others
- challenge themselves and gain confidence
- learn practical skills
- have fun and make friends!

How can children get involved?

The artsbusTV program is free and inclusive, targeting children aged 10 – 17 years old. Participants can get involved in the 'Writers Room Workshops', which involves brainstorming ideas and planning the episodes. All participants who join the planning workshops will be invited to attend the filming days, which occur over 2 – 3 different days in each location between November 2022 to March 2023. The program is designed for a group of 5 – 15 participants in each location.

To sign up your child/ren, please [complete the registration form online](#) or with the printed copy.

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Where will the artsbusTV episodes be shown?

- In-person at a launch screening hosted for involved participants and families and friends
- Online via the AKC vimeo account and website
- AKC and artsbus social media accounts (i.e. to promote the
- Channel 31 community television (free-to-air live TV)

Can my child be involved without being photographed / filmed?

Yes, children can be involved in this project 'behind the scenes' and off camera. If you and/or your child does not give consent to be photographed or filmed, please tick 'No' in the "Media Consent" section of the Registration Form.

Is this a commercial television program?

No. Artists for Kids Culture is a registered charity. artsbusTV is a community arts initiative that focuses on the process of making TV for participants to learn 'on the go'. The program is funded through grants, sponsorship and volunteer support. Children's participation in all programs is free and voluntary.

Will Artists for Kids Culture supervise my child/ren during programs?

Yes, registered children aged 8 – 17 years old will be supervised by AKC staff and volunteers, who all have valid Working with Children Checks and adhere to the AKC Child Safe Policy and Procedures. In some program locations, supervision will be supported with other youth services staff. Carers for children with disabilities are welcome to join the program and support a safe and inclusive experience. Please contact the artsbus team if a Carer will be joining the participant during the program so we can cater appropriately.

Can I get involved as a volunteer for the program?

Yes, parents/carers with a passion for the arts are most welcome to volunteer on the program. You will need a Working With Children Check and we can provide instructions on how to apply. Please let us know if you would like to get involved to support this community arts project!

Thank you for your interest in the artsbusTV program. We welcome your support of this exciting program. Please don't hesitate to get in contact if you have any questions or suggestions.

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