



3 March 2021

Dear Parents/Caregivers,

Mulkadee 2021 is back and will be a great experience for all and is a significant event in the life of our Diocese. Again, we have a spectacular line-up of Arts professionals engaged to work with your sons and daughters.

After the enormous success of Alice in Wonderland in 2018 and Peter Pan in 2019, we will pick up where we left off in 2020 and, once again, be performing a new take on a beloved children's story. Mulkadee Youth Arts Festival through Townsville Catholic Education proudly presents: *The Wizard of Oz*.

Tutorials and the final concert will all be held at the Townsville Entertainment and Convention Centre. Mulkadee focuses on the Arts and gives students the opportunity to be involved with great tutors who are experts in their field. Students also get the opportunity to meet and work with other students from across our diocese.

The date for this year's Mulkadee is **JULY 19 - 23, 2021** (including a concert on the Friday night). The students participate each day in workshops and tutorials. They will be fully supervised at all times. As noted on the Registration Form, this is a **full week event** and there is an expectation that all students attend each day **and** the Friday evening performance. **NB:** In the event of illness or unavoidable medical appointments, your school Mulkadee representative must be contacted by 8.30am. When completing the registration form, you **MUST** agree to the terms and conditions.

The Friday night concert is the culmination of the students' hard work throughout the week and a testament to their talents. I look forward to sharing this night with you all. Tickets will be able to be purchased by families from **APRIL 23, 2021**.

I would like to introduce you to our talented expert professional tutors for 2021:

- Band: (year 5 - 12) – Wyana O'Keefe
- Guitar: (year 5 -12) – Damien Hill
- Strings: (year 5 - 12) – Stephen Frewen-Lord
- Drama: (year 7 - 12) - TheatreiNQ
- Dance: (year 7 -12) – DanceNorth
- Choir: (year 4 - 12) – Rachel Cairns

NB: Year 4 students will be required **PART-TIME ONLY** - days/times to be confirmed.

Students will be advised of days to travel TO the Entertainment with their school.

(For these Year 4 students, registration is open to **Townsville schools ONLY**, or those students who will **NOT** require billeting/accommodation).

The registration fee for Year 4 students is \$80.00.

These tutors are excellent at working with students and will really bring out their strengths.

This year, your son(s) or daughter(s) will nominate for their chosen discipline online. In the areas of Dance, Drama, Strings, Guitars and Band, there are minimum standards and also a restriction on numbers.



Skill Level:

- **Band students** - should be past page 20 in either the Standard of Excellence book 1 or Sound Innovations book 1.
- **Dance students** – Mulkadee dancers need to be energetic, imaginative and hugely enthusiastic about dance. Formal dance training is not essential, but for those with experience, please indicate general skill level and dance styles studied.
- **Guitar students** - should be of school age Grade 5 and above. Nylon or steel string Guitars are welcome. Music parts are at varying levels of difficulty: Guitar 1 will use fast notes and will require students that are able to visualise patterns on the fretboard along with some medium level speed. Guitar 3 will be the easiest part. Students should be able to play basic open chords along with some slow lead parts. Clip-on tuners and Capos are required. If you wish to try out to be the electric guitarist or bassist, you must own your own guitar and bass and amps. You must feel very confident with your instrument and be capable of playing medium to challenging parts perfectly. We will hold trials for all those who wish to try out as these positions are very limited.
- **String Students** - should be of a grade 2 AMEB level, with competency in 3 sharp keys, 2 flat keys, 4 slurred bowing notes, rhythmic accuracy, dynamic ranges, some experience shifting and use of low & high 2nd fingers (violinists), extension 4th fingers (vcellists).
- **Drama students** - past and current experience in Drama. Please indicate all past and present performances/lessons/training. Any student wishing to participate in the drama workshop MUST send in a video audition. Audition Information will be sent directly to students who nominate for drama on the registration form.

Audition Information:

Drama: The lead roles in The Wizard of Oz, as well as all other speaking roles, will be chosen from Video Auditions. Auditionees will be required to perform a monologue that will be provided, to camera.

Submitting Audition Material:

Every student in the Townsville Diocese has their own google drive. We recommend uploading the audition material to Google Drive, and sharing it with mulkadee@tsv.catholic.edu.au. Please name the file Student Name - School - Audition Piece. EG – Sandra Neal - SMMC – WIZARD OF OZ AUDITION

Further details will be forwarded to those students indicating an interest in the above roles in their Registration Form.

Please go to the below website to register. You will note that parents/carers MUST agree to all terms and conditions for Mulkadee before registration can proceed. If you are having any issues or problems, please contact Sandra Neal at the Townsville Catholic Education Office on 0439 574 103 or mulkadee@tsv.catholic.edu.au.

Website address: <https://forms.gle/enjZqhpknFEhLRfA7>

(This link is case sensitive)

CLOSING DATE: APRIL 1, 2021

In 2021, we will be offering 2 separate 3 hour long workshops for Band, Dance, Drama, Guitar and Strings, in Term 2 and Choir will hold 1, separate 4 hour long workshop in Term 2. In these workshops, the students will receive their



music/script and learn the parts they should practice in the lead up to the Mulkadee event. These workshops will be held in term 2 with the dates on the registration form.

You will be notified by email if you have been successful in obtaining a place in the Mulkadee event by Monday **APRIL 19, 2021**. Payment details will be included in the successful emails.

The cost for Mulkadee 2021 is **\$80 for ALL students**. This cost covers administration fees, T-shirt and Music costs.

Your School Mulkadee Representative is Mrs Kylie Tillack or Mr Leo Hogan. They will be able to answer any questions you have.

This is a great opportunity for our students and I would encourage as many as possible to be involved.

Here is a brief outline of the week's program:

Dates, Times and Clothing:

Monday 19 July - Thursday 22 July

SCHOOL UNIFORM TO BE WORN (Dance and Drama may wear Shorts and Tights)

Start – 9:00am. Finish - 3.30pm

Friday 23 July

Full Dress Rehearsal at Townsville Entertainment & Convention Centre

Start – 9:00am. Finish – 1:30pm

Friday evening - 23 July

ALL Students to be back at 6.00pm for a 7.00pm concert start

MULKADEE T-SHIRTS AND BLACK LONG PANTS/TIGHTS TO BE WORN UNLESS OTHERWISE TOLD BY WORKSHOP TUTOR

Thank you for your enthusiasm and commitment in making this time a successful and happy one for our students.

Yours faithfully,

Sandra Neal

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