

HELPFUL INFO / PRE-VISIT

This short document aims to ensure you have the required details for;

- ☒ How to contact us,
- ☒ What to expect from your Circus Challenge incursion,
- ☒ How to prepare for the Presentation & Workshops
- ☒ **COMPLETE YOUR TIMETABLE ONLINE**; www.circuschallenge.com/previsit
if for any reason you can't access the link please try the following options;
1) use a non work or non DOE networked device
2) use the direct link: form.jotform.com/gobzirk/school-timetable

If you require any information that is not contained please contact our bookings team via email and they will be happy to assist.

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- ◆ **GENERAL ENQUIRIES PRIOR TO YOUR BOOKING DATE:**
Please email: contact@circuschallenge.com **Message Service:** 08 92544131
 - ◆ **EMERGENCY ON THE DAY OF YOUR BOOKING:**
Please contact Clinton on 0433127752 / **+61892544131**



**LIFE can
NEVER be
too
colourful,
too
exciting, or
too much
fun!**



WHAT TO EXPECT...

Circus Challenge is a fun, engaging, and hands-on experience for schools. Our aim is to get your students up and actively involved in physical and creative activities through performance and workshop classes. The Circus Challenge is not a traditional circus in the sense that we do NOT use clowns, animals and canvas tents. The Circus Challenge education program focuses on physical Education, Performing Arts and Team Building. The main difference is that the Circus Challenge experience is about your school *becoming* the Circus troupe rather than simply watching and consuming a show. Our aim is to act as ringmaster and coach to bring your creativity to life (the program aims to empower your students to create rather than just consume). Our presenters come from a variety of backgrounds including circus, physical theatre, teachers, actors and street performers. Each presenter has been chosen because of their unique skills and abilities in delivering the program. School visits may be run by a lead presenter and an assistant, however our senior and highly experienced presenters usually present as solo performers.

THE SHOW

The day begins with a whole school Circus Assembly. This 40 - 45min Circus Challenge presentation will introduce your school to the skills of the Circus. In the Spirit of the program selected staff and students will be chosen to take on the starring roles in the Circus skills presentation as the Presenter skilfully and comically acts as ringmaster. The feats performed by your peers with wow and amaze your school.

THE WORKSHOPS

Following the presentation are the circus skill workshop sessions. The workshops are an active learning class where students will learn a range of skills in a 'round robin' format. These sessions cater to 2 class groups per session or up to a maximum of 64 students. Sessions are run one after the other and can be of 30min, 60min or 90min duration (please consult your booking agreement for selected lengths). It is OK to have mix of session lengths in a single day to allow senior grades longer sessions etc. A minimum of 1 staff member is required to attend the sessions. Sporting clothes are not required but advised.

GENERAL

1) A 'CIRCUS CHALLENGE', NOT A 'CIRCUS'. Please don't worry, a circus troupe and certainly NO CLOWNS or animals will be turning up at your school. The Circus Challenge is not about sideshows and clowns but is rather presented by a highly experienced performer who will act as both Ringmaster and coach. Please think of Circus Challenge as a fun skills program not a traditional circus. The program is brought to life by YOUR participation, this is not about simply sitting and watching circus acts, this is about hands-on learning fun where your students become the stars (think "adventure camp" program). Although the presentation is filled with elements of slap-stick comedy and "clowning" skills, the presenter will not dress as clowns - Clowns kinda freak us out too! **2) NOISE.** We mention this as some students may have a sensitivity to loud cheering or clapping. **3) PARTICIPATION** Both students and STAFF will be called on to participate in the programs and shows. Students can volunteer to be involved, staff will be coerced on to stage if required :-)



**PEOPLE RARELY
SUCCEED UNLESS THEY
HAVE FUN IN WHAT
THEY'RE DOING!**

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ON THE DAY – LETS GET READY...

ARRIVAL TIME

The presenter will arrive a minimum of 30 - 45mins prior to the start time for set up. Your help with the following will ensure that they are able to “bump-in” very quickly. Please have someone available to meet the Presenter/s at your front office to show them to the correct room or location.

SHOW VENUE

Indoors is always best! If you have a hall, gym, multi-purpose room or library then this is usually the best option. Many skills in the presentation as well as the Set / Back Drop are easily effected by even the lightest breeze. If your largest most suitable venue is an outdoors undercover area, please ensure that the most wind sheltered area is chosen for the “stage”. We endeavour to be as flexible as possible in terms of space, however wind will certainly impact on the over all experience and access to the program.

STAGE AREA

Please allow a performance space of 3-4m deep and 6m wide. Our presenters ARE very flexible and can work in most spaces. This stage space listed is the desired space but we will always assess the best options upon arrival. Please do not worry too much about this as the presenter will always work with you on the event day to choose the best location.

SCHOOL PA SYSTEM

Generally this is something our presenters will bring however if you have a PA system suitable for your space please ensure that this is made available on the day. Please ensure that it is set up and working 45mins prior to the start time. If your schools does not own a PA system then a CD player is our min requirement as music is a large part of both the workshop and presentation.

SEATING

Seating is different at every school, but generally we find that the following works best as it allows everyone a far clearer view. If the Presentation is to be on an elevated stage then seating can be either on chairs or seated on the floor. If the Presentation is to be on the same level (ground) then please ensure that the majority of the students are seated on the floor (mats/ carpets etc). It can be of benefit for the senior grades to sit on chairs at the back of the audience.

AISLE

Please ensure that a 1m wide aisle is made down the centre of the audience. This is to allow easy access for volunteers to the stage. A clear way to the door or exit should also be made available.

TEACHERS

Please note that teachers will also be called on to “volunteer” in the show. If anyone is willing to pre-nominate themselves (or someone else) then we are always happy to set this up :-)

PHOTOGRAPHS

Yes we allow you to take pictures - in fact we highly encourage it! This is a great opportunity to get photos of your students and colleagues having a load of fun. It is also great for student portfolios, visual diaries and class work etc.



ON THE DAY... CONTINUED

LOCAL MEDIA / PRESS RELEASE

Inviting local media is a wonderful way of showcasing the exciting events and happenings of your school. We are more than happy to arrange for a (staged) fun, bright and colourful photo opportunity starring your students; juggling, spinning plates, hula-hooping and having fun. If you have a local media contact please contact them directly, however if you'd like for us to arrange a press release to be sent out then we're happy to arrange one for you.

SPONSORS & SUPPORTERS

As a touring Arts company we gain the support of sponsors and supporters who assist in the touring aspect of delivering this program around Australia, New Zealand and South East Asia. Usually this will involve us acknowledging them at your school and presenting student participation awards or prize packs on their behalf. We are very grateful to both our host schools and sponsors in enabling us to not only deliver an exciting and motivational program but also in allowing us to fund-raise for our outreach programs. Please see our website for more information.

SPONSORED CIRCUS EDU-PACKS FOR YOUR SCHOOL (for our Cambodia outreach)

For the past 8 years we have been travelling to Cambodia to deliver our skills in support of local not-for-profit organisations and groups. This year we are seeking the support of local companies to 'Sponsor A Circus Pack' for your school. This means that your school can receive our fantastic Circus EduPack to enable your school to continue learning the skills of the Circus Challenge, while also allowing us to fundraise for our Cambodia Outreach program. If you would like to receive a sponsored Circus EduPack and would like to reach out to local companies then we'd be more than happy to send you an information package (PDF) for you to email or print and post.

The arrangement is very simple. The Sponsor will purchase an EduPack for your school that will display a "Proudly Sponsored by..." sign on the circus storage box. Proceeds (after wholesale costs) from sales will be set aside to cover the costs of taking the Circus Challenge to Cambodia - and your school receives this awesome resource!

Please note: this pack is the full sized pack and not the sample pack.

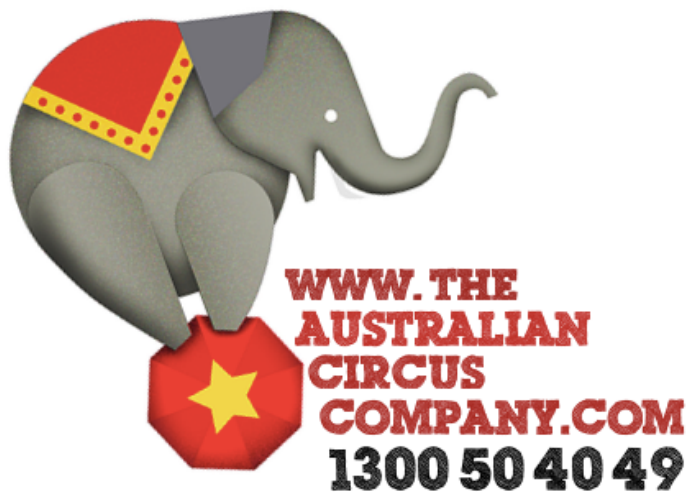
If your School would like to simply purchase an EduPack then We're be delighted to receive your support and provide you with the VIP price. Please note that unfortunately the delivery fee is set by the couriers and the cost is due to the weight of the equipment.



CIRCUS CHALLENGE EDU-PACK

This pack allows you to run a round-robin skills circuit for up to 30 students per session. with 5 students at 5 skills stations. Pack Contains; 5 diabolos, 5 spinning plates, 5 spin sticks (devil sticks), 5 sets of juggling balls, 5 sets of Twirling Poi, 5 sets of Juggling silks and access to our online teaching resources.

AUD\$375 + \$90P&H. (+GST in Australia)



PRE-VISIT CHECK LIST

- ☐ Info pack read
- ☐ Online timetable completed and submitted (no less than 1 week prior)
- ☐ Creative in school announcements (have fun with this)
- ☐ Local media invited (see www.circuschallenge.com/previsit for press release)
- ☐ Invite local businesses to sponsor a circus pack for your school in our Sports4Good project (see www.circuschallenge.com/sports4good for more info about how your school can receive a Circus Challenge Edu-Pack AND help kids in need).

ON THE DAY CHECK LIST

- ☐ Indoor venue or wind protected space selected
- ☐ Stage area of 6m wide / 4m deep available (or close to)
- ☐ aisle down centre of audience
- ☐ School PA system available & working (Auxiliary input or 3.5mm input available)
- ☐ School / class camera charged and ready
- ☐ Timetable available for all staff
- ☐ sacrificial 'volunteer' chosen from facility.
- ☐ lights, camera, smiles, action!

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