

2018 Stars of Tomorrow Talent Quest Conditions of Entry

1. The annual Murray Music and Drama Club (MMDC) Stars of Tomorrow Talent Quest will be held this year from 7.30pm at the Pinjarra Civic Centre, Pinjarra Road on Friday 25th August for heats for the 15-18 years and 19-25 years age groups and from 9am Saturday 25th August for heats for the 5-8 years, 9-11 years and 12-14 years age groups.
2. Entries close Friday 3rd August 2018.
3. The Showcase Finals will be held at 7.30pm Saturday 25th August for presentation of certificates and trophies. All participants, except the 5 to 8 year olds and 9 to 11 year olds, are required to attend.
4. The MMDC's Stars of Tomorrow Talent Quest is open to residents of the Peel Region (Murray, Boddington, Waroona, Mandurah, Serpentine-Jarrahdale), as well as the Rockingham and Kwinana areas, for persons aged between 5 and 25 years of age inclusive as at Friday 24th August 2018.
5. Entrants from 5-25 years will be adjudicated in Vocal, Acting/Wildcard, Instrumental, Dance and Musical Theatre categories. Entrants may enter into more than one section within their age group eg. Musical Theatre and Vocal. Entrants may not perform the same item more than once within their age group.
6. Instrumental entrants in any age group are prohibited from singing in their item, as the adjudication will be based on their skill in playing their nominated musical instrument.
7. The maximum time limit per item is **4 minutes for all categories** and we encourage performers to perform for at least two minutes.
8. Entrants using a backing track must email it to secretary@mmdc.com.au by Friday 10th August, 2018. Please ensure your track is in MP3 format and renamed to (Entrant Name)(Track Title).mp3, ie Mary Smith-My Heart Will Go On.mp3. If you are unable to submit in MP3 format please contact the organisers. No published music is to be played where you can hear the original artist singing or backing vocals.
9. Entrants may accompany themselves or may bring an accompanist but they will not be considered part of the act and not adjudicated.
10. Musical Theatre entrants along with backing track please supply 2-3 sentences about the show and where the song fits into the plot for the emcee to read prior to performance.
11. Any desired change of nominated song between 10th August and date of performance must be submitted in writing and approved by the organisers in advance.
12. Two corded microphones (with optional stands) are available for use. If any extra equipment is needed, please supply your own, but check with the coordinators well ahead of time.
13. The cost of entry is \$10 per item which also allows entrants to attend all sessions throughout the weekend. This can be paid by cash, cheque, money order or direct deposit and forwarded with a completed entry form (one entry form per item) to Stars of Tomorrow Talent Quest, The Murray Music and Drama Club, PO Box 68, Pinjarra, 6208. Direct deposits can be made into BSB 036171 Account 112909 entrant's name as a reference. Any refunds are at the discretion of the organisers.
14. Adjudication criteria is over three categories: Musicality/Expression, Technical Knowledge and Overall Presentation. Tied results will be resolved by counting back on the Technical Knowledge scores. The decision of the adjudicators will be final and no correspondence or discussion will be entered into. The critique and score sheets with adjudicators' comments will be available at the conclusion of the Showcase Finals on the Saturday evening.
15. No personal photographs or videos are to be taken inside the hall. Photos and DVDs can be ordered during the day from the official photographer.
16. The organisers reserve the right to use any photos for advertising purposes.
17. All entrants will receive a Participant's Certificate. The winners of the sections and age groups in the 5 – 8 years and the 9 – 11 years age groups will be announced at the conclusion of their heats on Saturday morning. The winners of the remaining age groups 12-14, 15-18 and 19-25 years will be announced during the Showcase Finals in the evening and therefore all entrants in these groups are required to attend to receive their results.
18. An entrant performing in multiple sections within their age group is entitled to win both winner and runner up as results are chosen from the scores allocated on each performance.
19. During the Showcase Finals the highest scorer and second highest scorer (winner and runner up) from each age group will receive a cash prize and are also required to perform their act again. Performances must be the same as adjudicated heat. This includes dress/costume. These performances will be adjudicated independently from the adjudication heats to determine the overall highest winner and runner up.
20. An Encouragement Award is given for each age group. It may be awarded to the winner of a section if the recipient is the only entrant in that section.
21. The Sean Read Encouragement Award will be presented by the Club.
22. The overall runner-up of the quest will receive a trophy and a cash prize, and the overall highest scorer will receive a trophy and a cash prize and will also have their name engraved on the Perpetual Shield.
23. Entrants are entitled to have a family member or support person attend the adjudication heats for free.
24. Accompanying friends and family members are required to pay for a ticket. Adults are \$10.00 and children (17 years and under) are \$5.00. This entitles them to attend all heats and the Showcase Finals.
25. Refreshments including tea, coffee, sandwiches, drinks and snacks will be available for sale from the kiosk during the day, and at the interval during the Showcase Finals.
26. All entry fees, tickets and kiosk proceeds go towards meeting the administrative costs of running the event. No staff are paid. The event is completely staffed by volunteers, supporters and sponsors.