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Southern Stars 2025 - Expression of Interest

Dear Parents/Carers,

Our school is participating in the **Southern Stars - The Arena Spectacular** for 2025 and we would like to offer the opportunity for interested **Stage 2 and 3** students to be a part of this event. This large-scale, annual event is held at the WIN Stadium in Wollongong, and offers thousands of public school students from Years K-12 an opportunity to showcase their talents with live singers and a live orchestra. More information about this amazing event can be found at the website

<https://www.southernstarsarenaspectacular.com/>

Please note that we can only allow this opportunity if we have adequate student interest.

Participating students from TAPS will perform as part of a 'mass dance group', whereby they will perform a routine with 5-6 other primary school groups, as well as perform in 2 finale routines with the entire cast of the show. This exciting opportunity provides lasting memories for students.

Details for the event so far include:

Cost

Parents/carers will need to cover the cost of the following:

- Rehearsals room hire fee – approximately \$10
- Costume - TBC - approximately \$70 (some of the cost **MAY** be subsidised by the school)
- Southern Stars Hoodie (*OPTIONAL*) - \$50

Thomas Acres Public School will cover the cost of the following:

- Student participation fee
- Southern Stars T-Shirt (to be worn during performances)





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Rehearsals

2 rehearsals throughout Term 2 and/or Term 3 - **Dates and Venue TBC**

1x Mass Dance Rehearsal - WIN Entertainment Centre - **Date TBC**

*Once dates and venues are confirmed, a note will be sent home.

Show Week: Technical and Dress Rehearsal

Wednesday 27th August - Mass Dance Rehearsal - WIN Entertainment Centre

Thursday 28th August - Mass Dress Rehearsal - WIN Entertainment Centre

Show Week: Shows

Friday 29th August – Matinee (10am) and Evening (7pm) - WIN Entertainment Centre

*Parents are responsible for looking after their child between the matinee and evening show, including picking them up and returning them for the next performance.

Saturday 30th August – Matinee (2pm) and Evening (7pm) - WIN Entertainment Centre

*Teachers are responsible for looking after students between the matinee and evening show.

NOTE: Students **MUST** be committed to **ALL** rehearsals and performances. Please thoroughly look at all dates and ensure there are no clashes with other commitments.

Transport

Parents are required to transport their child on the above dates as part of agreeing to participate in Southern Stars. In previous years, some parents have coordinated carpooling to reduce the amount of travel.

***Pending numbers and costs, we may consider chartering buses to assist with some of the trips, and a note will be sent home if this option is available.**





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My child _____ of class _____ would like to participate in Southern Stars - The Arena Spectacular 2025.

I understand that:

- Parents/carers are responsible for covering rehearsal and costume costs
- It is **the parents/carers' responsibility to transport their child to and from all rehearsals and performances**
- Students **MUST** be fully committed to the rehearsals and performances
- Students will be filmed with footage distributed to other schools for the purpose of rehearsals
- Our school's involvement in the show is subject to adequate student and parent/carer interest.

Parent/carer name: _____

Signature: _____

Date:

