

WORK EXPERIENCE AT MALTHOUSE THEATRE 2008

PLEASE READ THE FOLLOWING BEFORE APPLYING FOR WORK EXPERIENCE

Malthouse Theatre offers up to six work experience placements across any one year. The number of placements available is dependent on each individual season and whether the production is being produced by Malthouse Theatre. The work experience dates we offer do not always coincide with those allocated by a school. However, as opportunities to do work experience in a theatre setting are rare, we ask that students and schools are flexible and be willing to attend outside their school's allocated work experience week.

What types of activities are involved in a work experience placement at Malthouse Theatre?

Work experience at Malthouse Theatre offers students a unique behind-the-scenes look at the final week of technical preparation and rehearsal of a production.

During this production week, the set has already been constructed and is ready to be bumped into the theatre. The lights will be patched, hung and focused. Towards the end of the week, the actors will be brought into the theatre to rehearse with the set and technical elements. Due to safety regulations work experience may involve more observation than participation, however there are a number of tasks that students could be called upon to assist with. These could include last minute set painting or construction, helping the stage manager with assembling props in the theatre, or "walking" on stage to assist the lighting designer to plot lights and test effects. There may also be an opportunity to assist with wardrobe.

Students might also find themselves assisting in the Malthouse Theatre administration office by carrying out such tasks as preparing education resource notes for a production, reading scripts, photocopying or working on a mail out. The vast majority of tasks are limited only by your interest and enthusiasm.

Now that you know all this, the most important question to ask yourself is: "AM I GENUINELY INTERESTED"? If so please forward an introductory letter and a resume that outlines your interest in theatre, and your involvement and achievements. Some things to include:

- Personal contact details including name, phone number, email
- School details
- Subjects taken at school
- Experiences with Drama, Theatre, Dance, Design, Costume, Sound or Lighting
- Copies of any awards received
- Activities you are interested in out side school
- Names of two referees
- A short paragraph that tells us why you would like to do work experience at Malthouse Theatre

Email your application to: education@malthousetheatre.com.au
Mail it to: Education Program Manager, Malthouse Theatre
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