

January 2010

Dear Principal/Music Teachers



RE: TALENT DEVELOPMENT PROJECT

The Talent Development Project (TDP) provides training and development for outstandingly talented students with the motivation and ambition to enter the entertainment and music industries.

Nominations are currently being sought for singers, songwriters and/or groups, to participate in auditions for the new intake of the TDP. This course begins in August 2010 and students graduate in August 2011.

Auditions are open to Public School students from Years 10, 11 and 12. Up to four students can be nominated from each school. Performing Arts High Schools may nominate up to six students. Outstanding junior students from Year 9 are also encouraged to audition.

Students will be asked to submit a DVD of two performances (please make sure the DVD is in a format that will operate on a DVD player as well as a computer). From these DVDs, suitable students will be invited to take part in live auditions to be held in April 2010.

Students are encouraged to remain actively involved in performing arts within their school and the wider community.

Please return nomination form and DVD to Robyn Philpot, Project Coordinator/Manager, by 19 March 2010.

For more information on the TDP please go to the TDP website: www.talentdevelopmentproject.org.au. We look forward to your response to this exciting opportunity for your talented young performers.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Mary Lopez', written in a cursive style.

Mary Lopez AM

**For the Board of Directors
Talent Development Project Inc
Artistic Director, Talent Development Project
January 2010**

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TALENT DEVELOPMENT PROJECT (TDP)



STATEMENT OF OBJECTIVES

"To develop the talents and careers of young Australian performers and song writers, through working with the entertainment community and providing unique industry experience."

The Talent Development Project aims to:

- 1. Identify talented senior students within the Department of Education and Training who are sufficiently advanced, and who show a real interest in making popular entertainment a career.*
- 2. Develop performing and creative skills.*
- 3. Provide ongoing rehearsal and expert feedback on performances.*
- 4. Create situations in which students can rehearse and perform team productions and solo shows.*
- 5. Provide participants with the opportunity to participate in selected public performances.*
- 6. Assess the development of learners' performing and creative skills progressively and in a final graduation performance.*
- 7. Provide up-to-date career advice and information, with guidelines for developing personal career development plans.*

Graduates leave the TDP with:

- 1. A clear understanding of their way forward within the entertainment industry.*
- 2. The ability to establish their own network of contacts in the entertainment industry.*
- 3. The ability to perform successfully in public and pursue performance opportunities.*
- 4. The ability to compose original songs.*
- 5. The ability to work with others in the industry to further develop their skills.*
- 6. The ability to market and promote themselves.*

TDP DVD AUDITION GUIDELINES

1. Students should present two pieces of **contrasting** styles
2. Students nominating as songwriters must include at least one original composition on audition DVD, and if possible, include a CD of compositions.
3. Ensure that nomination forms and DVDs are submitted by **Friday 19 March 2010**.
4. Auditions must be recorded on a DVD format that will operate on individual DVD players as well as computers.
5. Ensure that the quality of the video shows performers at their best, vocally.
6. Check that the recordings do play and have good quality sound.
7. All DVDs must be clearly labeled (School, Student Name, Item Names)
8. A separate DVD and nomination form is required for each nominated performer.
9. Each item duration must not exceed 3 - 4 minutes
10. All DVDs should be addressed as follows:

**Attention: Robyn Philpot
TALENT DEVELOPMENT PROJECT
AUDITIONS
35 Harbour Street
Darling Harbour NSW 2000**

or deliver to:

**Robyn Philpot, Project Coordinator/Manager
Talent Development Project Inc.
Sydney Entertainment Centre Reception between 9am & 5pm
35 Harbour Street, Darling Harbour NSW 2000**

11. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call:
Robyn Philpot, 02 9320 4245 or
email: robyn@talentdevelopmentproject.org.au

**NOTE: Audition videos will not be returned to students or schools.
Please retain a copy for your own records.**

All students will be notified of their video audition results by end of March 2010.

TDP Nomination Form

(Principal and Teacher please complete page 1)

Student's Name:
Given Names Family Name

School Year: Pathways: Yes No

Student auditioning for: Core Program Junior Program
Years 10, 11 & 12 Year 9

School: District:

School Address:
.....Post Code:

School phone: School fax:.....

School Principal's Name:

Principal's Comment
.....
.....

Principal's Signature: Date:

RANK: 1 (highest) 2 3 4 5 6

Please indicate your ranking preference as only 4 videos (6 from Performing Arts schools),
from each school will be viewed.

Contact Teacher's Name:.....

Teachers Email address:.....

Contact Teacher's Comments: (Please include reliability, behavior, attitude & progress.)
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.....

Signature: Date:

TDP Nomination Form

(Student and parent/guardian please complete both page 2 & 3)

Student's Name: AGE:
Given Names Family Name

Home Address:
.....Post Code:

Home phone: Student's mobile.....

Students Email address:.....

I am aware of the audition for the Talent Development Project and give permission for my child's involvement.

Parent's Name: (please print)

Parent's Signature: Date:

Performer Information

What type of performer are you? i.e. vocalist, band, singer, guitarist, songwriter etc
.....

What is your performance style?
(e.g. Country, Music theatre, Jazz, Contemporary, R&B, Rock)
.....

Are you a songwriter? If so how many songs have you written;
.....

Performance Experience: **2009 three most significant performances or awards**
Date Venue Event

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.

Please attach
a photo

TDP Nomination DVD Audition Form

PRELIMINARY AUDITIONS will be by DVD ONLY

(Please submit a separate DVD for each nominated performer)

Items Performed on audition DVD

Title 1 Composer

Original Performer.....

Style

Title 2 Composer.....

Original Performer.....

Style

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