

MELBOURNE INTERNATIONAL COMEDY FESTIVAL'S

CLASS CLOWNS



CRASH COURSE WORKSHOPS

Crash Course is a workshop program for students (years 7 – 12) developed by the Melbourne International Comedy Festival. The program offers a tailored 90 minute – 2 hour workshop for students with a professional comedian, resourced and trained by the Festival's Education and Development department.

These workshops are often delivered as part of existing wellbeing programs at secondary schools and colleges around the country, and can complement your existing Drama, English and public speaking initiatives. Class Clowns uses artistic activities such as drama, performance and writing to hone comedic talent, build self-esteem, confidence and resilience, and coach students to find their voice and articulate their perspectives.

Additionally, Crash Course workshops can be an excellent first step for schools and students who are interested in registering for the Melbourne International Comedy Festival's Class Clowns Secondary School Comedy Competition – the foundational training, skills and confidence instilled by these workshops helping students plan their material.

More information on the Class Clowns program (including workshops and the competition) can be [found here](#).

Workshops can be delivered either in-person at your school or online via our digital classroom via Zoom.

FROM OUR END WE WOULD PROVIDE:

A professional comedian to facilitate a comedy workshop – the workshop would include warm up/games and activities, as well as storytelling/sketch exercises. All facilitators have a current Working With Children check that can be supplied upon request.

FROM YOUR END WE WOULD REQUIRE:

In-person workshops:

- A room that has some space to move around in, some chairs
- If possible but not compulsory – equipment to play some music and show comedy clips via YouTube
- A teacher present to supervise
- A maximum of 25 students per workshop

Digital classroom:

- Students with internet access to log into our Zoom digital classroom

The total cost for a workshop is \$500 + GST (plus travel costs for in-person workshops, depending on the location of the school, college or community organisation).

Our **Class Clowns Comedy Handbook** resource is available for free to download – for more info [click here](#).

'Our Comedy unit has become a highlight of the Year 9 school year for not only the students and teachers but parents and the wider community. Developing their own comedy act is a chance for our students to articulate their ideas and understandings; in effect creating their own social commentary of the world in which they live.' **Susan Cole, Melbourne Girls' College**

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