

2026 YOUTH AMBASSADOR NOMINATION FORM

INTERESTED IN THE ARTS? APPLY TO BE A MECC YOUTH AMBASSADOR TODAY!

MECC Youth Ambassadors are inspired individuals who are young advocates of the creative arts. Budding drama performers, singers, dancers, sound designers, lighting technicians, curators, producers, or simply attentive audience members are invited to apply to be part of this engaging program. Our YA program is the cultural link between schools and arts performances and productions.

CRITERIA

- Enrolled in grade 10-12
- Must have parental permission
- Must be able to attend regular workshops, meetings or training sessions
- Be willing to positively advocate the MECC and its programs and performances, including but not limited to public speaking opportunities
- Have the support of one teacher at your school who will liaise with the MECC Engagement team
- This is a voluntary position

INCENTIVES

- Free ticket for YA for each performance included in the MECC Schools Entertainment Program
- First access to MECC performing arts workshops
- Work experience opportunities
- Behind the scenes access to performances
- Written reference letter from the MECC Manager (on successful completion of program)

DUE DATE

Applications must be received by the 20th February 2026. Please apply by emailing your application to meccsalesandmarketing@mackay.qld.gov.au.

NOMINATION QUESTIONS - MUST BE ANSWERED

Nominating students **MUST** respond to the following questions as part of the evaluation for the position of MECC Youth Ambassador.

Please respond in full sentences, in your own writing, and on a separate page which you will attach to this application.

- *Why do you want to be a MECC Youth Ambassador in 2026?*
- *How would you act as an advocate for the MECC, informing and promoting MECC events and opportunities to your peers and wider school community?*
- *Why is the MECC an important and integral part of the community?*
- *Are you an active social media participant?*
- *Do you have access to reliable transport in order to attend MECC events?*
- *Are you open to experiencing a range of events at MECC and committing to participating in the program regularly and enthusiastically?*

CHECKLIST - PLEASE ENSURE THE FOLLOWING IS SUBMITTED AS PART OF YOUR APPLICATION

Completed nomination form with signatures

Nomination questions on separate page

PRIVACY STATEMENT

You are providing personal information which will be used for the purpose of delivering services and carrying out council business. Your personal information is handled in accordance with the Information Privacy Act 2009 and will be accessed by persons who have been authorised to do so. Your information will not be given to any other person or agency unless you have given us permission or the disclosure is required by law.

If you have any questions regarding the 2026 MECC Youth Ambassador Program or your application, please call the MECC Engagement team on 4961 9767.

BOX OFFICE: 07 4961 9777

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ENTERTAINMENT
CONVENTION
CENTRE **MECC**

PERSONAL DETAILS:

Student name:

School/College:

Age and grade in 2026:

Address:

Phone number:

Email address:

PARENTAL PERMISSION:

Parent/ guardian name:

Parent signature:

Phone number:

Email address:

TEACHER SUPPORT:

Name:

Subject:

Phone number:

Email address:

Signature:

*By signing this form you recognise your student's involvement in the Youth Ambassador program.
You agree to liaise with the MECC Engagement Officer regarding the performance of the student in this
program via email and telephone if required.*

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EMAIL: MECCTICKETS@MACKAY.QLD.GOV.AU

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WHY DO YOU WANT TO BE A YOUTH AMBASSADOR?

HOW WOULD YOU ACT AS AN ADVOCATE FOR THE MECC, INFORMING AND PROMOTING MECC EVENTS AND OPPORTUNITIES TO YOUR PEERS AND WIDER SCHOOL COMMUNITY?

WHY IS THE MECC AN IMPORTANT AND INTEGRAL PART OF THE COMMUNITY?

ARE YOU AN ACTIVE SOCIAL MEDIA PARTICIPANT?

DO YOU HAVE ACCESS TO RELIABLE TRANSPORT IN ORDER TO ATTEND MECC EVENTS?

ARE YOU OPEN TO EXPERIENCING A RANGE OF EVENTS AT THE MECC AND COMMITTING TO PARTICIPATING IN THE PROGRAM REGULARLY AND ENTHUSIASTICALLY?

YOUTH AMBASSADOR GENERAL GUIDELINES

DRESS CODE : AT EVENTS

Once you receive your ambassador shirts, please wear these at any of our official events which are listed on your calendar and in your events and duties booklet.

Please wear suitable attire with your shirt when at MECC events. Use this as your benchmark: if you wouldn't be allowed to wear it at a school event, then please don't wear it at the MECC.

If it is a more casual event, like a workshop, you may wear appropriate casual and comfortable bottoms with your ambassador shirt.

CONTACT: MECC

If you need to contact the MECC for any reason, please email the Engagement Team – meccsalesandmarketing@mackay.qld.gov.au.

If the matter is urgent, please call the Box Office on 49619777.

We will stay in touch generally via email and a Facebook Group, however do not hesitate to contact us with any issues.

Your parents are also welcome to contact the Engagement Officer with queries at any time.

Although we would like to establish a Facebook Group for communication/networking purposes, it is NOT compulsory for you to have a Facebook/social media profile – if you are generally not a social media user, you will simply use other means to spread the word amongst your peers.

Your use of social media as a MECC Youth Ambassador is really up to you and your parents/guardians.

FRIENDS OF THE MECC/EMPLOYEES OF THE MECC

We ask that you always treat our staff and the Friends of the MECC with the utmost respect. Please always keep in mind that the Friends are strong supporters of the ambassador program and treat them as such. Please keep in mind that MECC staff are always very busy and will need you to follow instruction, not only to be efficient, but also to keep everyone safe.

If you ever have any issues at the MECC, whilst performing your ambassador duties, please report your concern to the Engagement Officer immediately.

ADMISSION/PARTICIPATION : EVENTS

Ambassadors will receive entry at no cost to official ambassador events only (check your calendar or with the Engagement Team if you are unsure which events this includes).

Only ambassadors can receive free entry to events, it is not possible for another person to attend an event in an ambassador's place, for free.

Your tickets to any event will be organised for you by the Engagement Officer and will be available for collection by you only from the Box Office.

At some events, you will be allocated an extra free ticket which you may share with a friend – a 'peer ticket.' The idea of these tickets is for you to use your privileges as an ambassador, to encourage a peer to attend the theatre.

It would be particularly worthwhile if you invited someone who you know might enjoy visiting the theatre, but may not normally have access.

We strongly recommend that each time you have access to one of these 'peer tickets' you invite someone different every time.

The Engagement Officer will inform you when a 'peer ticket' will be available to ambassadors prior to the event.

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It is not compulsory to participate in every event. In fact, some events will be more appropriate for the musicians among you and some will be more appropriate for the drama students etc.

However, don't let the year pass by without making sure you are participating as much as you possibly can... this is a unique opportunity that won't come again.

PARENT/GUARDIAN CONSENT

It is essential that your parents are aware of and okay with your participation in the MECC YA Program. Please ask them to read and sign the parental consent form.

This form is to ensure your parents are aware of the content of our program and are okay with you experiencing the content of the program. If there are any events your parents/guardians would not like you involved in, they have the opportunity on this form to indicate that.

Obviously, some events are appropriate for a very young audience and some are more appropriate for an upper secondary audience. Please peruse the program with your parents, Google the shows or theatre companies, call and ask the Engagement Officer questions and let us know what you are okay with participating in.

BEHAVIOUR

MECC Youth Ambassadors represent themselves, their families, their school and the MECC when they are at events or participating in the program. Your behaviour should always reflect this.

We ask that you bring your enthusiasm, passion and enjoyment of all things cultural to each and every event you attend. MECC Youth Ambassadors are role models for their peers and set the example when it comes to youth and participation in the Arts.