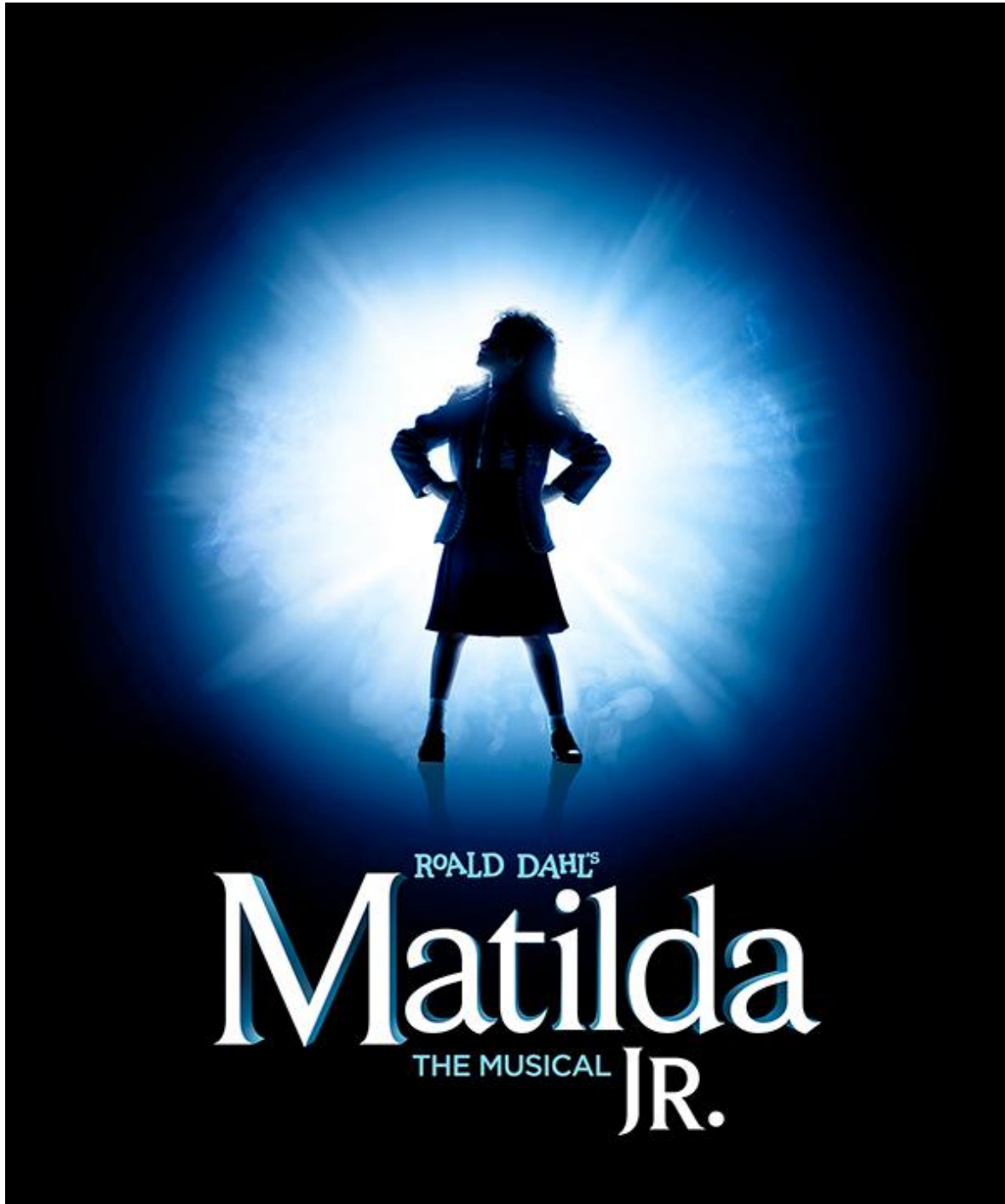


Wonga Park Primary School
Production Handbook 2025

Prep

September 3 & 4 at Mount Lilydale Mercy College (Centennial Hall)



Last Update: 30/8/2025

Dear Families,

We are thrilled to announce that our 2025 Production is *Matilda Jr.* – a heartwarming, hilarious, and high-energy show based on Roald Dahl's beloved book. *Matilda Jr.* follows the story of a gifted girl with extraordinary powers who dares to stand up to injustice with courage and kindness. Packed with catchy songs, clever dialogue, and powerful messages, this show is sure to delight! This exciting opportunity allows students to express their creativity, build confidence, and experience the magic of live performance.

This handbook contains all the key information you need as we work together to make *Matilda Jr.* an unforgettable experience for students and families alike. Please keep the link to this handbook as we will update the document as we can provide more information. Don't hesitate to reach out if you have questions.

Warm regards,

Tim Phillips

Performing Arts Teacher

Performance Dates & Times

Dress Rehearsal Day: Wednesday September 3 during the school day

Show dates: Wednesday September 3 and Thursday September 4 in the evening at 7PM

Venue: Mount Lilydale Mercy College – Centennial Hall

Prep students will be involved in both performances. However, each student in Prep will perform on just **ONE** of the nights. Information about what night each student will perform will be provided early next term.

Student Involvement

All students in Prep will be performing in the ensemble/chorus on one night where they will be on stage for a few musical numbers.

Grade 3-6 students will also be involved with a separate handbook created with their information.

Rehearsals

From later in Term 2, students will rehearse their musical numbers during their Performing Arts classes. Students may also rehearse with their classroom teacher at other times. Closer to the performance dates, students will rehearse with the rest of their year level as we run the show in full.

Costumes

Costumes are chosen to reflect the style of the show while ensuring students feel

comfortable and confident on stage. Our Prep students will be wearing costumes as part of the school production. We'll be asking families to help provide costume items for their child.

Guide sent home:

We kindly ask that you help your child put together a simple costume based around what they would like to be when they grow up/any adult job which can be represented with a costume. There is no need to buy anything new unless you want to. Feel free to get creative with what you already have at home or borrow items from family and friends. With book week also coming up this term, it could be an opportunity to double up the costume with this. Here are some simple costume ideas:

- **Doctor/Nurse:** White shirt, toy stethoscope, and a name badge
- **Chef:** Apron, wooden spoon, and a chef's hat
- **Builder:** Flannel shirt, tool belt, and a hard hat
- **Artist:** Old shirt as a smock and a paint brush in a pocket
- **Firefighter/Police Officer:** Dark pants, shirt, and toy badge or helmet
- **Hairdresser:** Hairbrush, spray bottle, apron
- **Musician:** Band shirt, toy instrument, sunglasses on head
- **Dancer:** Leotard, tutu, or dance outfit
- **Scientist:** Lab coat, goggles
- **Veterinarian:** Lab coat, toy animal in pocket
- **Farmer:** Overalls, gumboots, straw hat, toy animal or produce in pocket
- **Pilot:** Shirt, tie, captains hat, plane badge

If your child isn't sure what they want to be yet, that's okay! Just choose something fun that they're interested in right now.

When choosing a costume, please keep in mind that student's hands need to be free to perform, so a pocket to place any item related to their chosen job would be ideal. They also need to be able to move freely and safely so please ensure the costume doesn't present as a trip hazard.

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Hair

Students are asked to arrive at the performances with their hair styled so that it is neat and off their face so we can see them clearly.

Production Levy

To support the costs involved in putting on the show, a production levy will apply. This levy helps cover essential elements such as:

- Bus transport to and from Mount Lilydale Mercy College for the dress rehearsal
- Sets, lighting and props
- Theatre hire, licensing fees, and technical equipment

The production levy and excursion permission is now available on Sentral. The cost is \$25. We kindly ask families to provide permission as soon as possible to help us with planning. Payment isn't due until 22nd August.

School Savings Bonus Reminder:

Families who wish to use their School Savings Bonus towards the production levy are encouraged to log in to the SSB portal before 30 June 2025 and allocate funds to "Activities." After this date, any unallocated SSB funds will be transferred as a general credit to family accounts—but this transfer may take 4–6 weeks, making them temporarily unavailable in early Term 3. Please also email the office to confirm that you would like the allocated 'Activities' amount to go towards the production levy.

Tickets

Tickets for our school production of *Matilda Jr.* will go on sale on Monday 4th August at 7:00pm.

How to Book Tickets

Tickets will be available via <https://www.trybooking.com/DDHDN> from 7:00pm on Monday 4th August. We encourage families to book early so as not to miss out.

There are two levels of seating: Stalls/Lower and Balcony/Upper.

Please note: Bookings are final and non-refundable, so we recommend checking the cast list and your availability carefully before purchasing.

Being Community Conscious

To ensure everyone has a fair chance to attend, we ask families to be community conscious in their bookings. If seats were evenly shared, it would allow for around 4-5 tickets per student. Whilst this is not a hard limit, we kindly ask that families keep this in mind during the first week of ticket sales to help ensure every child has someone there to cheer them on. We understand that some families may need fewer tickets, and others more. We trust that our community will book with fairness in mind.

Accessibility

There are a number of accessible seating options available on the lower (stalls) level, marked with the accessibility symbol when booking. These are ideal for those using wheelchairs or other mobility devices. If you require accessible seats and they have already been sold and are no longer showing as available, please contact the school. If anyone in your booking group requires additional accessibility support, please contact the school prior to booking so we can do our best to accommodate your needs.

Cast Lists

Below is the cast list for prep students showing their allocated performance. Please check this before booking your tickets. Each prep student is in the performance on one night. Grade 3-6 students are in the ensemble for both performance nights.

MATILDA JR. PREP PERFORMANCE NIGHT CASTING

Name	Roll Class	Performance Night
Airlie	00A	Wednesday 3rd September
Arlo	00A	Wednesday 3rd September
Koby	00A	Wednesday 3rd September
Kai	00A	Wednesday 3rd September
Emmett	00A	Wednesday 3rd September
Louie	00A	Wednesday 3rd September
Mia S	00A	Wednesday 3rd September
Ruby	00A	Wednesday 3rd September
Talia	00A	Wednesday 3rd September
Mia H	00A	Thursday 4th September
Aston	00B	Wednesday 3rd September
Sophie	00B	Wednesday 3rd September
Braxton	00B	Wednesday 3rd September
Harvey	00B	Wednesday 3rd September
Leo	00B	Wednesday 3rd September
Maggie	00B	Wednesday 3rd September
Zoe U	00B	Wednesday 3rd September
Isla	00B	Wednesday 3rd September
Billy	00C	Wednesday 3rd September
Chase	00C	Wednesday 3rd September
Jayla	00C	Wednesday 3rd September
Tanner	00C	Wednesday 3rd September
Taya	00C	Wednesday 3rd September
Leo	00C	Wednesday 3rd September
Surina	00C	Wednesday 3rd September
Addi	00C	Wednesday 3rd September

Name	Roll Class	Performance Night
Ariana	00A	Thursday 4th September
Leo	00A	Thursday 4th September
Hazel	00A	Thursday 4th September
Mia T	00A	Thursday 4th September
Boston	00A	Thursday 4th September
Zoe	00A	Thursday 4th September
Oscar	00A	Thursday 4th September
Alira	00B	Thursday 4th September
Hunter	00B	Thursday 4th September
Mia	00B	Thursday 4th September
Lara	00B	Thursday 4th September
Maddox	00B	Thursday 4th September
Miller	00B	Thursday 4th September
Ayla	00B	Thursday 4th September
Zoe C	00B	Thursday 4th September
Ivy	00B	Thursday 4th September
Nixon	00B	Thursday 4th September
Bonnie	00C	Thursday 4th September
Caspian	00C	Thursday 4th September
Elliot	00C	Thursday 4th September
Lucy	00C	Thursday 4th September
Marley	00C	Thursday 4th September
Mikayla	00C	Thursday 4th September
Ted	00C	Thursday 4th September
Zara	00C	Thursday 4th September
Zac	00C	Thursday 4th September

Dress Rehearsal Day

All students involved with the production will attend a dress rehearsal day on Wednesday September 3 at the theatre at Mount Lilydale Mercy College. This will help students feel comfortable with the performance space, lighting, sound and backstage area as we complete a full run of the show. Students will catch a bus from WPPS to the venue.

This will be a big day for students, as it includes both the dress rehearsal and the evening performance. To support their wellbeing, we will structure the day with regular breaks for snacks, lunch, and rest, ensuring students are able to manage their energy levels. After the rehearsal, students will go home for a rest and a chance to eat before returning in the evening.

Lead Characters

Some lead characters may be asked to be dropped at the theatre at Mount Lilydale Mercy College early on the dress rehearsal day so they can rehearse on the stage before the other students arrive.

DRESS REHEARSAL DAY
Wednesday 3rd September (9-3:30)

Location: Mount Lilydale Mercy College

Bus Information

- First bus shuttle leaves Wonga Park PS at 9am (Preps, Grade 6, Grade 5/6 Lead Characters, Featured Soloists, Specialist Dancers, some Stage Crew)
- Second bus shuttle leaves Wonga Park PS at 9:40am (Grade 3, Grade 4, all remaining Grade 5s)
- Buses must leave on time.
- All buses will be back at WPPS by approximately 3PM

What to Bring

- As previously communicated, please wear your costume to school on this day. This will be sent home before the dress rehearsal day. Please wear a jacket to cover the costume whilst eating throughout the day.
- *Lead Characters* will change into their costume at the venue.
- Please pack a backpack which has snacks, lunch, water bottle and quiet card games/colouring books/pencils/activities which students can use in down time. Teachers will also bring some of these things. No iPads or other technology please.
- Plenty of breaks are scheduled for students during the day so they can eat and have some play time.

Performance Evenings

Wednesday 3rd September and Thursday 4th September

Location: Mount Lilydale Mercy College

Drop Off

All students must be signed in to a supervising teacher by an adult. If they are being taken home by another person, please let their classroom teacher know via email or let the teacher know when you drop them off so we can take note.

- **Lead Cast:** Drop off between 5 and 5:30PM (Leads who require support with hair and makeup, please arrive at 5).
- **Featured Soloists and Specialist Dancers:** Drop off at 6PM.
- **Prep Chorus/Grade 3-6 Chorus:** Drop off between 6:30PM and 6:45PM.
- The performance begins at 7PM.

What to Bring

- **All students:** Please bring a full drink bottle with water only.
- **Prep Chorus/Grade 3-6 Chorus/Specialist Dancers:** Please arrive in your full costume with hair and makeup (if using) completed.
- **Featured Soloists:** Please arrive in your mum/dad costume.
- **Lead Characters:** Will change into their costume at the theatre.
- Students might like to bring some quiet games/activities to play with whilst they wait. No iPads or other technology please.
- It can get cold in the gym out the back, so we recommend students bring an extra jacket for when they aren't performing.

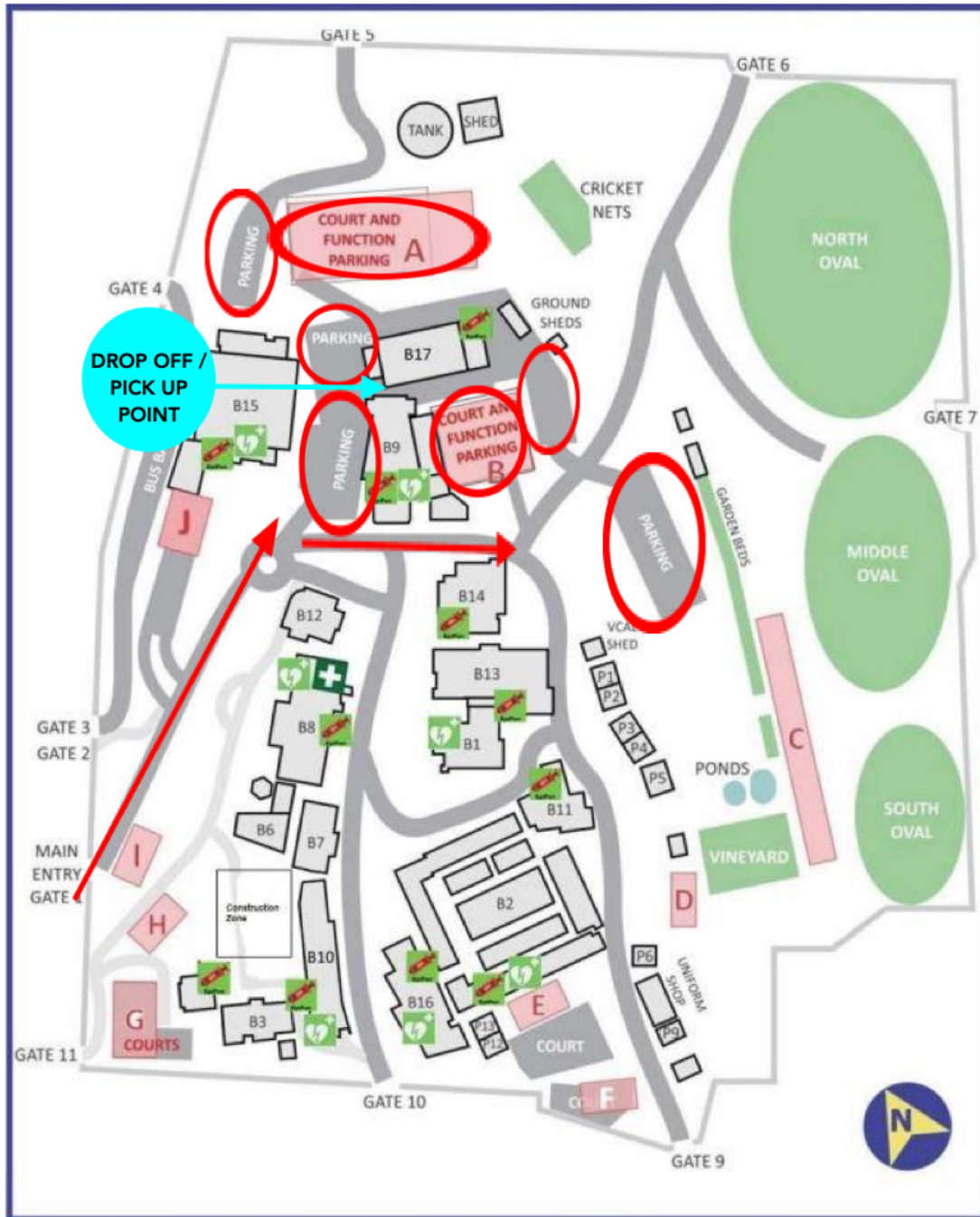
- Some students might benefit from headphones, earplugs or loops in this space to help dampen the echo in the gym.

Pick Up

- At this stage, pick up will be from approximately 8:30pm for *all students*. We will confirm this time at the start of next week once we have run the show a few times and have a more accurate time.
- Pick up after the show is inside the gym (where you dropped them off but inside the building). Students must be signed out by an adult from a supervising teacher.

PARKING AND DROP OFF / PICK UP LOCATIONS

- The drop off location is at the entry to the gym. This is located at the back of the theatre. Please see the map below (blue arrow).
- Once lead characters are signed in, the students can come to the dressing room in the theatre (they will have been shown this location on the dress rehearsal day).
- If you are just dropping your child off for the performance and then leaving, please drive to the drop off point and carpark attendants/supervising teachers will assist and direct you to the exit.
- Parking is in the designated areas in the red circles on the map below. Please adhere to all parking signs and instructions from parking attendants to help manage the traffic flow and other users of the school.



Production T-Shirt

We're excited to offer a special *Matilda Jr.* t-shirt for students involved in this year's production! These t-shirts are a fun keepsake and a great way for students to feel part of the cast and proud of their contribution.

T-shirts are **not** compulsory, but students may enjoy having one to wear during rehearsals, for some of Term Three on special production days, and as a reminder of this exciting experience.

How do I order the t-shirt?

Orders can be placed via [TryBooking - https://www.trybooking.com/DDHDI](https://www.trybooking.com/DDHDI) and are due by Friday, August 8th. The t-shirts cost \$25 each.

What is the t-shirt design?

The t-shirt will be black with a custom design printed on both the front and back. A design preview is below so you can see what they'll look like.

Please note: Fonts, logo size, and small design details may vary slightly in the final printed t-shirt.



What size t-shirt is my child?

Please refer carefully to the below size guide when ordering.

Refunds cannot be provided for ordering of incorrect sizes.



TS37K Kids' 100% Cotton Semi Fitted Tee Shirt

MODERN FIT	2K	4K	6K	8K	10K	12K	14K
Half Chest	32.5	35	37.5	40	42.5	45	47.5
Body Length	41	45	49	53	57	61	65

Weight & size measurements are for guidance only

TS43 - MENS PREMIUM COTTON FACE S/S TEE SHIRT

SIZE	XS	S	M	L	XL	2XL	3XL	5XL	7XL
HALF CHEST	49.5	52	54.5	57	61	64	67	73	79
BODY LENGTH	70	72	74	76	78	79	80	81	82

When can my child wear their *Matilda Jr.* t-shirt at school?

At school, students will be able to wear their t-shirt from when they arrive until the end of Term 3. They can wear them to the dress rehearsal day and performances. Outside of school, they're welcome to wear it anytime as a fun reminder of the show.

Accessing Rehearsal Music

To support students in learning their songs and practising at home, music tracks and other resources will be uploaded to the link below. We hope that this allows you to help your child/ren to also rehearse their parts outside of school so they feel confident on stage.

Prep music link:

<https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1HNHI7SC2QJ7Ix6e9WNKz87qhIoGoSRJW?usp=sharing>

How You Can Help

Productions like this rely on a strong community, and we'd love your help! Opportunities include:

- Assisting with organising, sewing and fitting costumes.
- Helping with set or prop building and painting.
- Front of house support.
- Other support you think you can provide!

If you can help out in any way, please complete this form and we will be in touch:

<https://forms.gle/EFYwgPV8GFPjbxSq6>

FAQ'S

This section will be updated as required

My child will be away for the performances, what should I do?

Please let your child's classroom teacher know. Students will still learn their songs in performing arts classes.