

Hello!

My name is Eddie, and I'm the current President of the Melbourne Arts Students Society (M-ASS). Arts Camp is my absolute favourite thing we do, and we're very excited to have your child on it with us this year. This document mainly stands to give you my contact details for the weekend, and give you a little information about how it will be run.

### **Leaders, Qualifications, and Expectations**

Camp is only possible thanks to the huge team of Leaders that help run it: 40 other students who have been an integral part of the society for the past year, and who have attended Camp in the past. We follow stringent qualification requirements put in place by UMSU (the student union), and as such every single Leader has a Responsible Serving of Alcohol (RSA) certificate and most have their First Aid and CPR; some also have their Mental Health First Aid. We roster Leaders on a variety of shifts across the weekend, and at all times half of them will be 100% sober in case of emergency and drivers are needed. In addition, two fully qualified medics will accompany us for the weekend.

We have a strict zero tolerance policy for drugs and BYO alcohol on camp. We have been granted a temporary liquor licence, and as such alcohol can only be provided through us. We also have a strict zero tolerance policy for bullying, racism, sexism, discrimination, sexual harassment, and sexual assault. All attendees are expected to abide by the code of conduct outlined by the University (which can be found here: <https://students.unimelb.edu.au/campus-life/policy-and-conduct/respect-at-the-university>). Any person who is found to be exhibiting these behaviours will not be permitted to remain at camp, and they will be driven to the nearest train station (Traralgon Station) immediately and their emergency contact will be contacted. The safety and wellbeing of our attendees is our highest priority, and all our procedures are in place to ensure that everyone feels welcome, comfortable, and safe.

### **COVID-19**

We have developed an extensive COVID Safe Plan in accordance with current Government restrictions and University guidelines. This will be implemented alongside the venue's own COVID Safe Plan. We will still be enforcing capacity restrictions on activities, and limiting the times that everyone is gathered together. Additionally, masks will be required on the buses to and from the venue, and we will encourage wear when social distancing is not possible. We have ample stock of face masks, hand sanitiser, rapid antigen tests, and cleaning products that will be used throughout camp.

Friday morning before we depart on buses, all attendees will need to sign a Health Declaration form to ensure that we are not bringing anyone who is experiencing symptoms, awaiting test results, or COVID positive. If symptoms develop whilst on camp and a positive RAT result is received, the camper will immediately isolate. Campers sharing a cabin with any individual who returns a positive test will be RAT tested and monitored for symptoms. If this circumstance should arise, we will work

closely with the venue's and UMSU's policies to ensure camper safety. Please contact me if you have further questions in relation to a positive test result on camp.

### **Reception and Contact**

Licola Wilderness Village has no reception, and we will be mostly off-the-grid for the entirety of the weekend. This is one of the things we love about Camp, and what people rave about, as it encourages everyone to make friends and just enjoy their time. Despite no reception, we are well positioned in the case of an emergency. The closest hospital (Heyfield Hospital) is a 45-minute drive, and there is a CFA located directly in Licola itself.

I have hired a satellite phone for the weekend (0424 216 187), and will carry it on myself at all times. **This should only be used in case of emergencies.** The Licola front office is manned 9am-5pm, and will most likely be able to answer your call. Any calls outside of these hours will need to be to my satellite phone. I want to give students the best Camp experience possible, so please ensure you only contact me in case of emergencies.

We will be in constant communication with venue staff, and have radios to connect our medics, executive team, and welfare team.

### **Licola Wilderness Village**

5 Jamieson Road, Licola VIC, 3858

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<https://www.licola.org.au/>

### **Eddie (M-ASS President)**

0451 040 901 (my mobile, for before we lose reception)

[arts.president@gmail.com](mailto:arts.president@gmail.com)

0424 216 187 (the satellite phone, for **emergencies** once we are at Licola)

If you still have concerns or questions, please don't hesitate to contact me via my number above or my email address.

Sincerely,

Eddie

M-ASS President