

Variety Motor Mouth Camp

- Families

Guidelines



The Variety Motor Mouth Camp (VMMC) is for children who use Augmentative and Alternative Communication (AAC) systems, and their families. There will be lots of fun activities, where your child will get help to develop their AAC skills, and for the whole family to feel more confident using AAC.

The camp is held in October each year, starting on a Friday afternoon and concludes on a Sunday late morning at **The Lea Scout Centre/Hobart Bush Cabins**. Exact dates will be announced each year. The camp is hosted and organised by Variety Tasmania with the help of teachers, therapists and AAC communicators. The camp is free for families to attend.

What we hope you will get out of the camp

- You and your child will learn new skills using AAC.
- Your child will have a chance to use their AAC with other people who use AAC in new settings.
- You will build friendships and a strong sense of community with other families who attend.

Who can attend our camp / eligibility

- Your child and family must live in Tasmania
- Your child must be using an AAC system (e.g. iPad with Proloquo2go, LAMP, TD Snap, other AAC app, PODD book, or other AAC system)
- Your child must be 6-18 years of age.
- The camp is for the whole family. Your child must attend the camp with at least one adult family member/carer. It is best that the whole family attends.
- Your child and family must have an interest in developing your AAC skills and be willing to take part in all activities at the camp.
- Your child must be able to participate in small group activities in a busy environment.

Examples of camp activities / schedule

- Group based communication therapy.
- Family activities to practice using AAC.
- Fun activities for your child's siblings.
- Parent workshops / networking.
- Mentoring from adult AAC users.
- Fun evening activities for everyone.

How to apply to attend VMMC:

1. Fill out the online application form available via our website <https://tas.variety.org.au/variety-motor-mouth-camp/>



You need to complete a separate application for each child who uses AAC.

2. Your child's speech pathologist must fill out a 'Speech Pathologist Referral Form' and may be phoned to discuss your application. The Speech Pathologist can be from your child's school or their private Speech Pathologist.

Extra information:

- Please note, spaces for the camp are limited.
- If your application is successful and you can no longer attend, please let the Variety team know as soon as possible either on info@varietytas.org.au or 03 6248 4888. This means that another family will be able to take your place.
- If your application is unsuccessful, you can apply to attend the camp next year.
- You must complete a survey at the end of camp. This is a chance to give important feedback about your experience and the effectiveness of the camp.
- You (parent/carer) are responsible for your child/children's supervision and safety at all times during the camp.
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If you need more information, please contact Variety at: info@varietytas.org.au or phone 03 6248 4888