



## Variety Motors Motor Mouth Camp Guidelines & Eligibility document Child (AAC user) & families

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Variety Motor Mouth Camp (VMMC) was first held in Western Australia in 2011, and now it's coming to Tasmania!

The camp is for children who use Augmentative and Alternative Communication (AAC) systems, and their families. We are organising lots of fun activities, where we will help your child develop their AAC skills, and help the whole family feel more confident using AAC.

The camp is running from **Friday 7 – Sunday 9 October 2022** at **The Lea Scout Centre/Hobart Bush Cabins**. A group of therapists and teachers are working with Variety to organise the camp. The camp has been funded by a grant from The Motor's Foundation.

### 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 new people in a new setting
- 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 8-18 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 work well 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 brothers & sisters
- Parent workshops / networking
- Mentoring from an adult AAC user
- Fun evening activities for everyone

### How to apply to attend VMMC:

1. Fill out the online application form at the link below:  
<https://www.variety.org.au/tas/programs/mmc/>

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.

Please ask them to fill out the form at the link below:

<https://www.variety.org.au/tas/wp-content/uploads/2022/03/Variety-Motor-Mouth-2021-SP-referral-form.docx>

#### Extra information:

- If your application is successful and you can no longer attend, please let Variety know as soon as possible. This means that another family can get your space.
- 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
- The camp is free for families to attend thanks to the generous support of the Motors Foundation

#### IMPORTANT DATES

<b>4 April 2022 – 3 June 2022</b>	Send in your online application
<b>June 2022</b>	We will be reviewing all the applications
<b>July 2022</b>	We will let you know by email, if your application was successful or not
<b>October 2022</b>	The camp is on from Friday 7 <sup>th</sup> – Sunday 9 <sup>th</sup> October

If you need more information, please contact Variety at: [events@varietytas.org.au](mailto:events@varietytas.org.au) or (03) 6248 4888