



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

The Variety Motor Mouth Camp (MMC) was founded in 2011 and was created with the intention to assist children who have limited speech and use augmentative & alternative communication aids (AAC) to express themselves. The camp is an immersive experience, encouraging the user and their family to fully embrace their device and incorporate it into everyday life.

Every year a committee (MMCC) of specialised therapists and parents, organise and run the camp alongside Variety staff. The camp in help September/October and combines fun, development, and recreational activities for all involved, whilst fostering opportunities to build meaningful connections with other individuals in the AAC community.

Objectives

- To increase confidence & competence of AAC user with their device
- Improve and increase system use by user and family
- Build friendships and sense of community for all attendees

Eligibility

- Applicants must reside in WA
- Applicant must be using AAC device (eg. Tobii Dynavox, Accent, Nova Chat, iPad with AAC app)
- Applicants must be aged between 6-18 years of age
- Applicants must have at least one adult family member / carer who is able to attend camp for the full duration
- Applicant (and family) must be willing to be involved / want to improve their AAC use
- Applicant must be able to work in small groups in busy sensory environment
- Applicant must have Speech Pathologist that can support the application (form completion), and be available for additional discuss if required.

Examples of camp program / schedule

- Group based communication therapy (AAC user)
- Family activities linked to AAC use / skill practice
- Sibling recreational activities
- Parent workshops / networking
- Mentoring from adult AAC user
- Fun evening activities (incorporating AAC use)



How to apply to attend MMC:

1. Complete the online application form available here <https://www.variety.org.au/wa/programs/mmc/>
2. Include the supporting documentation completed by the Speech Pathologist;

Additional information:

- Successive places are not guaranteed for previous attendees
- If unsuccessful, applicants may apply for future years' camps
- If your application is successful and you can no longer attend, please notify the Program Coordinator as soon as possible so the space can be re-allocated.
- A survey may be requested to be completed at the end of camp for feedback and measuring impact
- There is no cost to the family to attend camp

KEY DATES FOR 2021

3rd May – 4th July 2021	Application open
July 2021	Applications are reviewed
Early August 2021	Outcome letters are sent to applicants/families (via email)
October 2021	Friday 1 st – Sunday 3 rd Camp running

If you require further information, please don't hesitate to contact the Kids Support team at: kidssupport@varietywa.org.au or 9355 3655.