



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 complex communication needs 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 volunteer therapists organise and run the camp alongside Variety staff. The camp is held in 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.

Our Values

- Equality – We believe everyone deserves a fair go in life.
- Community – We believe it takes a community to raise a child.
- Action – We believe in rolling up our sleeves and getting stuff done.
- Joy – We believe in the importance of life and laughter.

Objectives of Camp

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

Eligibility

- Applicant must reside in WA.
- Applicant must be using AAC device* (e.g., Tobii Dynavox, Accent, Nova Chat etc.)
- Applicant must be aged between 5-14 years.
- Applicant must have at least one adult family member or carer who is able to attend camp for the full duration. It is ideal that the whole family attends to gain maximum benefit.
- Applicant (and family) must be willing to be involved in activities with a desire to improve their AAC use and skills.
- Applicant must be able to work in small groups in a busy sensory environment.
- Applicant must have a Speech Pathologist that can support the application (form completion) and be available for additional discussion if required.



Examples of camp program / schedule

- Group based communication activities (AAC users, family, and siblings).
- 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:

Complete and submit the online application form by no later than Sunday 2nd June 2024.

Additional information:

- *Camp is suitable for children with all levels of device experience, with priority given to emerging device users.
- Camp is held at Point Walter, Bicton. Staying overnight is recommended although not compulsory.
- There is no cost to families to attend.
- Families are encouraged to attend with all parents and siblings.
- A survey will be requested to be completed at the end of camp for feedback and measuring impact.

KEY DATES FOR 2024

27th March	Applications open
2nd June	Applications close
June	Applications are reviewed by the committee
28th June	Outcome letters are sent to families via email
September (date TBC)	Pre-camp information session held online for all participants
21st September	Saturday 21 st to Monday 23 rd September Camp running

If you require further information, please don't hesitate to contact the Program Coordinator via email mmc@varietywa.org.au or phone 9355 3655.