



NIDA VENUE INFORMATION

NIDA OPEN

The National Institute of Dramatic Art (NIDA) is an independent company limited by guarantee incorporated on 22 January 1959. The parent body is an entity registered under the *Higher Education Act 2001* and its performance spaces are approved for use as Entertainment Venues. Its full time courses are accredited under section 7 of the NSW *Higher Education Act 2001*.

NIDA is the Australian national theatre school; a centre of excellence in education and training of specially selected students for careers in theatre film and television.

NIDA Open utilises the resources and facilities of the parent Institute to provide community access to part-time courses, short courses, master classes, seminars and productions. NIDA Open offers short courses in theatre, film and television to provide an introduction to NIDA's training and creative processes as well as the broad range of career opportunities in the entertainment industry.

NIDA has Public Liability Insurance cover.

All NIDA Open tutors are highly skilled theatre, film or television practitioners and teachers. All NIDA tutors teaching young people have a valid Working With Children Check.

All NIDA tutors are briefed as to the nature of the workshop including the ages of the children, the content of the workshop and any special requirements the school or the students may have. The teaching program and class activities will be conducted in a safe and appropriate manner by the NIDA Open tutor.

The rehearsal rooms used by NIDA Open are those used by NIDA for its theatre school training and are designed for drama activities. School children participating in a NIDA Open workshop will be instructed as to appropriate behaviour and conduct in the rehearsal room for their safety. NIDA Open administration and management staff will be available on the workshop day to support and ensure that the drama workshops are carried out in an appropriate way. If a supervised tour of NIDA has been requested, then all teachers and students must wear closed-in shoes when walking through the NIDA scenery, props and costume areas.

NIDA is committed to the effective management of health, safety and environment issues and its policies and procedures are incorporated into its Workplace Health, Safety and Environment Handbook. This handbook deals with a broad range of issues including emergency evacuation procedures, incident and hazard reporting, workshop safety, personal security and the role of its WHS Committee. A copy of the Handbook is available to all staff and full time students to reflect the shared responsibility of everyone at NIDA to provide a safe and healthy environment. Emergency procedures are based on Australian Standard AS3745 (2002).

NIDA endeavours to provide the most suitable and up to date equipment to train its students. NIDA's equipment and facilities are subjected to a maintenance program. Appropriate training and Personal Protection Equipment is provided to ensure all equipment is used in a safe manner.

NIDA is able to provide wheelchair access to most of its venues. Other special needs of students will be accommodated to the best of NIDA's ability.

For further information regarding school student workshops, please contact NIDA Open and ask for the Course Manager (Schools), Kellie Mackereth.

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