**Southern Stars – Design Team 2024**

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| **Title** | Design Team – Southern Stars 2024 |
| **Description** | Expressions of interest are invited for the voluntary position of Design Team for Southern Stars 2024. |

Southern Stars is an annual arena spectacular held in the WIN Entertainment Centre, Wollongong with audiences of 12,000 each year. Open to all NSW public school students, it is a powerful, inspiring and energetic show featuring vocalists, dancers, circus performances, drama students and a mass choir to a live orchestra.

Since 2001, more than 50,000 public school students have been given the unforgettable opportunity to experience performing in the event. Southern Stars has cemented itself as a highlight in many schools’ annual calendar.

Staff involved give freely of their time in a **voluntary capacity.** Staff relief is paid for days when the successful candidate is required to attend rehearsals and show week. The majority of the rehearsals take place on the weekend and school holidays. Show week would require four days commitment and school holidays and weekend rehearsals approximately 20 days.

The event takes place in Wollongong although members of the current team reside all of NSW. Meetings currently take place online, with rehearsals based in Wollongong.

Southern Stars 2024 will commence the creative process shortly. The successful candidate would be required to commit until August 2024. The Design Team member may have the option to renew their position in 2025.

**Role Description**

Design Team member as required:

* Develop design ideas and suggestions for fabrics, colours and patterns for the costumes.
* Prepare detailed costume outlines
* Prepare detailed costume descriptions and sewing instructions which could be executed by sewing novices and/or
* Research possible fabric outlets or costume suppliers and communicate to schools
* Liaise with schools regarding the purchasing of costumes
* Attend the dress rehearsals to address any issues relating to costumes.
* Work with the choreographers and Dance Director to develop costumes which will support the choreography of each item and ensure that the creative vision for the item is adhered to in terms of intention, colour and style.

**Essential Criteria**

* Teaching qualifications and/or recent school or performance-based experience.
* Demonstrated understanding of large scale productions and expertise in one or more areas of the production.
* Excellent interpersonal, communication and organisational skills.
* Demonstrated willingness to work collaboratively with the Southern Stars Team.
* Ability to work outside regular school hours and attend creative and production team meetings, auditions, weekend rehearsals, mass rehearsals and show week as required.

**To Apply**

Attach a maximum of one additional page addressing the selection criteria and email to Sharon Buikstra, Operations Manager, Southern Stars, at southern.stars@det.nsw.edu.au by **4.00 pm, Friday 8 December 2023, extended 24.2.24**

One of the referees listed must be the applicant’s current principal or supervisor for non-school based teaching staff.

| **More information\*** | **Response** |
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| **Related link** | [Southern Stars - The Arena Spectacular](https://www.southernstarsarenaspectacular.com/) |
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