**Competition Entry Form**

**COscars (Castlemaine Oscars) 2025**

**WHAT ARE THE COSCARS?**

The COscars is a youth film festival featuring a short film competition that aims to showcase the talents of young people aged 10-20 years.

Selected entries will be presented to the public at the COscars Youth Film Festival in November 2025 in Castlemaine.

Prizes will be given to the winning film in each category:

* 1. Snapshot:

10-14 years $50 cash

15-20 years $50 cash

* 1. Short:

10-14 years $100 cash

15-20 years $100 cash

c) Short Film (15-20 years): $150 cash

**JUDGING CRITERIA**

**Snapshot and Short categories:**

Creativity, originality and story-telling will be more highly considered in judging than production quality. You don’t need a flashy camera to make a great short film. You can use any type of camera – mobile phone, tablet etc.

**Short Film:**

Judges will consider production quality, creativity, originality and story-telling.

It is recommended that you film in landscape mode (16:9 aspect ratio) with your device horizontal, not vertical. That way, it will look great on the big screen at the film festival.

**FILM COMPETITION RULES**

For your film to be eligible, there are a few rules to enter.

1. **Eligibility**

Submission to the COscars is open to anyone aged 10 – 20 years who lives, works, studies or recreates in Central Victoria.

All key roles (eg Director, Writer, Cinematographer, Editor, Actor) must be aged between 10 – 20 years.

1. **Categories**
2. Snapshot: runtime less than or equal to 1 minute
3. Short: runtime between 1 – 5 minutes
4. Short Film: runtime between 5-10 minutes
5. **Submission Deadline**

Entries must be submitted by midnight on Sunday 1st October 2023.

1. **Genre and film making technique**

Your film can be any genre or theme and you can use any kind of filmmaking technique (including animation, stop motion or live action). Don’t forget to film in landscape mode (16:9 aspect ratio) with your device horizontal, not vertical.

1. **Film Classification Rating**

All films must be the equivalent of G or PG classification. This means the content, including language and themes, must be suitable for all ages. So no over-the-top violence, drugs, swearing or sexual content. If your film cannot be shown at a public screening for families then your film will not be eligible.

1. **Music**

All music used in your film must be original (made by you), or you must have permission to use another person’s music.

1. **Consent**

All cast members (actors) must have consented to having their image and name used in the film.

1. **Multiple entries**

You may enter more than once.

1. **Authorisation**

Entering a film in the COscars Film Competition implies the acceptance of these rules.

**HOW TO ENTER?**

Email your Entry Form to [**youth@mountalexander.vic.gov.au**](mailto:youth@mountalexander.vic.gov.au) along with your film as one of the following:

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| **ZIP FILE** | Compressed file (or zip file) via email or USB |
| **DROPBOX** | How to share your film via Dropbox:   * Sign in to Dropbox. * Hover your cursor over the file or folder you'd like to share and click Share when it appears. * Click ‘Copy link’. * Paste the link into an email and send. |
| **GOOGLE DRIVE** | How to share your film via Google drive:   * Right click the file, then select ‘share’ and ‘copy link’. * Paste the link into an email and send. * Make sure General Access is set to ‘Anyone with the link’ and ‘viewer’ |
| **YOUTUBE** | How to share your film via YouTube   * Upload your film to YouTube. * Click ‘Share’ to get link. * Copy the link. * Paste the link into an email and send. |

For more information on the COscars or for help with submitting your film, contact Shannon Lacy, Youth Development Officer on 5471 1826 or [youth@mountalexander.vic.gov.au](mailto:youth@mountalexander.vic.gov.au)

**ENTRY DETAILS**

**FILM TITLE:** ………………………………………………………………………………………………………

**SYNOPSIS:** (100 words max.)

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**DIRECTOR(S)**

NAME(S): ……………………………………………………………PRONOUN(S): ……………………………………

AGE(S): …………………. TOWN(S):

CONTACT PHONE NO: ……………………………………………………

CONTACT EMAIL:

**FILM CATEGORY:**

🞎 Snapshot (runtime less than or equal to 1 minute):

 10-14 years

 15-20 years

🞎 Short (runtime between 1 – 5 minutes):

 10-14 years

 15-20 years

🞎 Short Film (runtime between 5-10 minutes): 15-20 years

**CONSENT:**

Have all cast members (actors) consented to having their image and name used in the film?

🞎 Yes

🞎 No

**MUSIC:**

Have you used another person’s music in your film?

🞎 Yes

🞎 No

If yes, do you have permission to use it?

🞎 Yes

🞎 No

**Privacy Statement:**

Mount Alexander Shire Council collects this information for the purposes of processing and considering your entry to the COscars 2025. We will use the information we collect from you only for these purposes and will not disclose personal information unless authorised by you or as permitted or required by law. Your information is treated as confidential and managed in accordance with Council’s Information Privacy Policy.