

Riverside



Riverside Theatres and the Big Laugh Comedy Festival are pleased to announce the second **Kickstart Class Clowns** Comedy Competition for High School students, as part of the 2006 Big Laugh Comedy Festival at Riverside Theatres and in association with the Melbourne International Comedy Festival.

Kickstart is the NSW statewide comedy competition for high school students in years 9-12. Finalists will compete for the State Final title and the prestige of becoming the NSW Comedy Hero. The State Final takes place at Riverside on Sunday 2nd April at 2pm, hosted by a celebrity guest and judged by members of the comedy industry, searching for the best of the best.

The winner of Kickstart will jetset to Melbourne to compete in the National Grand Final as part of the 2006 Melbourne International Comedy Festival.

Kickstart provides a real opportunity for aspiring comedians to enter the professional realm of comedy. They will gain valuable skills in writing, rehearsing and performing through the workshops hosted by a professional practicing comedian.

Last year's Big Laugh competitor Tobey Duncan went on to Melbourne where he competed at the Grand Final. After co – winning the Grand Final he has since performed as a guest stand-up comic on the Footy Show (Channel 9) and in live stand up spots at Sydney's Comedy Store.



Tobey Duncan – Co-winner, Class Clowns 2005 Melbourne International Comedy Festival in association with Kickstart Class Clowns, Big Laugh Comedy Festival 2005

PRIZES

The NSW KICKSTART Class Clowns Champion will win:

- \$250 cash prize
- \$250 for your school!
- A fully paid trip to Melbourne (with a family chaperone) to represent NSW in the National Class Clowns Final, with the chance at winning even more prizes for themselves and their school.

Supplementary prizes are also awarded for

- Most Original Concept
- Wittiest Script
- People's Choice
- Courage Under Fire Award

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WORKSHOPS FOR THE FINALISTS

The Kickstart Class Clowns State Final will be held on Sunday 2nd April 2:00pm. There will be heats in the week preceding. Kickstart will provide half day workshops with an expert comedian at the heat on Monday March 27th and the final on Sunday April 2nd, to put a professional polish to their acts.

WHO CAN ENTER?

All High School students from Years 9 – 12 are eligible.

GUIDELINES

Acts must be Original and Funny! They must include a maximum of 3 students and be a maximum of 5 minutes long. Your performance must be stage able (we will supply microphones and basic lighting cues all other props must be able to be carried on and off by performers). Most importantly, acts must not be offensive.

HOW TO ENTER?

Teachers can enter students interested in participating OR
Students can enter privately [with permission from parents and teachers]

Entry fee is \$22 (inc. GST) per act.

There is a registration form enclosed:

Please return this form by **10 March 2006** and you will be invoiced for the registration fee.

For more info teachers can download a Teacher's Guide from www.biglaughriverside.com.au

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