



An invitation to attend the 2019 Special Children's Christmas Party at the Melbourne Showgrounds!

On Saturday 7th December we are once again hosting the largest, FREE, Christmas Party for Special Children. This is our 24th year Anniversary and it will run from 9.30am until 1.00pm in the Grand Pavilion of Melbourne Showgrounds.

A 4 hour stage show featuring many artists will keep the children entertained. There will be activities such as merry go-rounds, jumping castles, face painting and much more. With all this fun to be had, they will need all the food, drinks, and ice creams, which we will provide for free. Of course no Christmas party is complete without Santa and after his arrival the toy room will be open each child will receive two beautiful presents.

We would like to extend an invitation to perhaps some of the children in your care to attend this wonderful event. You can request your invitations online. You can also update all your details from there. Due to the privacy act, we do not need to know the names of the children; just an indication of their age (by ability), gender and whether they would like an invitation.



Eligibility

The children eligible to attend the party must fall into one or more of the following categories:

- Vision Impairment

- Hearing Impairment
- Intellectual Disability
- Physical Disability
- Mental Health Conditions
- Victims of abuse
- Seriously ill
- Autism

Priority should be extended to **children with moderate, severe or complex needs.**

Another group who we accept requests for invitations are the following:

- Children who come from underprivileged circumstances

Other Requirements

- Children up to and including year 6 equivalent.

I cannot stress strongly enough how diligent we need to be in the distribution of the invitations. The basic rules for distributing the invitations are these:

- The child must fall into one of the categories listed above and be up to and including a year 6 equivalent.
- Children must be accompanied by parents or caregivers. There will be no child minding facilities available.
- Siblings are more than welcome to join in on the fun of the day, go on the rides and enjoy the food, however, they won't be allowed to go through the Toy Room to receive any presents. **Please do not include siblings in your request**

Please note: Each year we have more requests for invitations than we are able to supply. Therefore whilst we do our very best to meet your requirements we cannot guarantee that you will receive all that you ask for.

If you would like to register or have any questions please email Mrs Te
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NO LATER THAN THURSDAY 29th AUGUST 2019