

Bees

Presented by Polyglot Theatre and Abbotsford Convent for Convent Kids

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About Polyglot Theatre

Polyglot Theatre is a world-renowned contemporary theatre company based in Melbourne making exceptional arts experiences for children and families. Our unique brand of theatre encompasses a wide variety of forms and is shared with audiences everywhere, from the world's most prestigious theatres to the football grounds of regional Australia.

Polyglot's artistic and philosophical approach of child-centred practice has earned us a strong reputation at home and abroad as a leader in the Theatre for Young Audiences sector, celebrated for creating distinctive, participatory works that are playful and conceptually rigorous. Access is central to our work at Polyglot, driven by the right of all children to experience growth and resilience through creative play.

About Abbotsford Convent

Just four kilometres from Melbourne's CBD, Abbotsford Convent is Australia's largest multi-arts precinct—a place of art, culture and learning.

The Convent is home to a vibrant creative community, wellbeing practitioners, a gallery, cafes, a radio station, two schools, and an abundance of green open space. The Convent Kids annual program provides accessible, child centered art and education programs year round, building creative thinking and imagination in young children.

We look forward to welcoming you to our special place.

Session Information

Venue

Bees will be held in the Heritage Garden at Abbotsford Convent.

Access

For access information, please visit polyglot.org.au/events/bees-acf-2022

Length

Each *Bees* session will run for 45 minutes.

Acknowledgements

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Before *Bees*

You are going to Abbotsford Convent to be part of an experience called *Bees* with performers from Polyglot Theatre.

Abbotsford Convent is a collection of very old buildings and gardens.

To get to the Convent, you will come down St Heliers Street. If your family is driving, you might park in the St Heliers Street carpark.



You will enter the Convent through the main entrance on St Heliers Street (Gate 1).

Your family will need to check in with a QR code, and show your vaccination certificates or exemptions.



Bees will be happening in the Heritage Garden. To get there, you will follow the paved path, past the cacti and signpost, around to the right and between the plants and the buildings.



Soon, you'll come to a big grassy lawn on your left. This is the Heritage Garden.



There will be friendly Abbotsford Convent and Polyglot staff members who will let you know that you're in the right place for *Bees*.

There will be colourful signs, and a large structure that looks like a honeycomb. If you want to touch it, please be very gentle. There will be colourful mats scattered around the grass.

Other families will also be arriving, and they will be part of *Bees* too.

Some Polyglot people you might meet at *Bees* are:

Emily



Freya



Hannah



Rainbow



There may be other Polyglot people there too.

You can say hello to all of these people, and play with them during *Bees*.

During *Bees*

When it's time for *Bees* to start, a Polyglot person will gather everyone together.

There will be paper, tissue paper and masking tape for everyone. You can use these to make yourself a Bee costume if you want to.



After a little while, you will hear sounds coming from portable speakers. There will be some buzzing bee noises, music and weather noises. Three human-size Bees will appear and move towards you and the other kids and families. The Bees are people wearing special costumes. You can stand back and look at them, or you can go close to them. If you touch them, please be very gentle.



The Bees will move around and make interesting movements. You can try these movements too, or maybe make up your own Bee movements.

Other kids and their adults will be moving around the Garden too, following the Bees or making their own Bee movements.

During *Bees*, you may have the chance to put your feet in special, safe coloured powder that is like bee pollen. You can make patterns on the grass. There will also be some things for you to smell if you like.

You can always stop and just watch or feel what is happening.

Your family can also leave whenever you are ready or want to have a break. You can come back to the session, or come to a different session.



When the Bees need to leave, they will start moving away from everyone.

The sounds will fade away.

After *Bees*

Once the *Bees* have gone, that means the session is finished.

Your family might like to move to another part of the Garden, or explore the Convent and find a nice spot for a drink, a picnic, or a rest.



Your family might like to leave straight away.

Your family can also stay and talk to the Polyglot and Abbotsford Convent staff members. You can tell them what you liked and didn't like about *Bees*, and how it made you feel.

Your family can scan a QR code on a sign that links to a survey, and you can share your thoughts and feelings about *Bees* there too. We've also put the survey link here:

surveymonkey.com/r/bees-acf

If you complete this survey, your family will go in the running to win a prize!

To find out about other events like *Bees*, you can sign up to our e-news:

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Thank you for coming to *Bees*!