

Questacon INVENTION CONVENTION



HOBART

13–15 April 2021



**Do you like designing,
creating and building?**

Want to meet some real life inventors?
Keen to sink your teeth into solving real
world problems? The Questacon Invention
Convention is a three-day workshop that lets
you explore design, technology and innovation,
with other young innovators.



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FREE

Suitable for
14–18 year olds



BUILD STUFF

Gain the skills to build stuff using a combination of simple materials and tech.



BRING YOUR INVENTIONS TO LIFE

Prototype your ideas and get them off the page and into your hands.



MEET PEOPLE

Professional innovators, scientists, designers, communicators, and 19 young people just like you.

INVENTION CONVENTION 101: WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW

How do I get involved?

Fill out the application form attached to this flyer, and invite your friends too! You need to be 14–18 years old. There will be a maximum of 20 participants.

How much does it cost?

Nothing! It's FREE! All meals will be provided.

How long does it go for?

3 days, 9am – 4pm

Any other perks?

It's relaxed, open to anyone (you don't have to be at the top of the class to come along), you'll meet lots of cool people... and it's a heap of fun!

"The best thing about the Invention Convention was designing and making things with expert help. It was good being able to test and build something with great people to help you."

Gabriel, Darwin NT – Participant

"I made new friends and I got pushed to my limits and I never knew I could do the things I can."

Jade, Albany WA – Participant

"I used to come up with ideas and write them down but not know what to do with them. But now when I think of an idea I know how to get started and make my idea a reality and I think that was a very valuable skill and I'm thankful that I learnt how to do that."

Jacob, Casino NSW – Participant

STEM: SCIENCE | TECHNOLOGY | ENGINEERING | MATHS



WHAT PARENTS NEED TO KNOW

The *Invention Convention* is a **free**, three-day workshop run during the school holidays, and is a valuable experience for your child, providing a fun and highly interactive environment for hands-on learning.

Inclusive for all teenagers with different interests and education levels, these workshops allow participants to learn new skills, form new friendships, and build new networks with mentors and other like-minded teens.

Supported by mentors and role models, our *Invention Convention* presenters are professional young innovators using expertise, passion and enthusiasm to create a fun and safe learning environment for the participants.

The three-day experience will see your child gain confidence in new skills, and empower them to make decisions about what passions to pursue in future studies and/or career pathways.

"My daughter and I thought [the] Invention Convention was a worthwhile activity and we are so grateful for the opportunity to participate. We only wish there were more programs like this for teenagers with an interest in STEM subjects. A special thank you to the Invention Convention staff who were very friendly and supportive and provided excellent guidance to the students."

Sofia, Newcastle NSW – Parent

"He looks at the world in a different way; opened his mind up to possibilities, more creativity and innovation. His confidence has grown, and he is not so afraid to have a go in case he's wrong."

Marwa, Adelaide SA – Parent

For more information contact:

Questacon Invention Convention

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Participant Details

Given name(s)

Family name

Residential street name and number

Suburb or town

State

Postcode

Date of birth (00/00/0000)

School

Male

Female

Unspecified

Accessibility Requirements: Does the participant require any adjustments that we need to be aware of?

How did you or the participant find out about the Invention Convention?

General Information (participant to complete)

Are you currently working on any inventions? If yes, tell us about it.

What do you hope to gain from attending the Invention Convention?



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Parent/Guardian Contact Details

Given name(s)

Family name

Daytime phone number (with area code)

Mobile

Email

Participant Signature

I have read and agree to the Invention Convention Terms and Conditions, including Questacon's Privacy Policy.

Full Name

Signature

Parent/Guardian Signature (if participant is under 18 years of age)

I am aware that I will be required to notify Questacon staff prior to the event if
will be making their own way to/from the *Invention Convention*.

Name

Signature

Return your registration form by email or post

Email: invention.convention@questacon.edu.au

Post: Questacon – The National Science and Technology Centre
Loc. 940, PO Box 5322, Kingston ACT 2604

Once we have received your registration, the *Invention Convention* team
will get in contact with you with more details about the event.

CODE OF CONDUCT

1. Participants must obey all lawful instructions from the workshop Manager and Support Staff such as (but not limited to) all reasonable instructions, directions and procedures relating to work health and safety in operation at our premises.
2. Participants must not consume alcohol, use illegal substances, or smoke cigarettes whilst participating in the workshop in any capacity.
3. Once registered with the Invention Convention Supervisor, Participants must not depart from the workshop environment without the approval of the Invention Convention Supervisor or the Support Staff.
4. Participants are representing their school, family, organisation or business and Questacon. No disrepute should be brought to either of the above. Behaviour befitting a Participant will be required at all times.
5. No disrespect to persons involved in the event will be tolerated under any circumstances.
6. If Participants have any problems, they are to report them to the workshop Manager as soon as possible.
7. There is to be:
 - a. Respect for the venue and all property;
 - b. No interference with other people's property;
 - c. No use of venue telephones and other services (except at the Participant's expense).
8. The Participant or their parent(s)/guardian will be liable for any damage or loss caused to Questacon's property and premises resulting from the Participant's conduct.
9. Once signed in, Participants must attend all approved activities unless given permission to do otherwise.
10. Participants agree to wear enclosed footwear and any other stipulated uniform compliance.
11. Participants agree to demonstrate punctuality as required by the workshop Manager.
12. Participants are required to take care of their possessions whilst at the workshop. Questacon will not be held liable for any loss or damage to Participants' possessions.

Breaches of any Code of Conduct rules may lead to immediate expulsion from the workshop. Should expulsion occur, the Participant or their parent(s)/guardian will be contacted and appropriate travel arrangements will be made. Any and all additional expenses incurred will be the responsibility of the Participant's parent(s)/guardian.

CONSENT TO APPLY FIRST AID

In the event of any emergency, injury or illness, you authorise any Questacon Invention Convention official, to obtain on your behalf and at your expense, any medical assistance, treatment and transportation as deemed necessary.

ONGOING MANAGEMENT OF COVID-19

The safety of Participants and staff is of utmost importance to Questacon. Questacon is implementing strategies to ensure the Invention Convention will proceed in a safe manner.

Prior to the event, state, territory and national restrictions will be assessed to ensure inter-state travel, quarantine requirements and health and safety standards will not be breached by proceeding with this event. Questacon reserves the right to cancel the Questacon Invention Convention prior to commencement of or during the event if it is deemed to be in the best interest of the health of the Participants, staff, and associated persons, or if Questacon determines that the event cannot proceed due to COVID-19 restrictions.

Participants must adhere to all best practice hygiene and social distancing requirements as outlined by government advice and as directed by Questacon staff. A Participant's failure to adhere to any direction by Questacon staff may lead to immediate expulsion from the Invention Convention at the sole expense of the Participant or the Participant's parent(s)/guardian if the Participant is under 18 years of age.

Participants must not attend the Invention Convention and subsequently notify Questacon if, within two weeks of the start of the Invention Convention:

- They have been in close contact with a confirmed or suspected case of COVID-19;
- They are displaying COVID-19 like symptoms (such as a fever of 37.5 degrees or higher and/or a respiratory infection, such as shortness of breath, cough or sore throat, as defined by government advice);
- They have arrived in Australia from overseas; or
- They are from or have visited a location that government advice determines to be a high risk area.

Failure to notify of any of the above may lead to immediate expulsion from the Invention Convention at the sole expense of the Participant or the Participant's parent(s)/guardian if the Participant is under 18 years of age.

DAILY REGISTRATION AND TRANSPORT

For duty of care purposes, parents/guardians of Participants (or Participants, if 18 years of age or over) will be required to register Participants daily. This is to ensure all Participants are accounted for throughout the day and leave the workshop premises safely. Exceptions to daily registration can be made if agreed in writing, prior to the event.

All transportation to and from the Questacon Invention Convention Venue will need to be arranged by the Participant or their parent/guardian. If the Participant is using public transport please check local timetables. For the avoidance of doubt, it should be understood that Participants are not within the duty of care of Questacon when travelling to and from the event.



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Please ensure that the Participant arrives 15 minutes prior to the start of first session to allow for registration. The first session of the day will commence at 9 am. The last session of the day will finish at 4 pm. Please ensure that the Participant arrives on time. More information about the program and sessions will be sent to the Participant once the registration form is received.

PRIVACY COLLECTION STATEMENT AND CONSENT

Questacon is a division of the Department of Industry, Science, Energy and Resources (the Department) and as such is bound by the Australian Privacy Principles (APPs) outlined in Schedule 1 of the Privacy Act 1988 (Cth) (Privacy Act). These principles regulate how Questacon collects, uses, discloses and stores personal information. As you would be aware your child is applying to participate in a *Questacon Invention Convention* (Invention Convention). This requires the collection of your and your child's personal information.

The personal information collected on the attached form includes your contact details, emergency contact details, your child's name, the name of your child's school, your child's age, state or territory location of residence, postal address, any special requirements, dietary requirements. Questacon may use this personal information in printed and digital materials and websites produced for the Department and related Ministers' offices including reports, brochures, magazines, newspapers, newsletters, posters, fact sheets, websites, social media applications (such as Facebook, Twitter and YouTube), case studies, promotional videos and multimedia presentations. This personal information may also be used by media outlets in the form of media releases including participant's, name and school to broadcast, advertise and promote the *Questacon Invention Convention*.

Questacon may use your personal details to notify your local Member of Parliament about your child's participation in the Invention Convention.

Personal details may also be used to contact the Participant regarding future Questacon events and programs.

The information will only be used for the purposes outlined above, except where authorised or required by law.

For further information, please refer to the Department's Privacy Policy on the Department of Industry, Science, Energy and Resources website [<https://www.industry.gov.au/data-and-publications/privacy-policy>]. This policy contains information about how you may access the personal information Questacon holds about you, and how you may correct any inaccuracies in that information. It also includes information as to how you may make a complaint about a breach of the Privacy Act, and how Questacon will respond to such a complaint.

If you have an enquiry or request relating to your personal information, please contact:

Privacy Contact Officer
Legal Services Branch
Corporate Division
Department of Industry, Science, Energy and Resources
GPO Box 9839
CANBERRA ACT 2601
AUSTRALIA

Email: privacy@industry.gov.au

More information about the Privacy Act can be obtained from the Office of the Australian Information Commissioner's website [<https://www.oaic.gov.au/>].

Personal Information obtained will also be stored and held in accordance with Questacon's obligations under the Archives Act 1983 (Cth).

Questacon understands that you may not want Questacon to use your child's personal information in printed and digital materials and websites.