

Best Buddies Day 2011

2nd December | The Entertainment Quarter
Sydney, Australia



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Best Buddies Day – General Briefing

Best Buddies Australia is a Not for Profit Organisation that works with young people who have an intellectual disability. We match a person who has an intellectual disability in a one to one friendship with a person who does not have a disability. We then ask the Buddy Pair to meet on a regular basis, engaging in everyday activities that most of us take for granted. These activities include going to the movies together, sharing a cup of coffee or just hanging out and enjoying each other's company.

Best Buddies Day is our annual celebration and reward for all the young people engaged in our High Schools Program.

Not content with simply having a good time, Best Buddies structures this day with a number of learning outcomes and objectives. This year, we want to deliver a fun day that will engage the young people in a creative exercise. We also seek to create leadership opportunities as well as develop skills in communication, socialisation and adaptive functioning.

The Event

200+ young people will descend on the Entertainment Quarter to create 20 x 3-5 min movies. We will then provide a rough edit of these films, select the best 5 and produce a DVD to be launched next year at a 'Red Carpet' event.

How will we do this?

Best Buddies staff will distribute scripts to each High School Chapter prior to the day. We will also organise Buddy Pairs and Associate Members into groups of 10 (e.g. 5 Buddy Pairs) assigning a volunteer to each group. (Some schools may have just one group, other multiple groups.)

These groups will work through one of two prepared storylines, each with 5 scenes.

On the day, groups will have 15 mins to prepare and organise then an additional 15 mins to shoot a 30-60 second scene. Each scene location will have 2 additional volunteers to help deliver a great shot.

Once all scenes are completed, we will collect the footage, edit it and post the drafts on our website.

The best ones will be professionally edited and made into a DVD

Best Buddies will provide transport for all young people, lunches for everyone.

Each group will need to bring the basic props you want, plus dress up if desired. BBA will provide some props on the day.

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Volunteer Roles – Executive Producer (Shooting the film)

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What you need to know.

For each scene there will be a 15 min preparation stage, and a 15 min shooting stage.

You will be responsible for the shooting at each scene.

Every 15 mins a fresh group of young people will arrive with a volunteer. They will have already designated roles (camera man, director, actors etc). They will also have had time to prepare for the shoot (both prior to the day and on the day).

Each group will shoot a 30 – 60 second scene.

Your tasks will also include confirming that the actors have spoken up (sound quality), that the appropriate people are in the shot, and that they start each scene with the "Edit Sheet (i.e. Story line A scene 2 <insert name of school>(see booklet))

You must ensure that each group records something. This means you must look at the 'final product' before they leave the area.

Special Task:

Each script/scene has some room to be creative. This may include specific lines or how the scene is shot.

Your task is to inspire/encourage creativity.

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Volunteer Roles – Producer (Preparation of the film)

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You will be responsible for the **preparation** at each scene.

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You need to confirm that they have a plan, and get them to show you what they want to do. You may like to advise on things like positions of actors, angle of shots or how they begin a shot and end it. (e.g. Start with a close up of the eyes and pull back...)

Each group will need to practice each scene a few times. You will need to provide feedback. Don't be shy!!!

If the group does not have a plan, you need to help them develop one...FAST.

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Volunteer Roles – Casting Director (School Group Management)

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You will be responsible for approx. 10 young people on the day (from 10:00 – 2:00).

This will include making sure they have sunscreen, food and water, have access to amenities and don't get lost. (BBA will have ample supplies)

Each group will be following one of two story lines, each with 5 scenes. You will need to ensure your group completes each scene. This means, arriving at the right location, on time. There will be a little bit of administration required including recording who is in your group, the order that you film in etc. BBA will provide the paperwork.

You will spend approx. ½ hour at each scene location. 15 mins of this time will be for preparation, and 15 mins will be for shooting. There is a scene/edit sheet in each booklet. Your group should have prepared a little prior to BBD.

You will need to ensure there are a few 'extra shots' to be used as filler. This might include shots of people, buildings, objects etc.

Special Task

You will be provided the camera prior to the event. You need to make sure it works, is charged and then record a short interview (of yourself) answering the question:

“What do I think Best Buddies Day will be like?”

At the end of the day, record another interview updating your thought on the day. These two interviews should be approx. 30 seconds each – max.