

Theatre Etiquette

For many students, this trip to the Seymour Centre may be their first theatre experience. It may be helpful to discuss what they can expect or to have other students relay their own experiences about theatre productions they have seen. Another important point to convey is the difference between live theatre and watching a movie or television.

Visiting the theatre should be an entertaining activity but it is also one that requires consideration for fellow audience members as well as the actors onstage.

Remember, the actors on stage can hear you. Unnecessary noise disturbs everyone. Knowing what is expected as a member of the audience can make the theatre experience more enjoyable for all involved.

Please ensure that you observe the following:

1. **Plan your trip to ensure you arrive on time.** Latecomers may only be allowed in at certain intervals. Missing the start of a performance will diminish your enjoyment and/or understanding of the piece. It will also disrupt the show for the actors and other audience members.
2. **Turn off mobile phones.** The light, sound, and vibrations from a mobile device will disrupt the actors, show technicians, and other audience members. As a sign of respect, it is imperative that devices are turned off and put away in a pocket or bag throughout the duration of the performance.
3. **Visit the bathroom prior to the commencement of the performance.** It is difficult to leave during the show to use the bathroom and you may not be readmitted to the theatre.
4. **Follow the instructions of Seymour Centre staff.** It is important to follow the instructions of staff at all points of your Seymour Centre excursion.
5. **Do not touch the stage before, after, or during the performance.** The stage is set specifically for each performance and it is important to avoid touching, leaning, walking, or moving any set pieces. This is for the safety of the students and the actors.
6. **Vaping inside is illegal.** Please observe the NSW law and the NSW Smoke-free Environment Act 2000 about vaping indoors and age restrictions.
7. **Keep noise at a respectful volume.** This applies for all areas of the Seymour Centre including the foyers and the bathrooms. There are numerous staff, guests, and patrons in the venue at any time and it is important to keep unnecessary noise to a minimum.
8. **Seymour does not provide indoor space for group meals.** If your school group needs to eat a meal, we advise the use of the Seymour Courtyard or Victoria Park.

During the performance, please observe the following:

- No filming or photography
- No vaping or smoking
- No talking or loud noises
- No hot food or hot drinks
- No climbing on seats or standing
- No resting feet on the seats

Please note Seymour Centre **does not** have a Cloak Room. Please keep bags and personal belongings to a minimum.

