



THE ABBOTSFORD
CONVENT
FOUNDATION

'an invitation to an instant' at Abbotsford Convent

This is your invitation to an adventure.

The Abbotsford Convent is a unique and inspiring arts resource which is fast becoming one of Australia's top arts hubs. The Convent is joining forces with live arts company Punctum to give artists from Australia and beyond a unique behind the scenes look at this exciting arts facility during the '08 Melbourne International Arts Festival. It's a week of rare tours beyond closed doors.

Punctum artists will provide you with an intimate and personalised tour of the Abbotsford Convent's singular and yet to be restored spaces that are usually off limits to public. Following the tour you are invited to Handsome Steve's House of Refreshment at the convent to have a drink and continue the conversation.

Records of your responses as an artist to this very special instant at Abbotsford Convent will form part of the convent's archives. They will also inform part of Punctum's artistic mission for 2009 in which all participating artists will be recognised for their contribution and welcomed back with a view to creating a work.

'An invitation to an instant' at Abbotsford Convent with live arts company – Punctum, is an invitation about art, possibility, and an instant in the Abbotsford Convent's history.

**10am - 6pm from Monday October 13th to Sunday October 19th inclusive
Abbotsford Convent – 1 St Heliers St., Abbotsford**

To book your place in this special adventure and reflection contact Tara or Jude at hq@punctum.com.au or call 0439 319 307.

For more details check Punctum's website www.punctum.com.au and click on "news"

To find out more about Abbotsford Convent www.abbotsfordconvent.com.au

If you're not available during the week and wish to view the "off limits" spaces and have some input into the future of the Convent as a centre for arts development and cultural exchange, contact Punctum and they'll do their best to find another time to lead you on a visit.

Best wishes,

Jude Anderson - Artistic Director - Punctum

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Abbotsford Convent consists of ten 19th century buildings on 5.6 hectares just 4km from the centre of Melbourne. With further restoration works nearing completion by the end of 2009, the convent is set to play a key role in international arts research and development. As part of this next exciting phase, Punctum has been invited to shape the Convent’s future mission for arts research and development, and is seeking your input.

As a committed contemporary artist, Punctum’s Artistic Director Jude Anderson and Punctum associate artists, along with Abbotsford Convent CEO Maggie Maguire, invite you to join international artists in this “off limits” adventure during the Melbourne International Arts Festival - a unique opportunity to respond and engage with the convent’s inspirational spaces and site and to have your say in this significant phase that will inform the convent’s future.

Venue: Abbotsford Convent, 1 St Heliers St., Abbotsford, VIC 3067
Duration: Each private visit and conversation runs between 45 minutes to 2 hours according to your availability.
Time slots: Between 10am and 6pm
Dates for visits: October 13th to 19th inclusive

Contact: hq@punctum.com.au or call Jude Anderson on 04 39 319 307

For further information on Abbotsford Convent: <http://www.abbotsfordconvent.com.au>

Getting to the Abbotsford Convent:

By train: Victoria Park station on the Epping and Hurstbridge lines is the closest railway station to the Abbotsford Convent. Please note that some services express past Victoria Park station. Once out of the station and on Johnston St, walk east (away from the City) down Johnston St for around 12 minutes to Clarke St. Turn right into Clarke Street (the last right before the Yarra) and left into St Heliers St. The main entrance to Abbotsford Convent is on the right of St Heliers St before you reach the Collingwood Children’s farm.

Alternatively, the bus can be caught from Victoria Park Station down Johnston St rather than walk down Johnston St from the station.

For further information please call Metlink on 131 638

By tram: Catch any tram down Victoria St Abbotsford/Richmond and get off at Nicholson St Abbotsford (or Lennox St Richmond). Walk north up Nicholson St all the way to Abbotsford St and turn right. At the end of Abbotsford St turn left into Clarke St and then right into St Heliers St. This is a 20-25 minute walk.

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By bike or foot: The Capital City cycling and walking path passes the site. St Heliers St turn-off is opposite the entrance to the Collingwood Childrens Farm.

By car: The Abbotsford Convent is located at the end of St. Heliers St, Abbotsford. The easiest way to get here is to go via Johnston St then onto Clarke St then into St Heliers St (See MELWAYS Ref 44 G5).

All day parking is available in the carpark opposite the site on St Heliers St for \$4.00. There is also a limited amount of 15 minute parking spaces on the street.

There is absolutely no vehicular access on the Abbotsford Convent site.

For more information see Melways Ref 44 G5, Whereis.com and maps.google.com.au