

SUNBURST

STATE PAGEANT 2026/27



**AUSTRALIAN
EVENT HANDBOOK**



BABY MODEL SEARCH

FOR NEW LITTLE MODELS
0-5 YEARS

WELCOME TO THE BABY MODEL SEARCH

We know you can't wait to start entering your little ones in our pageants, however some little ones under 5yrs often find multiple changes and stage time overwhelming. If your child is already super confident or you want to go for an International bid you can enter any 0-5yr old straight into the International Model Search instead.

Sunburst Australia has created a new model search just for our littlest models to ease them in to pageanting without a full day of competition. Perfect for new kids or those still building their stage confidence. Each contestant will go to center stage, accompanied by an adult. At this time you should get your child to smile, wave, and show their personality. You can hold them in your arms, or walk with them.

Our Baby Models will have an age group King/Queen and all other entrants will be awarded a Prince or Princess title. All entrants will take home Tiara/Crown and event prize.

BABY MODEL SEARCH DIVISIONS AT EACH STATE PAGEANT 2026

1. FORMAL WEAR (COMPULSORY FOR ALL ENTRANTS)

Party Wear, Off the Rack, Cupcake dress is all welcome, suit for boys or Sunday Best. No Make up to be worn on under 5's and outfit must be age appropriate.

2. 2026 Sunburst Theme OOC

VICTORIA – SUNSHINE SAFARI!

Think animal prints, cargo and jungle fun

NSW & QLD 2026 – SEASIDE SPARKLE

Mermaids, Pirates, Turquoise and splash splashing sparkles.

ANYTHING GOES from costumes to fun formal.





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AGE DIVISIONS AT SUNBURST PAGEANTS AUSTRALIA 2026

Sunburst is an inclusive pageant system for Miss and Mr Models.

Boys and girls are judged separately.

You can enter as many state events as you wish until Overall King or Queen has been achieved in a pageant year. AUGUST-APRIL

BOYS DIVISIONS;

International Title ages:	0-23 Months	2-4 Years	5-9 Years
Australian only ages:	10-13 Years	14-17 Years	18 Years+

GIRLS DIVISIONS;

International title ages:	0-23 Months	2-3Years	4-6Years
	7-10Years	11-13 Years	14-17 Years
	18-26 Years	27-44 Years	45+Years

SECTIONS OFFERED (details can be found later in the handbook)

Outfit Divisions at states:

Formal Wear	Supermodel Search	Patriotic/Australiana
School Wear theme/ Smart Casual Day Wear		U[close appraisal

Side lines:

Best Smile, Prettiest Eyes, Best Personality, Model Look, Best Attire

Photo optionals:

Model Composite	Portfolio	Photogenic (glitz)
Photogenic (natural)		

HOW THE DAY WILL RUN

After registration we will host all outfit events, sidelines will be selected throughout the day and scores tallied and then we will have our crowning ceremony and announcement of team Australia.



STATE DIVISIONS

AND STYLING EXPECTATIONS

FORMAL WEAR DIVISION 2026

This is the section where each overall age division winners become part of Team Australia and will have the opportunity travel with us to internationals 2026/27 to Disney Springs, Orlando Florida in the USA.

Boys and Girls are crowned seperately. Age divisions offered can be found on the next page.

We will NOT combine age divisions for formal division even if there are low entry numbers.. We may combine for stage walk purposes only, so children aren't alone if there are small numbers in their group.

They are still only judged in their age division at Sunburst.

EXPECTATIONS FOR 0-3 YEARS

Must be accompanied by an adult on stage (parent/grandparent/coach etc). Contestants will be called to line up on stage as a group in their age divisions for group introduction and photos.

Each contestant will enter the stage and be presented in the centre of the stage by one adult. Encourage your child to smile, be cute, show personality. They will be judged on overall appearance and personality. They will then exit the stage



EXPECTATIONS FOR OVER 4YRS +



Each contestant will go on stage one at a time. Contestant will model/turn/pose in the centre of the stage and judged on, overall appearance and poise/projection. Choreographed walk is highly recommended and remember PRACTICE makes perfect.

MC will read out your Bio and then please exit when you are asked. Your MC will call you off 30seconds from hitting centre.

Styling Expectations 2026/27

Sunburst is **glitz** in outfit expectations and expects children to always look glamorous but with its primary focus on age appropriate styling. Please read the expectations below.

OUTFIT EXPECTATIONS FOR FORMAL DIVISION

GIRLS

Baby-4yrs Party Wear (off the rack) or Pageant cupcake dress and enclosed dress shoe.

5-11yrs Cupcake / Formal Gown

Must be able to walk comfortably, dress shoe.

12-13 Years - Formal Gown (floor length) Must be able to walk comfortably, dress shoe.

Over 14's - Formal Gown (floor length) dress shoe to suit outfit.

BOYS – Tux/Suit well styled, enclosed dress shoe

MAKE UP AND HAIR STYLING

Hair is expected to be very well styled on all age groups.

This IS a deciding factor for our judges so style appropriately and put your best self forward.

Tan and false nails – is allowed but must remain age appropriate.
(This will also be allowed at International level)

All age appropriate stage make up OK to create a beautiful naturally enhanced look. please keep nails at an appropriate length and not be a distraction.

Elegance, Well styled and age appropriate is key for SUNBUST SUCCESS

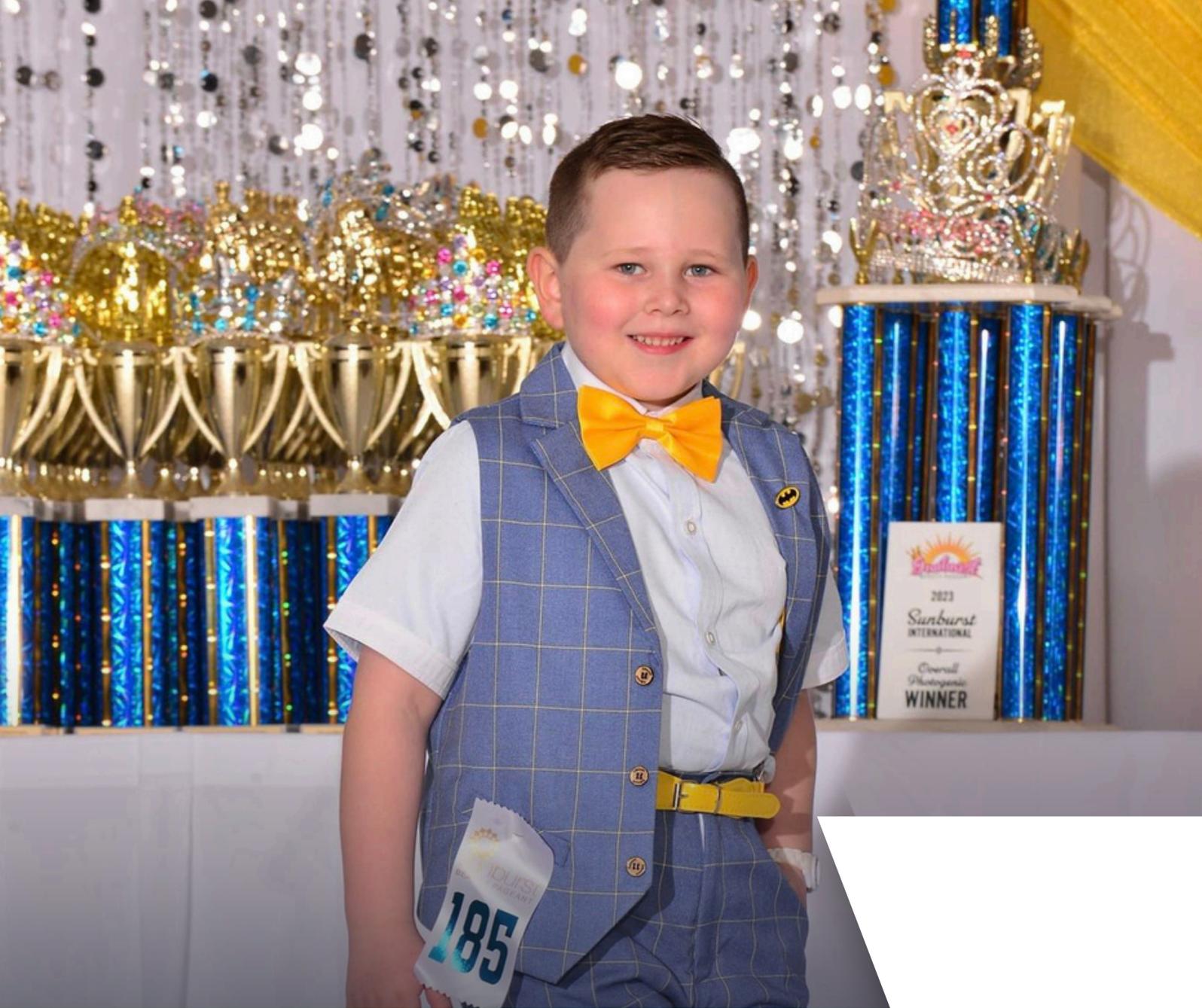
UP CLOSE APPRAISAL

New in 2026

Over 5's - Before Formal wear models will be invited to approach the judges table in age groups to for personal introduction. This score will be added on to the formal judging sheet.

We would like them to introduce themselves with their name, age and suburb





OPTIONAL DIVISIONS

OPTIONAL EVENTS

The optional competitions is your chance at the biggest event titles of the day. Each age group will have an overall winner for each optional entered.

The following outfit divisions will be hosted in 2026

SUPERMODEL PATRIOTIC/AUSTRALIANA

SCHOOL WEAR THEME / SMART DAY WEAR (Over 18)

NEW Talent (virtual entry)

(not included in overall score and will have its own overall winner)

Every optional section will have its own prize winners and we will award PRINCE / PRINCESS & KING / QUEEN

Division scores are added to formal scores and the contestant with the highest Overall will receive your High Supremes of the day.

Therefore we can DOUBLE CROWN at Sunburst.

SUPERMODEL EXPECTATIONS AND EXAMPLES

Supermodel wear

BLACK / WHITE - pants, skirt, shorts ONLY

2026 Sunburst Tee
(supplied on check in at your pageant)

Any shoes to compliment outfit.
Colour Accessories OK

Catwalk to centre stage for judging on centre - pose, turn
You have 30seconds on centre so have fun and use the entire time





SCHOOL / DAY WEAR

Think Cher from clueless meets colour corporate! Choose your cutest school/ day wear outfit in bright bold colours and prints.

Any shoes to compliment outfit.
Knee high socks, mary janes, cute berets or bow ties - (Children examples)

18+

Bright suits, Colourful jumpsuits, Heels and matching accessories (adult models)



PATRIOTIC WEAR

ANY pageant outfit that is Red, White and Blue or Green/ Gold or

Australiana you can theme and adapt as you wish.

handheld props welcome,
no stage props.



TALENT **New in 2026**

Coming back to Sunburst Internationals and for the first time at Australia Sunburst is the TALENT optional.

.It is a time to showcase your special talent in a 1.5min video. This video is submitted prior to the pageant will have its own MAJOR prize winner as well as an Overall Talent winner.

Must be filmed alone, any talent welcome, we look forward to seeing your unique abilities!

Videos will be requested 2 weeks prior to pageant date, uploaded to youtube and the link emailed to

australia@sunburstbeauty.com

Reference; TALENT and contestants name

OPTIONALS - STAGE WALK EXPECTATIONS

The same as formal and entrants will walk in their own age division. Contestants are encouraged to add practiced poses to their routine to suit their outfit if over 4 years.

Catwalk to centre stage for judging on centre - pose, turn, use routines if you have them. You have 30seconds on centre so have fun and use the entire time.

MC will call you off at your 30second time limit



PHOTO OPTIONALS

AND FREE SIDELINE COMPETITIONS

PHOTO OPTIONALS 2026

We are excited to bring to Australia Sunburst famous photo optionals. These scores are added to outfit scores to create over all scores. CASH PRIZE to win!

Composite Cards:

8.5 x 11 Inches

Made up of 2-6 different poses / outfits in colour or black and white

Include name, age, height, eye and hair colour.

Traditional and colourful style all welcome

Emailed to us

48hrs before pageant day to

australia@sunburstbeauty.com



Portfolio

This is a book of photos showing different outfits and poses. Up to 10 photos. You can print and place in folder with plastic sleeves or be bound. Handed in at pageant registration. Any size ok at state level. This will be returned after the pageant





NATURAL PHOTOGENIC

Not larger than 8x10inches, colour or black and white photo accepted. This is a natural photo an can NOT be touched up or enhanced any way. Professional cameras are welcome. This is a non glitz natural photo

GLAMOUR PHOTO

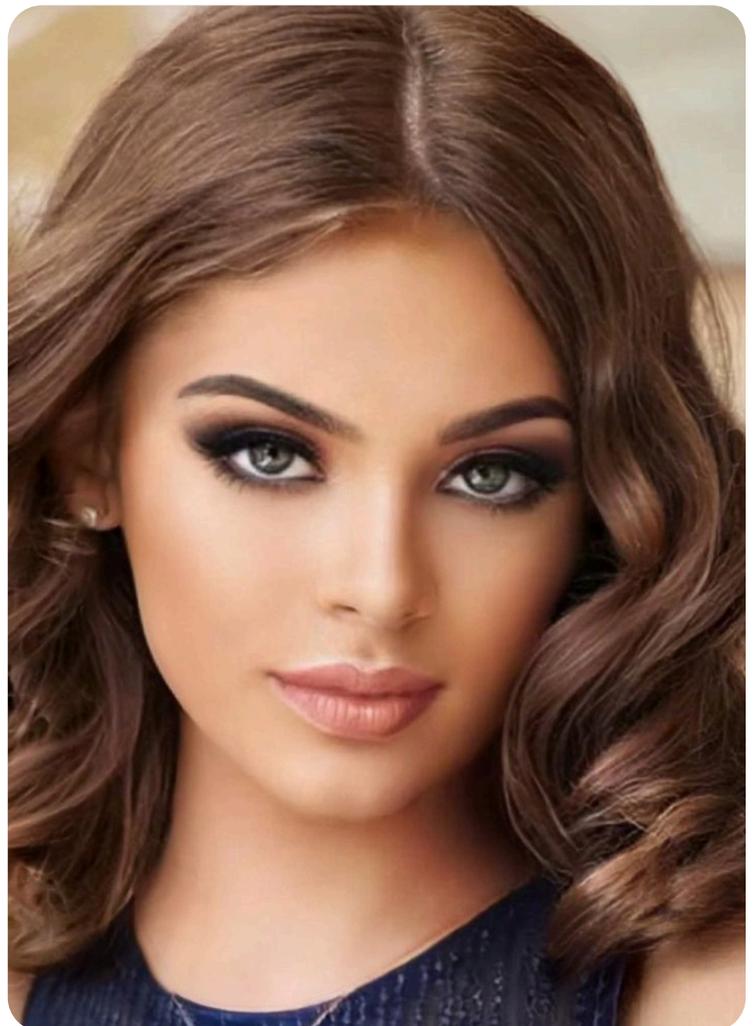
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PHOTO WINNERS

The contestant with the highest overall score from photogenic or glamour AND composite, portfolio will be crowned Overall Photo winner **\$100 CASH PRIZE**

as well as their crowning prizes.

Should you enter both glamour and natural your highest score will be used, (when adding for overall)





SIDE LINES

For all age groups. This is a free event offered with your state entry. These are judged across the day and awarded during crowning.

SIDE LINES - 2025/26

Best Smile
Prettiest Eyes
Best Personality
Model Look
Best Attire

SUNBURST

gives away thousands of prizes each season

TROPHIES

CROWNS TIARAS
MEDALS BANNERS
JACKETS CASH
BIDS TO USA!

We guarantee no one leaves empty handed everyone WILL be crowned



2026 PAGEANT INVESTMENT

We are thrilled to once again be able to offer a combined entry cost as well as payment plan options at all Australian Sunburst events.

Australia's State Pageant - \$260

This includes entry into all Outfit Divisions (Only Formal is compulsory)

Formal, Supermodel, Patriotic, School Wear / Day Wear

Free 5 Sidelines

Guaranteed crowning & event prize pack, Sunburst Tee

Baby Model Search - \$100

This includes guaranteed crowning and entry into 2x Outfit divisions

Formal Wear & Theme Wear

Afterpay, Zip cards, Credit Card and Payin4 paypal all available.

TALENT - \$55 additional add on
(not included in super deal)

PHOTO OPTIONALS

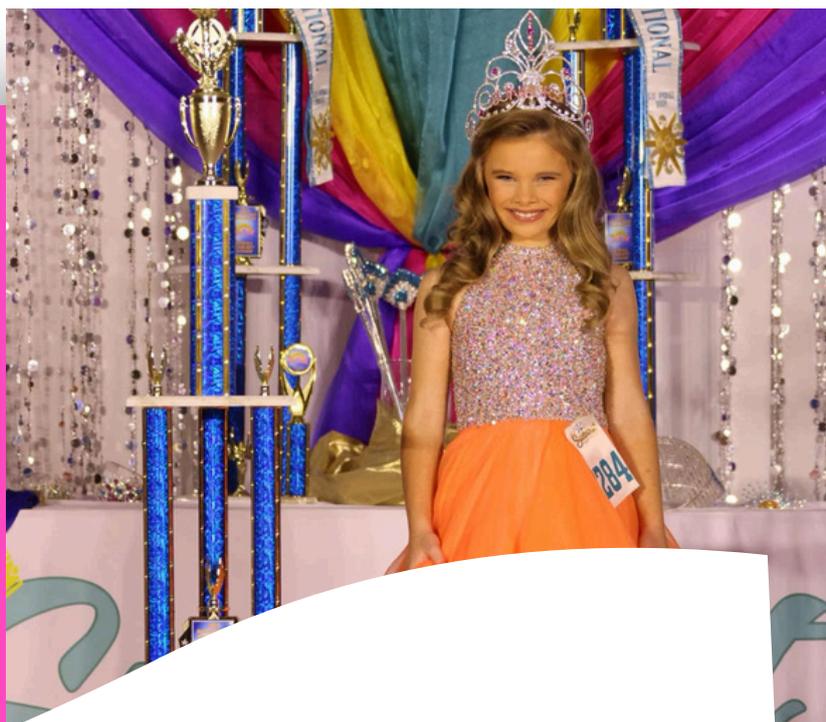
Entry Investment

Portfolio entry - \$30

Composite Card - \$30

Glamour Photo - \$15

Natural Photo - \$15



**SUPER
DEAL**

3 OPTIONAL DIVISIONS

(except talent)

ALL SIDELINES

ALL PHOTO OPTIONALS

\$330



SUNBASSADOR 2026

PARTNER INFLUENCERS

SUNBASSADOR PROGRAM

Attention to all vibrant, on-trend, honest, and fun-loving individuals! Sunburst Australia are on the lookout for brand ambassadors across all age groups for 2026. If you radiate with energy, keep up with the latest trends, embody honesty, and thrive on spreading joy, we want you!

As a brand ambassador, you'll be at the forefront of our mission, creating engaging weekly reels and TikTok videos that showcase the vibrant spirit of Sunburst. In return, ambassadors will receive exclusive seasonal promotional product packs, empowering your creativity while embodying the fun and authenticity that defines Sunburst.

Please note, ambassadors have no special event discounts, privellages or judging bonuses. It is a chance shine a light on your sunburst experience and share those beautiful moments!

To apply send your social media handles with reference sunbassador to australia@sunburstbeauty.com
We will announce new sunbassadors throughout the year.

