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MEDIA RELEASE

Operator Please set to rock out at Education City Fiesta

Hot newcomers to the youth music scene, Operator Please, are turning it on for South East Queenslanders at a free all-ages gig for *Education City Fiesta* in Greater Springfield on Saturday 23 August 2008.

Operator Please will play their first free Brisbane gig this year after having just returned from a whirlwind tour of Europe and Japan including a show at the famed Glastonbury Festival and more recently, at Splendour in the Grass at Byron Bay. The five young Gold Coast locals are looking forward to rocking with the more than 3,000 people expected to attend the Fiesta.

The concert will run in conjunction with the University of Southern Queensland (USQ) Springfield Open Day, giving attendees the opportunity to check out what's on offer at the Springfield Campus, from both USQ and other educational institutions including ABC Learning Centre, Australia City College, MEGT, The Bremer Institute of TAFE, Specialised Training Services, St Peters Lutheran College and Union Institute of Language.

Springfield Land Corporation Executive Director of Education City and Health City, Mr Jim Varghese, said Education City is delighted to have Operator Please as the headline entertainment at the Fiesta.

"We're thrilled to have Operator Please performing a free show at 1pm for Greater Springfield residents and visitors. Their performance will cap off a great family day of rides, food and market stalls, and we welcome the entire local community, not only potential students, to join in the fun," Mr Varghese said.

"This is a great opportunity to enjoy some free fun and see what Education City has to offer and I urge potential students, parents, visitors and locals alike to come along and check out our growing facilities.

"The international success of a young band like Operator Please demonstrates how much can be achieved with determination, commitment and a love for what you do. Their passion and drive sets an example for all young people who have dreams and goals."

The band's bassist Ashley McConnell is a believer that you have to put in an effort in order to achieve what you want.

"We've worked really hard and it's a bonus that some people like what we do," Ashley said.

Greater Springfield's Education City philosophy of offering lifelong learning brings together a wide range of training and learning facilities in the one location. The campus offers diverse programs for students of all ages through a unique partnership with providers and associated businesses. Education City is a joint venture by Springfield Land Corporation and Mirvac Developments.

EDUCATION CITY FIESTA

When: 10am – 4pm, Saturday 23 August 2008 (Operator Please perform at 1pm)
Feature: Free performance by Operator Please at 1pm
Cost: Most entertainment and activities are free, with tickets for all-day unlimited amusement rides at \$15 each
Where: Education City, Sinnathamby Boulevard, Springfield Central (parking available at Orion Shopping Centre, with shuttle service to Education City provided)
More info: www.educationcityfiesta.com.au

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