



PERFORMING ARTS

Specialist Program

WHY PERFORMING ARTS?

The Performing Arts Program develops creativity and provides general vocational skills relating to the performing arts industry, which are transferable and may be adapted to alternative pathways. The Program centres specifically on Dance, Drama and Music (Instrumental & Vocal) with a strong focus on performance opportunities within the college, local community, nationally and internationally.

Students enrolled in the Performing Arts Program gain a sound general education and extension in their area of talent and interest. The program will also encourage enrichment in personal growth through development of life skills, imagination, creativity, commitment to quality, adaptability and flexibility. These skills enhance self-confidence, initiative and maturity and provide a realistic understanding of vocational requirements.

WHAT DOES THE PERFORMING ARTS PROGRAM OFFER?

Students specialise in two Arts disciplines (Dance, Drama or Music), whilst developing combined Performing Arts skills in special workshops and classes.

DANCE: Choreograph, perform and appreciate dance styles from around the world and throughout time. The focus is on performance and the preparation for further studies in senior school.

DRAMA: Students learn the fundamentals of stage production including acting, directing, stage design, costume, lighting and sound production. The focus is on performance and students will be prepared for further studies in Drama.

MUSIC: Students will receive lessons on their chosen instrument through the IMSS program. The music focus is on developing an understanding of the theory of music and how this translates into performance. Students will be given the skills to perform in public and the opportunity to study music into senior school.

WHAT DOES STUDYING PERFORMING ARTS INVOLVE?

In lower school the Performing Arts Program involves 4 hours specialist study covering two disciplines per week, plus 2 hours of combined study. The program is of a practical nature and requires regular attendance and participation necessary for achievement, including rehearsals and productions, much of which will be out of school hours.

HOW CAN I APPLY TO BE PART OF THE PERFORMING ARTS PROGRAM?

Students wishing to apply for the Performing Arts Program can enter at Years 7, 8, 9 and 10. As school boundaries do not apply, students living anywhere in W.A. can apply. The program is a Department of Education Specialist Program. Applicants need to complete a Specialist Performing Arts application form and the general enrolment form (included in this package).

Alternatively, these forms can be located on the school website.