

Performing Arts Program

The study of Music, Dance, Drama and Media , are essential parts of the College's curriculum and major contributors to our reputation for developing the whole person.

Our vibrant music program includes both classroom and instrumental music tuition. Classroom music provides students with an opportunity to study areas such as music performance, multimedia music with the use of our 'Sound Lab' and basic keyboard technique, through the use of the keyboard laboratory.

Students are also given the opportunity to participate in the College Instrumental Music Program which provides tuition in strings, woodwind, brass, voice and percussion. Although we encourage students to purchase their own instruments, a number of instruments are available for hire through the school.

Our students are instructed by our highly qualified and experienced instrumental music staff and have the opportunity to participate in a variety of performance experiences. The College has a range of performance groups such as: Junior Orchestra and Senior Strings, Choir, Junior, Intermediate and Senior bands and many ensembles.

A large number of our students successfully complete the Australian Music Board Examinations and participate in music competitions.

Other areas of Highvale's Performing Arts program, include the study of media which allows students to develop skills in the use of digital photography and film making. Students are given the opportunity to present their work at the annual Arts show and Gala.

Drama and Dance can be studied by students from Years 7 -12. Students work together to collaboratively plan, design, improvise, interpret and present drama and dance pieces. Students are encouraged to participate in various performance opportunities including plays, musicals and performing arts presentations.

Performances are an integral part of our Performing Arts Program. We hold performances at the College throughout the year but also encourage our students to participate in other events including community events, the Eastern Metropolitan Region Youth Concert held at venues such as Hamer Hall and Performing Arts concerts such as the annual 'Gala', held at the Whitehorse Theatre in Nunawading. The Gala involves all students in all disciplines within Performing Arts (Dance, Drama, Media and Music).

In the past, performances have included musicals such as , 'Salome', 'Peter Pan', 'Wind in the Willows' and 'The Wizard of Oz'.

All subjects in the Performing Arts are offered to VCE.