Performing Arts (Dance, Drama & Music)

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Subject Overview:
The performing art subjects of Dance, Drama and Music provide students with opportunities to broaden their range of artistic experiences. Students develop lateral thinking and artistic presentation skills by undertaking practical performances in a variety of disciplines. In Dance, these skills include understanding one’s self, self-confidence, resilience, reliability and technical dance movements. In Drama, these include confidence, group cooperation, self discipline, listening skills and improvisation, whilst in Music, similar skills are covered based around learning a musical instrument. In Concert Band, students have the opportunity to attend small group instrumental lessons. The theory topics within each course relate to the appreciation, analysis and history of dance, drama and music. These are essentially creative subjects that cater for diversity and individual expression.

Middle School Pathway:
All Year 8 students undertake a compulsory semester of The Arts (Visual Arts or Performing Arts). In Year 9, students can select one or more semesters of Dance, Drama or Music. The focus in these courses is on practical skill development for Dance, Pantomime or Music performances. Students maintain a logbook of rehearsals to document their development of ideas and are assessed on their performances.

Senior School Pathway:
The Year 10 and 11 courses include a choice of Dance, Drama or Music. As students further develop their skills, the emphasis is placed on independent learning and individual expression. In Year 11, students are normally involved in the Year 12 productions, either in the Dance Production, Year 12 Drama Production and/or Music Ensemble Concerts. All of these time consuming options provide students with the opportunity to perform in public at a high level.

Extra Features:
All classes are usually involved in performance throughout the community. Students in Year 12 courses are invited to attend professional performances of their chosen discipline. For some of the subjects it is mandatory that they attend. Concert Band has regular trips to Adelaide or interstate performing and rehearsing with other schools.
Performing Arts courses are elective and involve negotiated tasks/topics. These courses are sited to students who possess a desire to perform, who are self-disciplined and well-organised, and who are prepared to put in time and effort outside of normal school hours. They cater for individual expression and independent learning.

Career options include: Actor/Actress, Musician, Dancer, Director, Producer, Agent, Announcer, Audio-visual Technician, Beautician, Busker, Camera Operator, Therapist, Choreographer, Comedian, Composer, Costume, Web/Game Designer, Model or Teacher.