ST TERESA'S CATHOLIC COLLEGE

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CO-CURRICULAR HANDBOOK



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Welcome to the Arts Co-Curricular Program. This handbook provides information, details and arrangements to help students and parents understand what is being offered to support and extend your student's artistic development.

St Teresa's Catholic College offers students performance opportunities to study and be extended in Dance, Drama, Music and Film, and the standard and creativity of our student works are recognised by awards in a range of events. Above all, it is the supportive 'ensemble culture', collaborative creative risk-taking and the development of excellence in technical skill, that are our priorities. These require ongoing commitment for the good of the ensemble, in genuine family spirit.

DANCE

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JUNIOR & SENIOR TROUPE

Membership provides students opportunities to further develop technique (working in groups based on technical skill level), to develop greater sophistication in interpreting and performing in character and as a storyteller, to be mentored by and one day mentor others as a senior dancer and to observe high standards of performance produced by a range of schools. Membership also challenges and extends technically skilled dancers with highly creative choreography and provides opportunities for creative development by enabling members to explore, choreograph and perform their own ideas (solo or group), and to contribute choreographic ideas to collaboratively developed pieces. Students joining the program for the first time will be provided with a dance shirt and duffle bag in Term 1 and are required to wear their shirt to rehearsals and events with their own bike pants, shorts or long pants. If they require an additional bag or shirt they will be required to purchase one.

ENTRY

The STCC Dance Troupes (junior, senior and extension) are representative College Troupes entered via audition. Auditions are advertised to students and held early in the school year, requiring a year-long commitment. Troupe sessions are held in one of the two dance studios after school, one afternoon per week.

COMMITMENT

- Being a part of Dance Troupe at St Teresa's is a year long commitment, concluding after Dance Night.
- Students are required to notify the Dance Troupe teacher in advance of their absence.
- If a student misses more than 2 rehearsals in a term they forfeit their position on the team.

EVENTS

Students will have performance opportunities throughout the year, including at our College Arts Showcase & Dance Night. Specific information about events will be sent via In Form on your BCE connect app, and also communicated to students at rehearsals and via their Teams (on their device). Costume information will be given out to students via Teams. Students will be provided with transport to events that are held during the school week.

2027 DATES

- Sunshine Coast Dance Eisteddfod (Senior Troupe + Year 10-12 only) - 4th, 5th & 6th May @ The Events Centre Caloundra (Week 4, Term 2)
- Pinnacle Dance Challenge - 24th & 25th July @ St Teresa's Catholic College (Week 2, Term 3)
- Beenleigh - end July or early August (date tbc) @ Logan Entertainment Centre
- Dance X Competition - 4th, 7th & 8th August @ Matthew Flinders Anglican College or The Events Centre (Week 4, Term 4)
- Arts Showcase - 2nd September @ St Teresa's Catholic College (Week 8, Term 3)
- Dance X Competition Finals (TBC) - 8th-11th October @ Matthew Flinders Anglican College
- Dance Night - 21st October @ St Teresa's Catholic College (Week 3, Term 4)
- Students will also have an opportunity to perform at college assemblies/parent nights
- Additional events as they arise.

COSTS

- Dance Troupe has an annual fee of $500 which is added to your school fees. This fee covers competition entries, competition passes, rehearsals, dress rehearsals and costume hire.
- Students must purchase their own dance shoes, tights & make up.
- Additional items may be required and will be communicated to students prior to events.

REHEARSALS

*Subject to change.

- Junior rehearsals - Monday afternoon from 2:30-4:00pm
- Senior rehearsals - Wednesday afternoon from 2:30-4:00pm
- Extension Rehearsals - TBC on group availability.

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DRAMA

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ENSEMBLES

Membership provides students with an opportunity to develop physical presence (body and voice) and confidence in engaging an audience. They become effective collaborators and creative problem solvers, and develop from connections with and understanding of others of diverse backgrounds and abilities. Studying Drama provides students across many industries an edge in interviews, communicating live and on-screen, and thinking strategically to solve problems creatively.

ENTRY

The St Teresa's Drama Ensemble is open to all. A group audition will be held early in the school year to get to know your strengths. Students do not need to prepare an audition monologue; the audition consists of a group workshop involving a physical improvisation session and a script reading with roles provided at the workshop. All students wanting to participate in the drama ensembles need to attend the Term 1 audition.

COMMITMENT

- Being a part of Drama Ensemble at St Teresa's is a year long commitment.
- Students are required to notify the Drama teacher in advance of their absence.
- If a student misses more than 2 rehearsals in a term they forfeit their position in the ensemble.

EVENTS

May include:

- Arts Showcase - 2nd September @ St Teresa's Catholic College (Week 8, Term 3)
- Drama Night - TBC
- Additional events as they arise.

COST

- Drama Ensemble has an annual fee of $100 which is added to your school fees.

CONTACT

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MUSIC

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PRIVATE LESSONS/ENSEMBLES

Our Co-Curricular Music Program offers our students a range of instrumental and ensemble experiences. In our instrumental lesson program our professionally trained instructors offer private lessons. For specific details of the music program please consult the Music Handbook. The College also offers a range of performance opportunities in a variety of music ensembles. In ensembles, younger members develop the confidence to perform alongside and be mentored by more experienced musicians, and senior musicians have an opportunity to mentor and lead, including conducting. Opportunities are also available in rock bands lead by tutors, and in guitar ensemble, brass and percussion ensembles if developed by our instructors based on student needs and skill levels.

ENTRY

St Teresa's offers the following Music Ensembles:

- Concert Band
- Stage Band
- Guitar Ensemble
- Vocal Ensemble
- String Ensemble
- Chapel Band
- Music Extension Groups

In the ensembles students have an opportunity to apply and develop technical skills, and to develop confidence in performing for an audience, and ensemble-mindedness, learning the self-discipline in rehearsal and relying on each other as valued members of the group.

Musicians who continue to demonstrate commitment to their core ensemble are welcome to audition for extension ensembles (specialising in more complex traditional repertoire). Students who participate in our Instrumental Music Program are expected to apply their learning by joining one of the the relevant ensembles for their instrument once a basic skill level is attained.

COMMITMENT

- Being a part of a music ensemble at St Teresa's is a year long commitment.
- Students are required to let the ensemble leader know in advance of their absence.
- If a student misses more than 2 rehearsals in a term without notice they may forfeit their position in the ensemble.

EVENTS

- Noosa Beach Community Performance (Term 1)
- Music Night - Term 2, Week 6 (date tbc)
- Arts Showcase - 2nd September, Week 8 Term 3 @ St Teresa's Catholic College
- Local community festivals and public events such as ANZAC and Remembrance Day
- Instrumental Music Grading Day
- Additional events as they arise.

COSTS

- **MUSIC LESSONS =** $40/lesson (Private)
- **BAND/ENSEMBLE =** $50/term

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FILM CLUB

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YEAR 7-9

Junior Film Club provides an opportunity for students in Years 7-9 to explore their interest in film in a fun and friendly environment. Each week students devise and shoot movie scenes, short films, parodies, music videos and other media activities across all genres, including horror, comedy, and science fiction. Students learn the skills they need to shoot their own fantastic films and experiment with filmmaking techniques such green screen and horror special effects makeup. The emphasis is on developing skills in a creative and engaging environment.

ENTRY

- Students are able to sign up for Film Club in Term 1 of the school year.

COMMITMENT

- Being a part of Film Club at St Teresa's is a semester commitment.
- Students are required to notify the Film Club teacher in advance of their absence.

COST

- Film Club has an annual fee of $50 which is added to your school fees.

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