



Performing and Visual Arts 2024



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Acknowledgement of Country

We acknowledge the traditional owners of the lands we are meeting on today. We come to you today from where the Bunurong people of the Kulin Nation are the traditional storytellers. Storytelling is an essential part of First Nations culture – stories were used to teach, to learn, to entertain. Stories were told through dance, through song, through movement, through art and through drama.

We acknowledge that our First Nations people are the first artists of our country, and we acknowledge the generations of storytelling that has come before us and their continuing contemporary art making and storytelling.



Performing and Visual Arts in 2024 promises an exciting and fulfilling program for the entire Cornish community.

Each event will be a culmination of much planning, practice, communication, risk-taking and then celebration: a vital process for the effective learning.

The offerings this season will continue to foster connections across year levels and disciplines allowing students a wide variety of opportunities to engage, create and reflect in the performing and visual arts.

Please enjoy reading this brochure and we'd love to see you at our events this year.

Wayne Elliott, Jessica Pratt, Bex Hinton, Natalie Kosnar, Pamela King and the Cornish College Performing and Visual Arts Teams.

Calendar

Term 1	
Southern Independent Schools Annual Music and Dance Evening	Tuesday 19 March
Year 6 Production – <i>The Hundred Acre Woods</i>	Monday 25 March
Term 2	
Prep - Year 2 Recital	Monday 13 May
VCE Visual and Performing Arts Showcase	Thursday 23 & Friday 24 May
Winter Showcase Festival	Thursday 30 May
Southern Independent Schools TheatreSports Championship	Friday 13 June
Junior House Performing Arts	Thursday 20 June
Senior House Performing Arts	Friday 21 June
Wearable Art Showcase	June
Term 3	
Year 7 Showcase	July
Secondary Production – <i>Seussical JR</i>	Thursday 12 & Friday 13 September
Term 4	
VCE Art Exhibition	Tuesday 15 - Thursday 17 October
Summer Showcase Festival	Thursday 24 October
Years 3 & 4 Strings Soiree	Thursday 7 November
Southern Independent Schools Art, Technology & Design Exhibition	Saturday 9 – Monday 18 November
Art Walk	November
Prep – Year 2 Recital	Monday 18 November
Year 7 Band Recital Evening	Tuesday 19 November
Prep – Year 4 Christmas Celebration Evening	Monday 2 December
Years 7 – 12 Celebration Evening	Tuesday 3 December

It has been proven time and time again in countless studies that students who actively participate in arts education are twice as likely to read for pleasure, have strengthened problem-solving and critical thinking skills, are four times more likely to be recognised for academic achievement, four times more likely to participate in a math and science fair.

‘Arts Education in America’ by Quincy Jones



Arts Leaders



Dance

Grace Costigan & Eden Griffin



Drama

Bianca Hughes & Sophie Schadel



Music

Jasmine Prowd & Lucas Solomonovich



Visual Arts

Marlie Smith & Phoebe Popp

Assemblies, public speaking, debating, choirs, ensembles and more...

Throughout the year, a range of performance opportunities are offered within the school, in and outside the classroom, and in the wider community. We are continuously encouraging students to create a culture of inclusion, risk-taking and to make the most of these experiences.



Performing Arts, Music and Drama Tuition

Our cocurricular programs are designed to offer students a breadth of opportunities to explore their interests in the Performing Arts. There is something for all students from Prep – Year 12, as individuals or in small groups, to try new things or refine established talents.

For more information about our small group drama tuition programs or to enrol

visit cornishcollege.vic.edu.au/cocurricular/drama/

For information about our instrumental music tuition program or to enrol

visit cornishcollege.vic.edu.au/cocurricular/music/



Year 6 Production

The Hundred Acre Woods

By AA Milne Adapted for a large cast of young performers by Kathryn Schultz Miller

As humans we all want to feel a sense of belonging. That we have somewhere and someone to feel connected to. Pooh and his friends encounter obstacles and problems in their adventures within the hundred acre wood, their home. How they care for, support and celebrate each other, despite their mistakes and misfortunes, provides them all with a loving and safe environment.

When: Monday 25 March, 6.30pm

Where: Gymnasium

Year level involved: Year 6

Appropriate for: All ages

Tickets: Booking details will be made available closer to the event

Open to all members and friends of the Cornish College community



VCE Visual & Performing Arts Showcase

VCE students from Theatre Studies, Music Performance, Art Making & Exhibiting, Media and Visual Communication Design present work that they have been developing throughout the semester.

Audiences will be entertained with a production from Unit 1 Theatre Studies, a compilation of ensemble and solo music items from Units 1 and 3 Music, whilst art students will present a 'work-in-progress' gallery space displaying work in various media.

When: Thursday 23 & Friday 24 May

Where: Cornish College, various locations

Who: Students studying VCE Units 1 or 3 Music, Theatre Studies, Media, Art Making & Exhibiting and Visual Communication Design

Appropriate for: Year 5 and above

Tickets: Booking details will be made available closer to the event



Winter Showcase Festival

Enjoy performances by individual musicians and small groups followed by the Cornish music ensembles, including the Year 5 String Ensemble, Junior Choirs, Guitar and Percussion Ensembles, Brass House, Contemporary Band, Funk/Soul Band, Concert Band and VCE performing items.

When: Thursday 30 May, 5.00pm

Where: Cornish College, various locations

Who: Students from Years 3 – 12 who undertake drama, music and dance tuition and students who participate in ensembles

Appropriate for: All ages

Open to all members of the Cornish College community



House Performing Arts

House Performing Arts will again demonstrate a spectacular culmination of massed and solo singing, dance, drama and instrumental items. This event is completely student-led and designed to maximise inclusion for all. Now in its eighth year, it is a highly anticipated event on the College calendar.

When: Friday 21 June

Where: Gymnasium

Year levels involved: Years 5 – 12

Open to all students



Junior House Performing Arts

Junior House Performing Arts is a celebration using the same theme as the senior event. Students work in their Houses to perform a cohesive singing and dancing experience. Be prepared to 'bop along' to the students' collaborations!

Junior House Performing Arts is a celebration of all things singing in the lower primary years. It is an opportunity for younger students to get a taste of what it is like to be involved in a House competition for the performing arts.

When: Thursday 20 June

Where: Gymnasium

Year levels involved: Years 2 – 4

Appropriate for: All ages

Open to Prep – Year 4



Southern Independent Schools TheatreSports Championship

Two teams from Years 7 – 12 ‘battle it out’ in improvised theatre games with other schools. TheatreSports is defined as two teams of improvisers competing for points.

Students learn the basics of *improvisation* while meeting like-minded students from other schools during a workshop day, training at school during the term and competing at the championship.

When: Friday 13 June

Where: SIS Host School

Year levels involved: Selected students from Years 7 – 12

Appropriate for: All ages

Open to Southern Independent Schools student participants



Secondary Production

Cornish College Presents – Seussical JR
by Lynn Ahrens and Stephen Flaherty

Horton the Elephant, the Cat in the Hat and all of your favourite Dr. Seuss characters spring to life onstage in Seussical JR a story of friendship, loyalty and love.

The Cat in the Hat narrates the story of Horton, who discovers a speck of dust containing tiny people called the Whos. Horton must protect the Whos from danger and guard an abandoned egg. Despite all the odds, Horton and Gertrude band together to save the Whos, free Horton and restore peace and unity to the Jungle of Nool. Throughout the journey the values of friendship, loyalty, family and community are challenged and emerge triumphant.

When: Thursday 12 and Friday 13 September, from 7.00pm

Where: Gymnasium

Year levels involved: Years 7 – 12

Appropriate for: All ages

Tickets: Booking details will be made available closer to the event



Open to all members and friends of the Cornish College community

Summer Showcase Festival

As we move into the warmer months of the year, it's time to take the music, drama and dance showcase outdoors and utilise our unique environment and landscape. Enjoy performances by individual musicians and small groups, followed by the Cornish music ensembles, at different locations around our stunning campus.

When: Thursday 24 October, 5.00pm

Where: Various outdoor locations

Year levels involved: Years 3 – 12

Appropriate for: All ages

Open to all members and friends of the Cornish College community



Prep – Year 2 Recital

This is an opportunity for students to get out of the practice room and perform on stage.

For some students, this is their first experience of performing solo in front of an audience.

When: Monday 13 May and Monday 18 November

Where: Sustainability Centre

Year levels involved: Prep – Year 2

Appropriate for: All ages

Open to all Prep – Year 2 families

Years 3 & 4 String Soiree

A showcase of learning in the classroom
Years 3 & 4 String Program.

When: Thursday 7 November, 5.00pm

Where: Sustainability Centre

Year levels involved: Years 3 & 4

Appropriate for: All ages

Open to Years 3 & 4 families



Year 7 Band Recital Evening

In addition to the core curriculum, students study a range of specialist subjects. Music in Year 7 involves students learning a band instrument. This recital is the culmination of what the students have achieved throughout the year in the band program. For many, this is their first public performance on an instrument.

When: Tuesday 19 November, 7.00pm

Where: Gymnasium

Year levels involved: Year 7

Appropriate for: All ages

Open to all members and friends of the Cornish College community



Prep – Year 4 Christmas Celebration Evening

This Christmas Celebration is a night of carols, performances and community. Our students share their joy with parents and friends on stage.

This annual event marks the end of Term 4 and brings families together to reflect upon the year that has been and look towards the next year with anticipation.

When: Monday 2 December, 5.30pm

Where: Gymnasium

Year levels involved: Prep – Year 4

Appropriate for: All ages

Open to all members and friends of the Cornish College community



Celebration Evening

Celebration Evening is just that – a fantastic evening of celebration! The Cornish College community comes together to recognise and acknowledge student effort and achievement throughout the year. Interspersed throughout the program are a range of performing arts items further showcasing student accomplishments.

In what is quickly becoming a tradition at Celebration Evening, our talented staff and students combine to perform an item which integrates music, dance and drama.

When: Tuesday 3 December, 7.00pm

Where: Frankston Arts Centre

Who: Years 7 – 12

Tickets: Booking details will be made available closer to the event

Open to all Cornish families of Years 7 – 12 students, although places are limited



Wearable Art Showcase

Throughout Semester One, our primary school artists have been exploring different mediums to create an amazing array of wearable art. These incredible pieces will be worn by staff and students alike for our end of semester Wearable Art Showcase.

When: At the end of Semester One

Where: Gymnasium

Year levels involved: Prep – Year 6

Appropriate for: All ages

Open to all members and friends of the Cornish College community



Year 7 Showcase

As part of the Year 7 Showcase, there will be an exhibition highlighting student artwork from our first semester of Visual Arts.

The Year 7 students have explored the world around them to find inspiration. They have actively engaged with our expansive 100 acres, studied various forms of mapping and place, and trialled a wide range of materials and techniques in the studio before finalising their artworks.

When: Late Semester One & late Semester Two

Where: TBC

Year levels involved: Year 7

Appropriate for: All ages

Open to all members and friends of the Cornish College community



VCE Art Exhibition

This exhibition showcases the creative work of VCE students studying Art Making & Exhibiting, Media and Visual Communication Design.

Artworks on display are the culmination of work generated as part of the students completing their VCE study design in these areas.

When: Tuesday 15 - Thursday 17 October

Where: Senior Studies Centre

Year levels involved: Years 10 – 12

Appropriate for: All ages

Open to all members and friends of the Cornish College community



Art Walk

The culmination of Semester Two is celebrated with the annual Art Walk. An outdoor art exhibition featuring work from students in Prep – Year 6, displayed in our wonderful hundred acres. It is a special evening to share with family and friends, exploring the grounds as you travel through the art installation sites.

When: November

Where: Various locations around the Cornish College grounds

Year levels involved: Prep – Year 6

Appropriate for: All ages

Open to all members and friends of the Cornish College community



Southern Independent Schools Art, Technology & Design Exhibition

Selected artworks from our Year 7 Art program, Super Studies, and VCE Art Making & Exhibiting, Media and Visual Communication Design, are exhibited alongside their peers from other Southern Independent Schools member schools.

On display for a week at Frankston Arts Centre's Cube 37 Gallery, it is a wonderful opportunity to showcase our students' talents across a wide range of visual art studies.

When: Saturday 9 – Monday 18 November

Where: Cube 37 Gallery, Frankston Arts Centre

Year levels involved: Selected students from Years 7 – 12

Appropriate for: All ages

Open to all



Interested in supporting Cornish Performing Arts?

We'd love to hear from you!

Our commitment to sustainable theatre practices

We would appreciate donations of instruments or lengths of material, interesting 'artefacts' such as old telephones, cameras – anything that might be of use for student theatre productions.

If you have something to donate, please contact
Jessica Pratt, 9781 9000 or
jessica.pratt@cornishcollege.vic.edu.au

Cornish Performing Arts Mentor Program

Did you enjoy Music, Dance or Drama at school? Have you developed an appreciation since leaving? Can you play a musical instrument, or have you studied and/or worked in the creative arts industry? Do you enjoy building or painting or are you looking for short-term, rewarding projects that help young people? The Cornish Performing Arts Mentor Program might be for you!

We are building a database of like-minded alumni and members of the Cornish community to share their skills and expertise in a variety of ways pertaining to the Performing Arts.

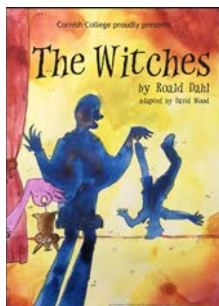
A mentor might:

- Play an instrument in one of the College's ensembles
- Help design or construct a set or costumes for a production
- Offer lighting, sound and multimedia tuition to students
- Speak to students interested in a career in the performing arts
- Assist backstage during productions
- Mentor students in acting or directing
- Conduct an ensemble
- Choreograph dance routines
- Perform as a guest
- Coach students in vocal lessons

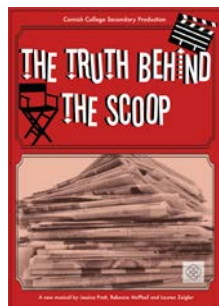
To participate, or for further information, please contact:

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- Jessica Pratt, Director of Drama and Dance
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Past Productions



The Witches



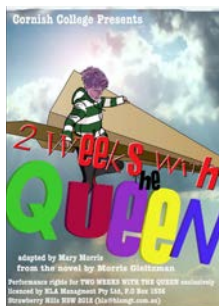
The Truth Behind the Scoop



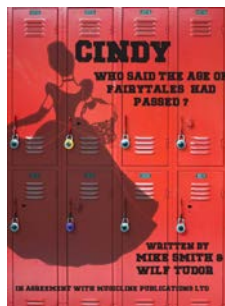
The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe



The Grimmuss



Two Weeks with the Queen



Cindy



Atomic



A Thousand Cranes



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