



# Performing and Visual Arts 2023



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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 2023 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 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.

**Rebecca McPhail, Lauren Zeigler, Bex Hinton, May Judson, Pamela King and the Cornish College Performing and Visual Arts Teams.**

# Calendar

Term 1	
Southern Independent Schools Music Performance – Annual Music & Dance Evening	Tuesday 28 March
Year 6 Production – The Adventures of the Jammy Dodger	Monday 3 April
Term 2	
VCE Visual and Performing Arts Showcase	Thursday 25 & Friday 26 May
Winter Showcase Festival	Thursday 8 June
House Performing Arts	Friday 23 June
Term 3	
Southern Independent School Theatresports Championship	Friday 14 July
Year 7 Showcase – Art Exhibition	Thursday 20 July
Secondary Production – The Witches	Thursday 3 & Friday 4 August
VCE Art Exhibition	Wednesday 6 – Friday 8 September
Term 4	
Summer Showcase Festival	Wednesday 8 November
Southern Independent Schools Art, Technology & Design Exhibition	Monday 13 – Monday 20 November
Art Walk	November
Prep – Year 2 Recital	Monday 13 November
Years 3 & 4 String Soiree	Thursday 16 November
Year 7 Band Recital Evening	Monday 20 November
Prep – Year 4 Christmas Celebration Evening	Monday 27 November
Years 7 – 12 Celebration Evening	Tuesday 5 December

*The purpose of arts education is not to produce more artists, though that is a byproduct. The real purpose of arts education is to create complete human beings capable of leading successful and productive lives in a free society.*

**Dana Gioia, American poet,  
literary critic and former chair of the  
US National Endowment for the Arts**



# Arts Leaders



## Dance

Belle Connolly & Milana Wickramage



## Drama

Bailey Foster & Evelyn Bannan



## Music

Wyn Hughes & Rachael Bannan



## Visual Arts

Bennet McKenna & Andrew Ellis

# 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/](https://cornishcollege.vic.edu.au/cocurricular/drama/)

For information about our instrumental music tuition program or to enrol

visit [cornishcollege.vic.edu.au/cocurricular/music/](https://cornishcollege.vic.edu.au/cocurricular/music/)



## Year 6 Production

*The Adventures of the Jammy Dodger*  
Script and Lyrics by Melanie Roberts,  
Music by Rod Parvess  
Authorised by Lazy Bee Scripts

*The Adventures of the Jammy Dodger* is a grand adventure story. A group of older folks encourage their grandchildren to try an old-style adventure, with fresh air, go-carts and pirates, and the children end up saving some ancient woods from a building development.

**When:** Monday 3 April

**Where:** Gymnasium

**Year levels 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 25 & Friday 26 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 and Senior Choirs, Guitar and Percussion Ensembles, Brasshouse, Contemporary Band, the Funk/Soul Band and VCE performance items.

**When:** Thursday 8 June

**Where:** Cornish College, various locations

**Who:** Students from Years 3 – 12 who undertake drama and music 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 seventh year, it is a highly anticipated event on the College calendar.

**When:** Friday 23 June

**Where:** Cornish College 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:** Friday 23 June

**Where:** Cornish College Sustainability Centre

**Year levels involved:** Years 2 – 4

**Appropriate for:** All ages

Open to Years 2-4 students



# 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 14 July

**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 - The Witches**  
by Roald Dahl adapted by David Wood

An Amateur Production by arrangement with ORiGiN™ Theatrical, on behalf of Samuel French Ltd - a Concord Theatricals Company.

*This is a story about REAL WITCHES. Real witches dress in ordinary clothes, have ordinary jobs and look very much like ordinary people. But they are not ORDINARY... Most of all, they hate children. Hate them with a red-hot sizzling hatred. And The Grand High Witch, leader of all the witches, has a plan to make each and every child disappear. That is, unless one boy and his grandmother can stop her...*

**When:** Thursday 3 and Friday 4 August, 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 and drama 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:** Wednesday 8 November, from 5.00pm

**Where:** Cornish College, various outdoor locations

**Year levels involved:** Prep – Year 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 November

**Where:** Sustainability Centre

**Who:** Prep – Year 2

Open to all Cornish families of Prep – Year 2 students



# 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, particularly those who are new to the school in Year 7, this is their first public performance on an instrument.

**When:** Monday 20 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



# Years 3 & 4 String Soiree

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

**When:** Thursday 16 November

**Where:** Sustainability Centre

**Year levels involved:** Years 3 & 4

**Appropriate for:** All ages

Open to parents of Years 3 & 4 students



# 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 27 November, 7.00pm

**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 5 December

**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



# Year 7 Showcase

As part of the Year 7 Showcase, there will be an art exhibition highlighting student work and the journey to uncover truths, beneath the surface, through the Visual Arts.

**When:** Thursday 20 July  
**Where:** Sustainability Centre  
**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 Visual Communication Design, Art Making & Exhibiting and Media. Artworks on display are the culmination of work generated as part of the students completing their VCE study design in these areas.

**When:** Wednesday 6 - Friday 8 September

**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 Cornish College Art Walk is an outdoor art exhibition featuring artwork from Prep – Year 6, displayed in our wonderful outdoor learning environment.

**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 and Technology Exhibition

Selected artworks by our Year 7 students (through Super Studies), and our VCE students in Media, Art Making & Exhibiting and Visual Communication Design, are exhibited alongside their peers from Southern Independent Schools member schools.

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

**When:** Monday 13 - Monday 20 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  
Lauren Zeigler, 9781 9000 or  
lauren.zeigler@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.

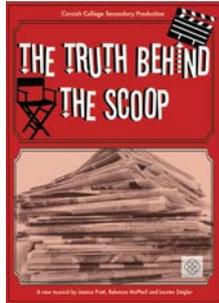
A mentor might:

- 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:

- Lauren Zeigler or Rebecca McPhail
- Tel: 9781 9000
- Email: lauren.zeigler@cornishcollege.vic.edu.au or rebecca.mcphail@cornishcollege.vic.edu.au

# Past Productions



**The Truth Behind the Scoop**



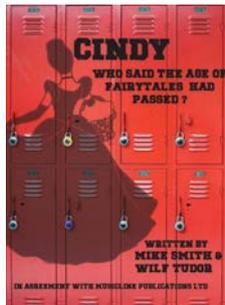
**The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe**



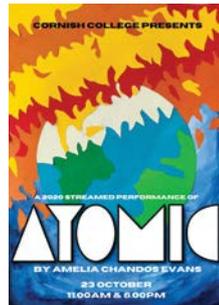
**The Grimmuss**



**Two Weeks with the Queen**



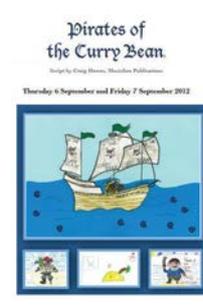
**Cindy**



**Atomic**



**A Thousand Cranes**



**Pirates of the Curry Bean**



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