

THE ONE ACT PLAYS



ALL STUDENT DIRECTED PERFORMANCES | SHORT TIME FRAME



THURSDAY
MARCH 14, 2024
6.30pm

Black Box Theatre
Wattle Street Bendigo
Gold Coin Entry

FROM THE DIRECTOR

Step into the vibrant world of the One Act Play Festival, where every song has a story to tell. As the proud director of this beloved co-curricular event, I am thrilled to invite you to an evening of boundless creativity and musical enchantment.

Under the theme “Jukebox: Every Song Has a Story,” our festival promises an eclectic mix of tales woven together by the threads of music. From the timeless classics to the latest hits, each song serves as a gateway into the hearts and minds of our student performers.

With no audition requirements, our festival embraces inclusivity and celebrates the diverse talents of our students. Here, creativity knows no bounds as aspiring actors, directors, and technicians come together to bring their visions to life on stage.

Behind the scenes, our dedicated teams work tirelessly to craft immersive experiences that transport audiences to new worlds with every performance. From the nostalgia of a retro diner to the pulsating energy of a crowded dance floor, our sets and costumes breathe life into the stories unfolding before your eyes.

But beyond the melodies and choreography lies a

deeper narrative—one of personal growth, resilience, and the power of human connection. The One Act Play Festival is more than just a showcase of talent; it’s a celebration of the transformative journey that each performer undertakes, leaving an indelible mark on their lives and those of the audience.

I would like to thank my wonderful co-SMC, Mr Bevan Madden for his support of the OAPF. Thank you to Ms Mandy Ellison, Mrs Shari Williams and Miss Emma Hodges for all the organisation behind the scenes. Thank you to Ms Joanne Christie and her wonderful backstage team, Mr Mark Beever and the Marketing team and Mr Dave Plathe, Mr Adrian Hodda and our fabulous student Technicians Team.

So, come join us as we embark on a journey through the jukebox of life, where every song has a story waiting to be told. Experience the magic of the stage and witness the incredible talents of our student performers at the One Act Play Festival. You won’t want to miss this celebration of creativity, music, and the timeless power of storytelling.

Miss Emily Holmes
SMC One Act Play Festival



PROGRAMME OF PLAYS

1. The Belleroses

Join the Bellerose family as we traverse time, visiting the different iterations of the 'noble' family cafe.

Written by *Oliver Willits, 12 Jones*

Directed by *James Forbes, 12 Aherne*

Cast

Narrator	Oliver Willits, 12 Jones
Bella/Marnie	Greta Scuderi, 12 Riley
Liliane	Emma Hines, 12 Frew
Aimee/Mia	Grace Whitsed, 12 Riley
Marx/Matthew/Matty	Bailey Dolan, 12 Aherne

2. Nightmare on Jam Street

The world of music is home to many lingering questions:

Who started the fire? What did they make her do? Who puffed the magic dragon?

But now, one of the world's largest unsolved mysteries is rocked to its core in this thrilling and genius caper.

Written by *Whole Cast*

Directed by *Whole Cast*

Cast

Everyone Else	Alannah Warren, 12 Frew
The Detective	Ryan Moat, 12 Jones





3. Article 246: Childhood Dreams to Newsroom Realities

As they grapple with the disillusionment of their office jobs, a group of journalists question their childhood dreams and the path they've chosen.

Written by *Matilda Lovett, 10 Jones*

Directed by *Matilda Lovett, 10 Jones*

Cast

Boss	Matilda O'Sullivan, 10 Jones
Herb	Matilda Lovett, 10 Jones
Sandra	Tayla Edwards, 10 Aherne
Marty	Sabine Stewart, 10 Millward
Linda	Ethan Marwood, 10 Jones

4. The Jukebox Ghost

A group of museum workers who are looking for an ancient artifact enter an old home and go down into the basement where they find the Jukebox and the Jukebox Ghost.

Written by *Amelia O'Rielly, 7 Jenkin*

Directed by *Whole Cast*

Cast

Max	Finn Beattie, 7 Jenkin
Rose	Quinn Thacker, 7 Aherne
Carlos (the Ghost)	Isla Westbrook, 7 Frew
Sam	Ava Richards, 7 Jenkin
Susie	Amelia O'Rielly, 7 Jenkin

5. Bad Blood

Bad Blood: the Murder Mystery takes place in the 1930's when a disease (Bad Blood) spreads across England. We meet a couple whose marriage takes a turn for the worst...

Written by *Amelia Westbrook, 9 Frew and Ava Rudkins, 9 Frew*

Directed by *Whole Cast*

Cast

Nurse/Peasant	Amelia Westbrook, 9 Frew
Doris	Ava Rudkins, 9 Frew
Doctor	Ellen Frigerio, 7 Aherne
Charles	Scarlotte Riley, 7 Millward
Police Officer	Charlotte Ough, 7 Riley



6. Band Together

Lily Graham is the only daughter of the famous Lukas Graham, and she has a dream. With the help of her 2 best friends, she starts a band, but her relationship with one of her members becomes strained when there are two very contrasting perspectives. Will they ever learn to work together, or will the band be broken up forever?

Written by *Siún O'Malley, 8 Jones*

Directed by *Siún O'Malley, 8 Jones*

Cast

Lily Graham	Siún O'Malley, 8 Jones
Reporter 1	Hazel Ziffer, 8 Jones
BM3/Reporter 2 (Joan)	Anika Tadakamadla, 8 Frew
BM2	Aurelia Ford, 8 Riley

7. Front Row Boys

Two guys in the 2000s trying to get two girls but end up realising they're better as friends, and should start a band!

Written by *Whole Cast*

Directed by *Charlotte Cason, 8 Frew and Maya Dean, 8 Frew*

Cast

Matt	Charlotte Cason, 8 Frew
Madison	Zalie Emmerson, 8 Frew
Jacob	Maya Dean, 8 Frew
Alyssa	Ashmi Dissanayake, 8 Jones

8. Betrothed

A castle. A musical. A soon-to-be wed couple. A hopeless case. And swords. Lots of swords.

Written by *Annie Knott, 8 Millward*

Directed by *Whole Cast*

Cast

Handmaiden	Charlie Henderson, 8 Millward
Princess	Annie Knott, 8 Millward
Advisor	Amélie Kooloos, 8 Millward
Prince	Zoe Osicka, 8 Millward

9. The Hunt for the Sacred Paintbrush

The story of two thieves, a magic paintbrush, a museum, and a cop, but one character is not as they seem.

Written by *Mannus Clarke, 8 Aherne*

Directed by *Whole Cast*

Cast

Policeman Frank	Jacob Markoff, <i>9 Frew</i>
Fashion Hater -	Jacob Keys-Blowers,
Mike Jagger	<i>8 Millward</i>
Henchperson Richonda	Mannus Clarke, 8 Aherne

10. Breaking News

Breaking News: Two ducks have... attempted to rob a lemonade stand, just not well..

Written by *Whole Cast*

Directed by *Whole Cast*

Cast

Quakers (Duck #2)	Sam Creme, <i>8 Millward</i>
Cheese (Duck #1)	Eva Lees, <i>8 Aherne</i>
News Reporter	Ryder Edwards, <i>7 Aherne</i>
Vincenzo	Charlette Walmsley,
	<i>8 Aherne</i>



11. A Mould O' Both your Bakers

Two bakeries, both alike in recipe, in fair Bakesville, where we lay our scene. From ancient bread break to new mutiny, where civil dough makes civil hands unclean.

Written by *Whole Cast*

Directed by *Whole Cast*

Cast

Terrone/Salvatore	Liam Moat, <i>9 Jones</i>
Leo	Brandon Tuohy, <i>9 Frew</i>
Vito/Narrator	Angus Cuthbertson, <i>9 Jones</i>
Michael	Harshil Balraj, <i>9 Riley</i>

12. Submarine

After weary science teacher Professor Walt Grace confesses his lifelong dream of building a submarine to three of his most troublesome students, all their lives take an unexpected but wholesome turn. Follow John, Bevan, and Lee on their quest for nautical adventure.

Written by *Oliver Jacobs, 9 Jones*

Directed by *Oliver Jacobs, 9 Jones and Adeeth Samarakone, 9 Jenkin*

Cast

John	Adeeth Samarakone, <i>9 Jenkin</i>
Walt Grace	Oliver Jacobs, <i>9 Jones</i>
Bevan	Hugh Bain, <i>9 Jones</i>
Lee	Benjamin Phan, <i>9 Jones</i>



THANK YOU

DRAMA CAPTAINS

James Forbes *12 Aherne (Captain)*
Oliver Willits, *12 Jones (Vice-Captain)*

PRODUCTION CAPTAINS

Geta Scuderi *12 Riley (Captain)*
Tom Marchant *11 Millward (Vice-Captain)*

ADJUDICATOR

Amy McMillan

BACKSTAGE

Ms Joanne Christie
Lily Georgeos, *9 Aherne*
Charlotte Hindson, *9 Frew*
Finn McCormick, *8 Aherne*
Bao Long Nguyen, *7 Jones*
Elsie Patton, *11 Riley*
Emma Pomeroy, *7 Jones*
Liam Witham, *7 Riley*

TECHNICAN TEAM

Mr Adrian Hodda
Mr Dave Plathe
Oscar Woods, *11 Riley*
Harry Garnett, *11 Riley*
James Trotter, *11 Jenkin*
Jeb Collins, *12 Jones*

SMC DIRECTOR AND ASSISTANT

Miss Emily Holmes
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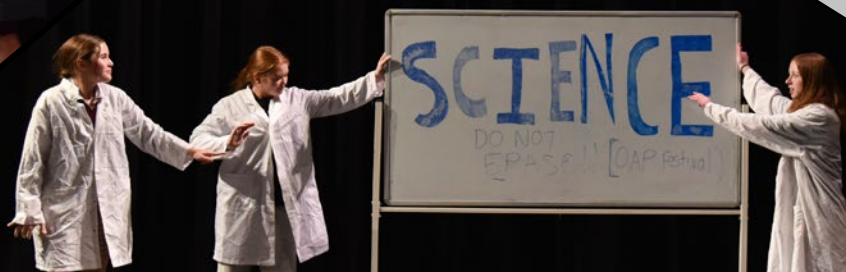
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The Friends of Performing Arts (FOPA) is a parent and friends' group that provides support for the Drama and Music Departments in both the Junior and Senior School.

We organise volunteers to assist with the activities associated with our School's fantastic performing arts program. These include front of house support at productions; make-up and costume assistance; backstage assistance; preparing for and serving in the refreshment stall; costume maintenance; set production;

assistance for school groups that support the Drama and Music Departments (eg. the technicians, the graphics and art department); and fundraising activities.

Do you have a special talent in any of these fields? Would you like to help?

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