

PERFORMING ARTS ACADEMY

GIRRAWHEEN SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL



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**“ You don't have to
be the greatest
performer to
enjoy success
in the Performing
Arts Academy ”**



PROGRAM VALUES

Students are expected to be...

RESPECTFUL

TEAM PLAYERS

MOTIVATED & DEDICATED

STRIVING TO REACH POTENTIAL

WHAT DO WE DO?

This elite program develops excellence in Dance and Drama and caters for diverse cultural backgrounds, individual differences and needs, for both beginner and experienced level students.

Within the program, students will participate in a variety of performances, take part in excursions and develop a critical understanding of the Arts.

Our teaching team are highly qualified industry professionals. The program itself has links to Edith Cowan University's, Western Australian Academy of Performing Arts (WAAPA). We are committed to nurturing talented students so they can reach their full potential whilst contributing towards successfully achieving their WACE.

Students in Years 7, 8 and 9 study both Dance and Drama. Year 10 students may select 1 or both subjects as part of their learning program. The program strives to develop:

- Excellence in Dance and Drama
- Recognition of individual work
- Team building and trust
- Self-acceptance and self-respect
- Improved self esteem
- Self-reflection skills
- Leadership skills
- Responsibility

PROGRAM OVERVIEW



PERFORMING ARTS ACADEMY DANCE YEARS 7, 8, 9 & 10

Our Specialty Dance Program is designed to build students' ability to develop dance technique. The program expands creativity and helps to increase fitness levels. Students are assessed on works choreographed by industry professionals in addition to student designed dance pieces.

Students will be timetabled into these classes to:

- Learn a range of dance genres (Hip Hop, Contemporary and Jazz)
- Perform to an audience
- Work with Dance Industry experts
- Develop skills in costume design, makeup, music and staging



PERFORMING ARTS ACADEMY DRAMA YEARS 7, 8, 9 & 10

Our Drama Program enables students to develop performance and production skills, both independently and collaboratively in a supportive environment by expert teaching staff and industry professionals. Students are taught to become confident public speakers and develop their leadership skills.

The program partners with the WA Youth Theatre Company (WAYTCo.) after hours **Drama Hub** for young people aged 11-18. This is also open to students in Year 6 who have an interest in Drama. Please contact the school to join the program.

During timetabled Academy classes, students will become skilled at:

- Improvising
- Play building
- Reflecting on the performance process
- Reflecting on the role of the arts in Australian Society
- Performing to a variety of audiences
- Production and design skills



UNITY DANCE AND CHEER TEAM SCSA ENDORSED PROGRAM

Our elite Unity Dance Team is an extension of the Performing Arts Academy with students from Years 7-12 auditioning for the team. Unity achievements include winners of 2020 Yohfest Dance, winners at National Dance and Cheer competitions held in the Gold Coast and State competitions in Perth. The program has a strong partnership with WAAPA, and has seen WAAPA awarding scholarships for individuals to attend short training courses.

Industry partnerships:

- WAAPA
- The Youth Ballet of WA
- Co3 State Contemporary Dance Company
- Sydney Dance Company
- Chinese Ballet
- Perth Festival

HOW DO I JOIN THE PERFORMING ARTS ACADEMY?

Simply complete the ***Specialty Programs Expression of Interest Form*** and submit to Girrawheen Senior High School Administration with your Enrolment Application by the end of August.

Students must successfully audition to enter the program. Auditions are usually held on Orientation Day. Applicants will be contacted if there are changes to audition dates.

The ***Specialty Programs Expression of Interest Form*** can be obtained from Girrawheen Senior High School's Administration as part of the Enrolment Pack.

If you require a form or pack, you can request one by phoning 9247 0555 or emailing girrawheen.shs@education.wa.edu.au

**placements are limited*



Contact us for more information

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