

Mitchelton SHS Excellence Program



Performing Arts Excellence

Description of Program

The **Performing Arts Excellence (PAX)** program provides talented Junior Secondary dance and drama students the opportunity to pursue high level training in a range of styles of both dance and drama guided by our specialist Performing Arts teaching staff. Students are encouraged to develop skills as independent learners, use the dramatic form to make their own statements and develop an appreciation of how the Arts are an integral part of society.

The benefits of our **PAX** course are diverse. Students are given the opportunity to develop reading, writing, listening, speaking and performance skills, as well as foundations for interpreting, reflecting and analysing creative modes of expression. The **PAX** program is a unique course that focuses on students practically exploring performing conventions, developing academic understanding and work-shopping practical skills in order to provide learning experiences in the Performing Arts that other schools in the area cannot offer.

Students are provided with opportunities to work with industry artists including professional actors and dancers to explore develop specialist skills. **Performance** is a key component of the program and your child will have the opportunity to **perform in front of a range of audiences** in a variety of theatre spaces.

Course Aims

Performing Arts Excellence strives to develop each student by providing a thorough grounding in all aspects of the performing arts including:

- High level dance training
- Choreographic exploration
- Live performance opportunities
- Improving co-ordination and muscle tone
- Exploring creativity
- Building strength to improve self esteem
- Developing self-discipline, physical fitness and poise
- Developing musical concepts and appreciation
- Achieving technical excellence and artistic qualities
- Appreciation of a variety of art forms
- Developing cognitive techniques
- Developing teamwork and versatility

Benefits of Program

Students will:

- gain confidence
- develop knowledge and skills
- learn how to work in a group
- experience the thrill of successful outcomes
- learn persistence and
- enjoy being creative and have fun!

Future Pathways

The **Performing Arts (PAX)** program provides students with opportunities to participate in activities that develop and refine the skills that are needed to become a successful performer. This may lead to future career pathways in the performing arts industry including becoming professional dancers, actors or directors.

While many students may follow these career pathways, the performing arts subject also prepares students for other industries as many skillsets are developed through the range of activities explored in the subject. Students learn valuable teamwork skills through problem solving, creating and rehearsing dance or drama acts which will build their communication and leadership skills for the workforce.

Students can choose to further their Dance and/ or Drama knowledge and skills in Years 10, 11 and 12.