

the Arts



- **House Music Festival 2017**

Congratulations to all students and staff on a successful House Music Festival. The spirit shown by the College community during the festival is a highlight of the school calendar and it is certainly a most enjoyable day.

I would like to thank the House Captains for the huge amount of work they put into organising the different groups of students. The work of the House Committee and House Patrons is also important in the planning stages and I would like to thank all who worked with their house groups to present a high quality day of music and dance.

Our 2017 judges were: Jessica Turnbull (JLD), Gabbi Bolt (Bathurst Academy of Music) and Sophie Smith and Abby Jones (Smith and Jones). To give up a busy teaching day to support our students was much appreciated as was the feedback provided on the different groups that performed.

Micky Pye (Bathurst Academy of Music) was also on hand to provide additional lighting and sound support during the week. His expert technical knowledge and goodwill allowed the items to be performed with high quality audio and some very nice lighting effects. A massive thanks to Micky for taking time out of his busy schedule to support our students.

Thanks must also go to all of the teaching staff on duty during the day. There are so many jobs to be done, such as, moving students, moving equipment and setting up etc. The staff and students are so familiar with the process of HMF that it runs smoothly and without a hitch. My last vote of thanks is for the student helpers. Kathryn Evans, Madi Weal, Priscilla Gittany-Evans, Claudia Weal, Isabell Fulton and Amalie Martensz did a fantastic job running sound, lights and managing the stage for the day. They also gave up a considerable amount of time in the week leading up to HMF. Top job ladies!

- **Combined Drama Production 2017**

“Our Town” - has been selected by Mrs Champion to be performed in the College Hall in Term 4, 2017. Large numbers of students from MacKillop and Stannies attended auditions at the end of Term 2. Rehearsals are underway and the second combined production for 2017 will be presented in the MacKillop College Hall during November.

- **Combined Eisteddfod Items 2017**

The musical talents of Stannies and MacKillop students will join forces again for the Bathurst Eisteddfod. This year we will work on Concert Band and have also entered in a section that will allow some of the cast of Footloose to get back together to perform a couple of the songs from the show. Rehearsals for this group have been set down for Wednesday afternoons with the band leaving MKC at 2.30pm on Wednesday 2/8/16 and the Footloose rehearsals starting at 4.30pm until 5.30pm at SSC. In Week 5 rehearsals will move to MKC at the same times.

- **College Music Groups**

New students who play an instrument or sing are encouraged to join one of the College’s music ensembles. There are a number of Year 7 students in particular who we would love to see come along. Make the effort to join one of these groups and start your day by activating your brain through music.

Concert Band - Tuesdays 8am, directed by Mrs Magnay
Choir - Wednesdays 8.10am, directed by Abby Smith and Sophie Jones
Orchestra - Thursdays 8am, directed by Mr Hughes
Please see Mrs Magnay or Mr Hughes for more details.

