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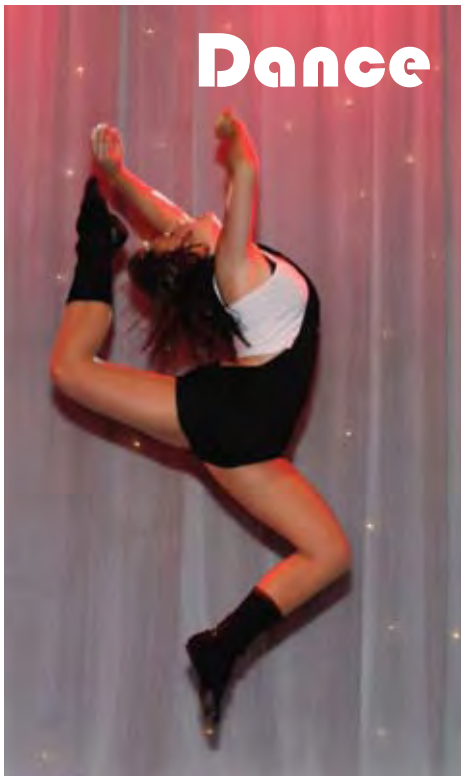
**at**

**RAVENSWOOD**

**2009**



*There are many areas in which girls can participate in the Performing Arts as Co-curricular or Curriculum related activities.*



Dance is a developing area for students at Ravenswood. The conceptual basis of the study of dance as an art form centres on the three practices of performance, composition and appreciation of dance as works of art. Equal emphasis is placed on the processes of experience and end products.

At Ravenswood we are developing a curriculum related **Dance Club** with the view to having annual projects to work towards.

The **Dance Festival** is an inter-House competition for interested dancers, led by the House Dance Captains. The Dance Festival encourages girls interested in a range of dance styles including jazz, modern, contemporary and troupes. The girls compete in preliminaries before being chosen for a finals concert. This is a spirited competition and is supported by sellout concerts.

The school's entry in the **Rock Eisteddfod Challenge®** was a curriculum related project in 2007 and will take place again in 2009. The students rehearse throughout the year after school with a choreographer for this State-wide competition. Students are involved in the concept development of the project. Ravenswood was placed First in the Raw Division in 2007 - the first year entered!

## Technical Production

Technical production is a key aspect of all the Performing Arts with students gaining experience in audio production, lighting design, stage management, stage design and construction.

Our aim is to provide students with a professional level of support for performances and experiences working with industry professionals. Ravenswood aims to develop a portable recording studio with a view to recording school CDs and live performances such as HSC compositions and Ravenswood Presents.





Ravenswood aims to provide a range of performance experiences in a breadth of musical styles catering for students who do not have strong music literacy skills, through to those who display excellence in

performance, musicology and composition. Students have opportunities to be involved in a variety of musical groups such as:

### Music Ensembles

Music provides a wide variety of musical ensembles and performance experiences for girls at Ravenswood. Girls from Years 3-12 can gain experience in any one of the ensembles, such as Concert Bands, Orchestras, Stage Bands, Choirs, Vocal Ensembles or Chamber Groups. These ensembles perform throughout the year at school and at community functions and local eisteddfods.

### Private Tuition

Ravenswood provides a private music tuition service for students who wish to learn an instrument or voice with a music tutor. These lessons occur during the school day on a rotation system. Students are able to enter exams such as those conducted by the AMEB.



### Song Writing

Students are encouraged to compose their own music with a Song Writing Competition for World Environment Day.

### Music Events

There are a number of musical events throughout the year which showcase the girls' talents. These include:

### Ravenswood Presents...



This is a contemporary music competition for vocalists or ensembles wishing to perform in pop/rock or jazz genres. The girls compete in a week of heats to be selected for a large finalist concert which is professionally produced.

**Choral Festival** The Choral Festival involves every girl in the Senior and Middle schools as part of the House Choir competition along with members of the Junior School Vocal Ensemble, Concert Choir, Middle School Vocal Ensemble and Senior Vocal Ensemble.

**Recital Series** This is a new series of concerts for girls in Years 3-12 to perform in a more formal recital setting with an emphasis on traditional musical styles.

**Chamber Concerts** There are a number of chamber concerts throughout the year which highlight performances by the girls who work weekly in small ensembles. These students reach a high level of musicianship and perform at a variety of other school events throughout the year.

**Showcase Concerts** The showcase concerts display a range of ensembles and soloists in the Music Department. These include the orchestras, concert bands, choirs, chamber groups and stage bands. These concerts provide a wide variety of musical entertainment.

# 2009 Events

## Recital Series

Throughout the year - see Portal for dates

## Drama Production

Double bill - *Our Town* and *The Laramie Project*  
19-22 March and 25-29 March

## Shakespeare Festival

3 April

## Ravenswood Presents...

8 April

## Drama/Dance/Music

Concert - *History of Music in Film & Theatre*  
22 May

## Choral Festival

17 June

## Year 6 Musical

23-25 June

## Year 11 Play

26-27 June

## Rock Eisteddfod Challenge®

Date to be confirmed

## Music Showcase Concert

4 September

## Junior School Showcase Concert

23 September

## Dance Festival

21 November

## Prep School Concert

4 December





*“The word theatre comes from the Greeks. It means the seeing place. It is the place people come to see the truth about life and the social situation”*

*Stella Adler*

Each year the Drama Department presents a major production as well as a number of smaller productions. Our aim is to provide students with a range of positive performance experiences in both classroom and co-curricular settings and to offer experience working with professionals in performance and technical production in workshop scenarios. This enables us to provide students with the skills and knowledge to make, perform and appreciate a variety of dramatic art forms.

- Drama Production
- Year 11 Class Production
- Years 7 and 8 Play
- Year 9 Drama Night
- Year 10 Drama Night
- HSC Showcase
- Shakespeare Festival

Drama at Ravenswood covers:

**Acting** - Drama, Comedy, Musical Theatre, Theatre Sports

**Design** - Costume, Set, Promotion

**Technical Production** - Lighting Design, Sound Design, Stage Management

In Term 1 each year the Drama Department runs the annual School Production. In recent years we have staged *Playhouse Creatures*, *Metamorphoses*, *Ophelia Thinks Harder* (which toured to Perth) and *A Midsummer Night's Dream*.

The Years 7 and 8 Play and the Year 11 Production are student-run productions. In 2008 the Years 7 and 8 presented *The Witches* by Roald Dahl and Year 11 presented a double bill of Tom Stoppard's work *After Magritte* and *The Real Inspector Hound*.

**Drama Club** is a curriculum related activity that seeks to foster the students' interest in the dramatic arts. Drama Club provides an opportunity for students to be creative and imaginative. Drama Club focuses on collaboration - each semester students will choose the particular performance they wish to produce for the public and become involved in aspects of the production. Drama Club is open to all Years 7-12 students.



## Enquiries

### Drama

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### Music and Dance

Performing Arts Reception  
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## To make a booking

Complete a booking form for each event. These are located on the school Portal under "Performing Arts Events".

Booking enquiries - 9498 9831