

Cambridge Middle School
Arts Academy Programme Information Form

Dear Parent/Caregiver

At Cambridge Middle School we see our Arts Academy Programme as bridging a gap to ensure our young people learn through doing. That their motivation, their passion and their desires are satisfied.

We know that students embrace learning when they identify their place within it. The Arts Academy Programme is a fast-paced environment that challenges and focuses our students' talents. There are three major areas of study: Drama, Dance and Music:

DRAMA CRITERIA

Students who wish to participate in the Arts Academy Drama Extension Programme will need to meet the following criteria:

- perform with confidence;
- articulate with clarity and expression;
- use body language to enhance performance;
- improvise when given a scenario;
- take risks in all genre of drama; and
- Demonstrate a **commitment** to drama and the opportunities available to this group.

During the year, the AAC Drama students will participate in a wide selection of performances. These may include a degree of travel either as a Drama group or in conjunction with the AAC.

There will be occasions when rehearsals will require "out of school" time. You will be given plenty of warning about this.

During the Drama audition, you will be required to:

- prepare and perform a scripted piece (which will be given to the student);
- This piece will be performed in pairs. Students can choose someone to bring with them to the audition. It does not have to be someone who is also auditioning.

DANCE CRITERIA

Students wanting to participate in the Arts Academy Dance Extension programme need to meet the following expectations:

- be able to perform with confidence;
- show imagination in choreography;
- demonstrate musicality and timing when dancing;
- willingness to experience more than one dance genre;
- be able to work cooperatively with other dancers;
- willingness to take risks in their choreography or performance;
- Possibly represent CMS at a dance competition;
- show a passion for dance and the performing arts; and
- demonstrate a **commitment** to dance and their greater school opportunities.

During the year AAC Dance students will have the opportunity to perform their dance/s and will need to wear a costume for each dance. We try to recycle costumes where possible, but there may be times where your child needs to provide some costumes at extra cost. Also, throughout the year there may be opportunities to workshop with professional dancers and to attend professional theatre/dance productions. These opportunities are not compulsory but are wonderful experiences for exploring their passion further.

During the Dance audition, you will be required to:

- perform a dance;
- the dance can be between 1 – 3 minutes;
- you may dance on your own or in pairs; and
- the dance may be an original dance.
- Please bring your backing track on a USB stick or have a device ready to Plug in- we do not have time to search for tracks on youtube.

MUSIC CRITERIA

Students who wish to participate in and are selected for the Arts Academy Music Extension Programme will need to meet the following criteria:

- Possess a keen interest, desire and be **committed** to improving as a musician;
- Be able to confidently perform in front of an audience;
- Participate in instrument or voice lessons either within the school itinerant programme or in the community;
- Commit to music lessons for the entire year;
- Display a mature attitude and ability to follow direction and listen to advice;
- Willingness to work cooperatively, respecting others and helping their group to succeed.
- Willingness to experience different musical genres; and
- Demonstrate a commitment to music and the greater school opportunities.

During the Music audition, you will be required to:

- play an instrument(s) of your choice;
- play two pieces of contrasting music; and
- singers - must sing along to a backing track or have an accompanist that they have arranged prior.
- Please bring your backing track on a USB stick or have a device ready to Plug in- we do not have time to search for tracks on youtube.

APPLICATIONS

The cost of AAC this year will be \$70 per student. This will include a t-shirt, some transport and part cost of competition entry fees and costumes.

Applications for the Arts Academy Class 2021 should reach the school no later than **Wednesday 10th February 2021.**

Auditions:

- Music Auditions will take place in Week 3 (during school time).
- Drama and Dance auditions will take place on **Saturday 20th February** in the school hall.

Students will have their audition time by Friday 12th February. If demand requires, further auditions will be held during school time throughout the following week. We are seeking individuals who:

- demonstrate a high level of artistic achievement and/or potential in their chosen art form;
- are excited and enthusiastic about learning; and
- have the ability and desire to make a positive contribution to the Arts Academy Class.

Please complete this google form by next week 10th February if you would like your child to be considered for the Arts Academy Programme in 2021
<http://bit.ly/Auditions2021>

Following auditions, the below teachers will consult with the Principal giving their recommendations for the 2021 AAC groups. No further correspondence will be entered into.

Mrs Andrews

Miss Johnson

Mrs Van Dyk

Mr Martin