

Kenthurst Public School

Creative and Performing Arts – Student Representative Procedure



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1. Rationale:

At Kenthurst Public School, the creative and performing arts (CAPA) are an integral part of our school curriculum. CAPA opportunities and lessons are provided on a class, stage and whole school basis. School representative teams participate and perform at a variety of events, both within and outside of the school.

2. Aims:

- i. To cater for the needs of high potential and gifted students.
- ii. To increase the participation of students in Years One to Six in creative and performing arts activities.
- iii. To promote skills development, social skills, self-esteem and a healthy lifestyle.
- iv. To promote the desire to represent the school in various CAPA events offered at primary level.
- v. To provide all talented students in Years One to Six with the opportunity to represent their school.
- vi. To develop students' knowledge of rules, advanced skills and positive attitudes required for the creative and performing arts, including teamwork.
- vii. To develop students' pride in their school and the achievement of their peers.

3. Individual and Team Selection

- i. Senior dance group will be selected from Years 3-6. Junior dance groups will be selected from Years 1-3. Students in Year 3 who audition for the senior dance group and are not selected, may be offered selection in the junior dance group. Choir is open to any student that wants to participate, however numbers at special events may be capped (by the event coordinator), and in this case, the performance troupe will be selected on a "first in" basis, where students will return their permission note for that selected event.
- ii. Students will be informed if they are selected to the senior dance group or junior dance group.
- iii. For dance groups, all students in Years One to Six will be given opportunities to demonstrate their skills during an audition process. At least one audition will take place with the possibility of further auditions depending on the number of triallists or by need.
- iv. Students will be given reasonable notice of auditions.
- v. Students absent at auditions due to extended leave, holidays, illness or injury may not be considered, unless additional dancers are required to form the troupe. Students absent due to other school commitments or exceptional circumstances will be able to audition at another selection session on their return. The final decision surrounding circumstances rests with the Principal/Delegate.
- vi. At least two teaching staff will conduct these auditions and will determine those students who will represent the school.
- vii. Selection will take place following demonstrated ability at prescribed school audition/s. Also taken into account will be skill level, cooperation, attitude, willingness to participate in rehearsals, and a committed attendance to CAPA events, including those held out of school hours.
- viii. Selectors may take into account the student's performance in previous years of dance group representation.
- ix. Students' success and participation will be recognised by the school.

- x. Students who enrol at Kenthurst PS after selections have been made will not be able to audition for dance groups. In the situation where a vacancy appears, teachers/selectors may ask newly enrolled students to audition.
- xi. All students who audition for a spot in the school choir or dance group are expected to attend all events that their group performs in, including but not limited to: Pulse, Synergy, Hills Performing Arts, Opera House and local community events.
- xii. The school reserves the right to:
 - Make decisions regarding the final selection of students representing the school.
 - Withdraw any student whose behaviour is of concern to staff. Parents will be consulted in this instance.
 - Children and parents will sign a code of conduct (see appendix 1).

4. Student Behaviour

The school reserves the right to suspend a student's participation in school representation if their behavior is deemed inappropriate in any school activity.

5. Performance Schedule

Each new school year, the CAPA coordinators will meet to determine and confirm Dance and Choir performances for the year. This schedule will be communicated to students and parents/carers who are successful in being selected to a group/ troupe.

Appendix 1



CAPA Representative Behaviour Contract – 2025

If I am selected in a CAPA group/troupe I promise to:

1. Attend rehearsals every week when they are on.
2. Cooperate with my teacher/s and listen to instructions.
3. Participate in all CAPA events that I have been informed about and that apply to my group/troupe (including but not limited to Pulse, Synergy, Hills Performing Arts, Opera House, and local events).
4. Speak to my teacher/s respectfully.
5. Look after and be responsible for any uniforms/ costumes and equipment that I have been given.
6. Maintain a good behaviour record at school: in the playground and in class.
7. Accept that rules for behaviour and play are made for reasons – to keep us safe.

I understand that if I fail to abide by these promises, I will forfeit my position in the group/troupe.

Student's Signature

Parent's Signature
