

# PERFORMING ARTS

## INFORMATION GUIDE



*"Creativity takes courage."*

**Henri Matisse**

**Kilbreda College**

A Kildare Education Ministries School in the Brigidine Tradition



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**The learning and teaching program at Kilbreda College is both dynamic and innovative, catering for the students' spiritual, academic, social, emotional and physical development. Students are challenged to be creative, critical and reflective thinkers and to develop a broad and transferable skill set. Opportunities for both independent and collaborative learning are provided and contemporary technologies are integrated throughout the learning and teaching program.**

The College has a vibrant Performing Arts curriculum that offers students the opportunity to explore, experience and communicate their creative expression through Drama, Music and Dance. As well as being studied at the junior levels Drama, Music and Dance are subjects offered in VCE level where our students consistently excel and feature at *Top Acts* and *Top Class* concerts.

Many excursions to performances, theatres and incursions featuring dancers, musicians and theatre groups take place throughout the year.

In addition to the Performing Arts Curriculum, there are extensive opportunities for students to be involved in the cocurricular program, which include productions in conjunction with St Bede's College.

In Music, students can participate in bands, orchestras, ensembles and the choirs. Private and small group music tuition is also available for many instruments. The instrumental music tutors are highly experienced musicians and teachers.

In Dance, students can join the Kilbreda Dance Company (KDC), student led dance teams that perform at school functions, assemblies and competitions.

In Drama, students can join the Drama Club. Meeting once a week, the club gives students of all levels of experience the chance to increase their confidence and improve their drama skills.

## Performing Arts Curriculum

The Performing Arts curriculum includes a range of core subjects and electives, both semester based and year long.

YEAR 7	YEAR 8	YEAR 9
<b>Core Studies – Semester Based</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Drama</li><li>• Music</li></ul>	<b>Core Studies – Semester Based</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Drama*</li><li>• Music*</li><li>• Dance*</li></ul>	<b>Elective Studies – Semester Based</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Drama</li><li>• Music Performance</li><li>• Dance – Principles of Choreography</li></ul>
YEAR 10	YEAR 11	YEAR 12
<b>Elective Study – Year Long</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Music Performance</li></ul> <b>Accelerated Studies (VCE Units 1&amp;2)</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Drama</li><li>• Dance</li></ul>	<b>Elective Studies – Year Long</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Drama 1&amp;2</li><li>• Music Performance 1&amp;2</li><li>• Dance 1&amp;2</li></ul>	<b>Elective Studies – Year Long</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Drama 3&amp;4</li><li>• Dance 3&amp;4</li><li>• Music Performance 3&amp;4</li><li>• Theatre Studies 3&amp;4</li></ul>

\*In Year 8, students choose 2 of the 3 Performing Arts subjects.

## Annual Events

### Performing Arts Week

A dedicated week planned by Performing Arts staff along with the Performing Arts student leaders, that highlights the Learning Area and encourages participation from all students in the College. There are activities every day at lunchtime for students to participate in whilst using their imagination, being creative and having fun.

### Music Soirées

The College soirées are celebrations of Dance and Music and take place multiple times a year including a festive Christmas soirée.

### Music Camp

This camp provides the opportunity for Music students to participate in an intensive two-day rehearsal, which culminates in a soiree.

### Year 7 Instrument Evening and Try-Out Day

Taking place in Term 1, this evening allows instruments and ensembles to be showcased to students and families. During the Try-Out Day, students have the opportunity to try each instrument and decide if there is one they would like to learn.

## Cocurricular and Enrichment Opportunities

- Bands and Ensembles
  - Year 7 Training Orchestra
  - Senior Ensemble
  - Flute Ensemble
  - Guitar Ensemble
  - Percussion Ensemble
  - String Ensemble
  - Year 7 and 8 Choir
  - Senior Choir
  - St Bede's and Kilbreda Symphonic Wind Band and Jazz (senior students)
- Extensive Music Tuition
  - Violin, Viola, Cello, Double Bass
  - Flute, Clarinet, Bass Clarinet, Alto Saxophone, Tenor Saxophone, Baritone Saxophone
  - Trumpet, Trombone, French Horn, Euphonium, Tuba
  - Guitar, Bass Guitar, Ukulele
  - Voice
  - Piano
  - Percussion/Drums
- Kilbreda Dance Company (KDC)
- Lunchtime Performance Series
- Drama Club
- Various Performing Arts Competitions



## Bi-Annual Events

### Junior College Production

This production is run every second year in conjunction with St Bede's College. This production includes students from Year 7 to 9. On alternate years, our students have the opportunity to be involved in St Bede's School Productions.

### Senior College Production

This production is run every second year in conjunction with St Bede's College. This production includes students from Year 7 to 12. On alternate years, our students have the opportunity to be involved in St Bede's School Productions.

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