

Welcome to Performing Arts 2020! My name is Paula and I will be taking each class once a fortnight on Tuesdays. My performing arts classes incorporate Music, Dance, Drama and Circus through fun games, teacher instruction and student composition and sharing. Students will learn to reflect on and respond to performances. The program aims to encourage creativity, positive peer relationships and an appreciation for the performing arts.

In Term One all classes will mainly focus on DANCE, however through dance we explore music, singing and instrumental accompaniment. We will get to know each other through name dance games such as 'Bee, bee bumble bee' (junior school) and 'Jump In, Jump Out' (senior school). Students will choreograph their own name dances using either their bodies to create letter shapes (junior school) or Laban direction symbols (senior school).

This term, students will work towards learning the following folk and social dances:

Foundation

Giants and pixies / cross dance Wombat in my room Shoemaker dance Seven steps

<u> Grade 1 & 2</u>

In and out the windows Heel and toe polka Seven steps La raspa

Grade 3 & 4

Heel and toe polka Syncopated Cyril Alabama gal Farmer's jig

Grade 5 **&** 6

Big old house Betty Larkin Farmer's jig Nutbush

Please feel free to contact me if you have any queries or would like to chat.

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Kind regards, Paula