



# CentreStage

## Performing Arts Academy

Information booklet for 2024 Tuition program

**“** CentreStage  
is my home,  
my life, my  
everything.  
I love my  
teachers at  
CPAA.. **”**

Emily - CentreStage Student



# Welcome

Your future in theatre is just a small step away...

After experiencing huge success each year, our program has been designed to engage young people in all facets of performing arts by offering a wide range of opportunities and experiences to develop skills and expose young performers to various aspects of the industry. In this document we will outline the CentreStage Performing Arts Academy; otherwise known as CPAA.

At CentreStage we're always looking for ways to support emerging young performers to develop their skills and participate in musical theatre productions. In 2021, CPAA worked with ~250 emerging performers to expand their skills and hone their talents. CPAA was established in response to overwhelming demand from the families of young performers after CentreStage attracted over 400 young people to audition each year for our major musical productions each year and was only able to offer a small handful of positions.

As a member of the CentreStage Performing Arts Academy (CPAA), you will have the opportunity to learn new skills, develop a performance portfolio, participate in a range of musical theatre performances and experiences and build an amazing network of theatre friends.

We would like to welcome you to the CentreStage family and look forward to your involvement in our exciting Performing Arts Academy.



Michele Marcu  
Head of Tuition and Development



David Greenwood  
Managing Director

# About Company

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## Our Vision

Small opportunities are often the beginning of great enterprises. At CentreStage we value new ideas, innovative team members and outcomes that will drive our team to become a truly iconic organisation that benefits the entire Geelong community.

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## Our Mission

CentreStage is driven by a desire to provide access to the Arts, through musical theatre, to as many people in our community as possible. As an organisation, we support the inclusion of all people and offer opportunities to various community groups to access the arts and attend our productions through support of charitable organisations. This includes local community services providers, such as Gen U, supporting people with disabilities and people in aged care facilities to attend productions, along with local schools, clubs and community partners.



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We are the proud winners of the 2019, 2020 and 2021 Geelong Business Excellence Awards for Promoting Healthy Workplace and Small Business of the Year Award. This is in response to our social responsibility, mental health processes and amazing staff who support our students and parents.





# About the Program

CentreStage Geelong has always recognised the need for an educational platform to cater to both the Geelong and Australian Theatre Market. Our aim is to provide outstanding and measurable learning outcomes designed by some of Geelong's best educators and performers.

The Academy of Performing Arts is designed to target the needs of key age groups for young people from the ages 4-18. The program has been designed to engage youth and adolescents to further not only their performance skills, but additionally their theatre etiquette, practical skills (costumes, make up etc) and provide opportunities to work alongside some of Australia's leading theatre professionals.

Throughout the four term tuition program, which runs concurrently with school terms, students, will have the privilege of visiting up to two large scale musicals produced by CentreStage and performed by a cast of talented adults in Geelong's local amateur theatre community.

Please scroll through this document to find the relevant classes for your child.

# Your theatre Journey

## Term 1

**3rd Feb - 23rd March 2024**

Skill Development Workshops (Practical and Stage Craft - Guest Speakers), Preparation for Auditions, Theatre Etiquette. Attending The Music Man at Geelong Arts Centre

## Term 2

**20th April - 22nd June 2024**

Skill Development Workshops (Vocal, dance techniques and Stage Craft)  
Working towards full scale musical

## Term 3

**20th July - 14th September 2024**

Working towards Full Scale Musical or showcase performances, Singing, Acting Dancing Rehearsals.

## Term 4






**12th October - 7th December 2024**

Full Scale Musical Production Performance (October), showcase performances, Workshops and skill development, audition preparation. End of year celebration. Please note rehearsal times may vary this term in the lead up to the production.

\* Please note senior students will stage a full scale musical and showcase production in Term 4



# Our Child Safety Commitment

-  CentreStage is committed to the safety and wellbeing of all children and young people. This will be an essential focus of our decision-making.
-  CentreStage has zero tolerance for any form of child abuse.
-  CentreStage is committed to providing a child safe environment where children and young people are safe and feel safe, and their voices are heard about decisions that affect their lives. Particular attention will be paid to the cultural safety of at risk and vulnerable young people including children from culturally and/or linguistically diverse backgrounds, Aboriginal children and children with disability.
-  Every person involved with CentreStage has a responsibility to understand the important and specific role he/she plays individually and collectively to ensure that the wellbeing and safety of all children and young people is at the forefront of all they do and every decision they make.
-  In its planning, decision-making and operations CentreStage Pty Ltd will:
  1. Take a preventative, proactive and participatory approach to child safety
  2. Value and empower children to participate in decisions which affect their lives
  3. Foster a culture of openness that supports all persons to safely disclose risks of harm to children
  4. Respect diversity in cultures and child rearing practices while keeping child safety as the highest priority
  5. Provide guidance on appropriate conduct and behaviour towards children
  6. Engage only the most suitable people to work with children and have high quality staff, volunteers and provide appropriate professional learning for the adults working with children in our program.
  7. Ensure children know who to talk with if they are worried or are feeling unsafe, and that they are comfortable and encouraged to raise such issues
  8. Report suspected abuse, neglect or mistreatment promptly to the appropriate authorities
  9. Share information appropriately and lawfully with other organisations where the safety and wellbeing of children is at risk
  10. Value the input of and communicate regularly with families and carers.

For more information on child safety please visit: <https://ccyp.vic.gov.au/child-safety/being-a-child-safe-organisation/the-child-safe-standards/>



## Sub- Junior Troupe - Ages 4-5

Your child will be aged between 4-5 and be available each Saturday morning for a 60 min class. In the weekly session, your child will learn skills including stage space, improvisation, theatre etiquette, singing, dancing, acting and build friendships that will last a life-time. They will work towards an end of year showcase featuring each performer in the group performed in class with parents joining in.

## Adult / Open Troupe

Our program is designed to support Geelong performers to extend their skills across all facets of performing arts by offering a wide range of opportunities and experiences to develop skills and expose performers of all ages to various aspects of the industry. Please follow up social media pages about further information for these classes.

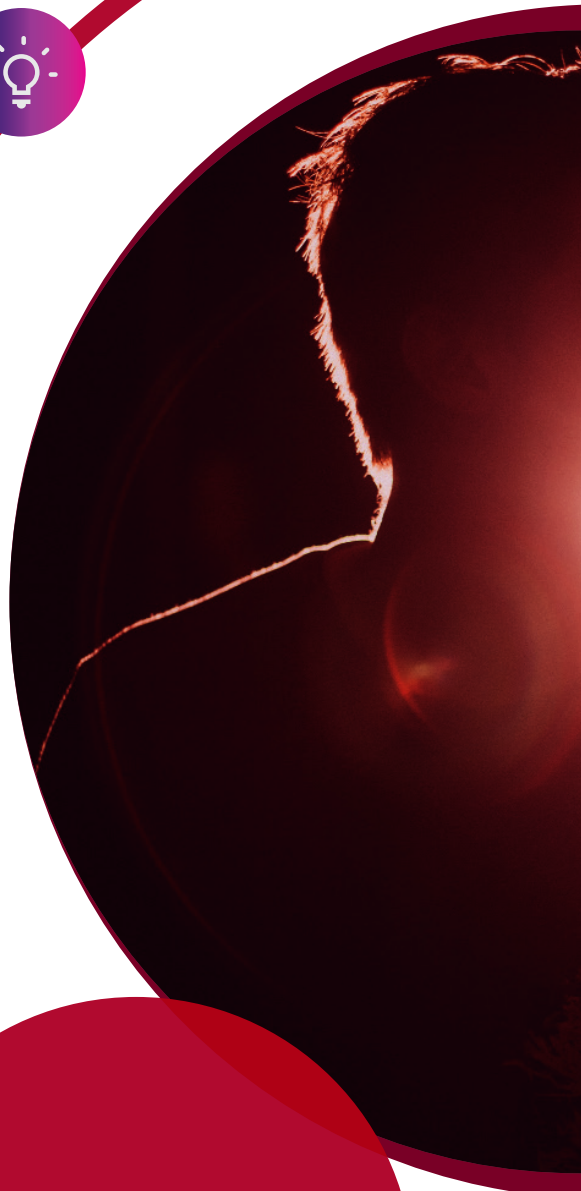
## School Holiday Intensives and workshops

CentreStage Geelong is proud to announce that they will be hosting irregular school holiday workshops and intensives for children and teenagers. CPAA students are welcome to register to attend these additional courses, some of which will be run by leading industry professionals and others by our CPAA educators.

## Theatre Stage Craft Classes

Don't like standing in front of the light? Why not control them. Learn behind the scenes skills including lighting, sound, stage managing, costume fabrication and even producing. You don't need to travel to Melbourne anymore.

# Our Courses





## Junior Troupe - Ages 5-8

Your child will be aged between 5-8 and be available each Saturday morning for a 90 min class. In the weekly session, your child will learn skills including stage space, improvisation, theatre etiquette, singing, dancing, acting and build friendships that will last a life-time. They will work towards an end of year musical theatre production with characters, costumes, roles and real stage.



## Middle Troupe

**Attends Grade 3 - 6 at Primary School**

Your child be available each Saturday with your choice of four different classes for a 3 hour rehearsal. In the weekly session, your child will learn skills including stage space, improvisation, theatre etiquette, singing, dancing, acting and build friendships that will last a life-time. They will work towards a major musical production voted on during week 1 of the program by the students.



## Senior Troupe

**Attends Grade 7-12 at Secondary School**

Your teenager will be available each Saturday with your choice of two different class times for a 3 hour rehearsal. In the weekly session, your child will learn skills including stage space, improvisation, theatre etiquette, singing, dancing, acting and build friendships that will last a life-time. They will work towards a major musical production voted on during week 1 of the program by the students.



## Elite Troupe - Ages 10-18

Participants will work intimately with Australia's best musical theatre experts. Each week, students will work on all aspects of audition technique, musical theatre performance and career development – tailored specifically to the 15 participants. There will also be specialist industry masterclasses with Australia's leading musical theatre actors, choreographers, directors, casting agents, marketers, producers, musical directors, and publicists. Elite students are expected to complete Saturday classes in addition to the Elite Class.

# Our timetable and prices

At CentreStage, we understand the importance of offering cost effective theatre training. The following pages reveal the pledge we have made to providing cost effect theatre training to Geelong and the wider community.

At CentreStage, we offer;

- Payment Plan
- Scholarships (4 available)
- 5% discount if annual fee paid upfront
- 5% discount if more than one student from a single family.

<b>Classes:</b>	<b>Price per Term</b>
Sub Junior Troupe	\$185 including gst
Junior Troupe	\$285 including gst
Middle Troupe	\$345 including gst
Senior Troupe	\$345 including gst
Elite Masterclasses	\$605 including gst
Term 1 Registration Fee	\$35 including gst

\*+ \$85 annual costume levy

Registration fee includes insurance, a colourful CentreStage T-Shirt and confirmation of class

# Monday

22 Princes Highway,  
Norlane

5pm - 6pm

6pm - 7pm

7pm - 8pm

Elite Masterclasses  
5.00pm - 7.15pm

# Tues/Weds/& Thursdays

22 Princes Highway,  
Norlane

4.30pm - 8.30pm

30min and 60 minute  
private vocal lessons  
available at \$30 (half  
hour) or \$55 (full hour)

\*For classes, email [richelle@centrestage.org.au](mailto:richelle@centrestage.org.au)

# Saturday

CentreStage Pty Ltd  
26 Rodney Road  
North Geelong

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Norlane

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9am - 10am

Senior Troupe

Senior Troupe

Middle Troupe

Middle Troupe

Sub Junior Troupe  
9.00am - 10.00am

10am - 11am

9am - 12pm

12.30-3.30pm

9am - 12pm

12.30pm - 3.30pm

11am - 12pm

Junior Troupe  
10am - 12pm

12pm - 1pm

1pm - 2pm

Senior Troupe  
9am - 12pm

Senior Troupe  
12.30-3.30pm

Middle Troupe  
9am - 12pm

Middle Troupe  
12.30pm - 3.30pm

Middle Troupe  
12.30pm - 3.30pm

2pm - 3pm

3pm - 4pm

# How do I get involved?

## Are you a current student?

This year it's easier to renew your interest in CPAA. What you need to do is:

1. During October you will be sent a re-enrolment
2. Click on the "I'm staying for 2024"
3. Done! - During your final weeks, your teachers will be run workshops and begin allocating you on times that fit your preference.

Do not register for 2024 new student auditions. You will not be required to attend as all students are reserved a place for next year.

## Not a current student?

It's relatively simple to join the CentreStage program. What you need to do is.

1. Visit [www.centrestage.org.au/cpaa](http://www.centrestage.org.au/cpaa)
2. Click on the "book my audition"
3. Select the relevant session for your child. Please note you will need to complete this process multiple times if you have more than one child interested in the program.
4. Arrive 15 mins prior to your audition at 26 Rodney Road, North Geelong. Please ensure your child wears comfortable clothes that they can move in.
5. By December 17th, you will sent a confirmation letter if successful

**visit [www.centrestage.org.au/cpaa](http://www.centrestage.org.au/cpaa)  
to register interest**

# Save The Date

## Auditions for new students

Students will be taught a song and dance on the day of the audition. They do not need to prepare anything

Please arrive atleast 15 mins prior to your booked audition.

Please note audition time does not reflect 2024 class time and you can select any session below

### Sunday 3rd December

Sub Juniors and Juniors (Age 4-8)  
9am - 10am

Middle Troupe Auditions (Grade 3-6)  
10.15am - 12.15pm

Senior Troupe Auditions (Years 7-12)  
1.00pm - 3.00pm

### Monday 4th December

Elite Auditions (Ages 10-18)  
6.00pm - 7.30pm

Visit [www.centrestage.org.au/cpaa](http://www.centrestage.org.au/cpaa)  
to make a booking


We encourage students to wear comfortable clothing, dance shoes/sneakers and bring a named water bottle with them. The group auditions will be closed and not available for parents to sit in the same room.

visit [www.centrestage.org.au/cpaa](http://www.centrestage.org.au/cpaa)  
to register interest

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