

Centre/Stage

UNLEASHING THE NEXT GENERATION OF TALENT

EDUCATION PROGRAM

2026



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

EMILY - CENTRESTAGE STUDENT

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Welcome

Your journey into the world of theatre begins here!

At CentreStage Performing Arts Academy (CPAA), we believe every young person deserves the chance to explore, grow, and shine through the performing arts. Our program is carefully designed to inspire creativity, build confidence, and provide real-world opportunities across all facets of theatre.

With a proud history of success, CPAA has grown into a vibrant hub of learning and performance. In 2024 alone, more than 350 students joined our community – each supported to develop new skills, refine their talents, and unlock their potential. The Academy was born out of the strong demand from families seeking a place where young performers could be nurtured, challenged, and celebrated.

As part of CPAA, you will:

- Learn and grow through tailored training and workshops.
- Build your performance portfolio with experiences that strengthen your stage and creative skills.
- Take part in musical theatre productions and gain invaluable insight into the industry.
- Form lasting friendships with like-minded performers who share your passion.

At CentreStage, we don't just teach theatre – we create a community where young people can discover who they are, what they love, and how far their creativity can take them.

We are excited to welcome you into the CentreStage family and look forward to sharing this next chapter of your performing arts journey. Welcome aboard – your future in theatre starts now.

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David Greenwood OAM
Managing Director

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Michele Marcu
Director of Education

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.

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, supporting people with disabilities and people in aged care facilities to attend productions, along with local schools, clubs and community partners.



About the Program

CentreStage Geelong has long recognised the need for an educational platform tailored to the unique demands of both the Geelong and Australian theatre markets. Our mission is to deliver exceptional and measurable learning outcomes, developed by some of Geelong's most esteemed educators and performers.

The Academy of Performing Arts is designed to meet the needs of young people aged 4–18, offering a comprehensive programme that not only enhances performance skills but also instils theatre etiquette, practical skills (such as costumes and make-up), and provides invaluable opportunities to collaborate with some of Australia's leading theatre professionals.

This four-term tuition programme aligns with the school calendar, ensuring consistency and balance for students. Throughout the year, participants will enjoy the unique experience of attending up to two large-scale musicals produced by CentreStage, performed by a cast of talented adults from Geelong's vibrant amateur theatre community.

Explore this document to discover the perfect classes to nurture your child's passion for the performing arts.



TERM 1

Skill Development Workshops (Practical and Stage Craft - Guest Speakers), Preparation for Auditions, Theatre. Attending Come From Away + Q and A at the Geelong Arts Centre

TERM 2

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

TERM 3

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

TERM 4

Full Scale Musical Production Performance (October and November), showcase performances, Workshops and skill development, audition preparation. End of year Showcase

*Classes operate on Saturdays during the school terms.



Our Commitment to Child Safety

At CentreStage, the safety and wellbeing of all children and young people in our care is our highest priority. We are fully committed to creating and maintaining a child-safe environment that promotes respect, inclusion, and empowerment. This commitment aligns with the Victorian Child Safe Standards and relevant legislation, including the Child Wellbeing and Safety Act 2005 (Vic) and the Children, Youth and Families Act 2005 (Vic).

We recognise our moral and legal obligations to implement practices that protect children from harm, abuse, and exploitation. We have zero tolerance for child abuse in all its forms and actively work to ensure that every child feels safe, supported, and valued.

Our Approach

- **Child Safety Standards:** We comply with the Victorian Child Safe Standards and regularly review our policies and practices to ensure they are effective and up-to-date.
- **Code of Conduct:** All staff, volunteers, and contractors are bound by our comprehensive Child Safety Code of Conduct, which outlines clear expectations for behaviour and interactions with children.
- **Reporting and Responding:** We have robust reporting procedures for managing child safety concerns and allegations. All concerns are taken seriously, and appropriate actions are taken in line with Victorian laws and the Reportable Conduct Scheme.
- **Staff and Volunteer Screening:** We conduct thorough recruitment processes, including Working with Children Checks and National Police Checks, for all staff, volunteers, and contractors who work with children.
- **Training and Awareness:** Our staff and volunteers are provided with regular training on child safety, mandatory reporting, and recognising the signs of abuse.
- **Cultural Safety and Inclusion:** We are committed to creating a culturally safe environment for all children, including Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children, children from culturally and linguistically diverse backgrounds, and children with disabilities.

Our Commitment to Child Safety

Empowering Children

We actively involve children in decisions that affect them and ensure they have access to information about their rights and the avenues available to raise concerns or report issues. By fostering open communication, we empower children to speak up if they feel unsafe or uncomfortable.

Continuous Improvement

CentreStage is committed to continuously improving our child safety practices. We engage with families, children, and the community to ensure our approach reflects the highest standards of care and safety. Regular audits and reviews are conducted to maintain our compliance with Victorian laws and to adapt to new requirements or best practices.

Contact and Support

If you have any questions or concerns about child safety at CentreStage, or if you wish to report a concern, please contact our Child Safety Officer at cpaa@centrestage.org.au

Together, we can create a safe, inclusive, and nurturing environment where every child can thrive.



Our Classes

Junior Troupe - Ages 4-8

Your child will be aged between 4-8 and be available each Saturday morning for a 2 hour class (with multiple breaks). 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 show.

Middle Troupe - Ages 9-12 (Usually grade 3-6)

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 - Ages 12-18 (Usually grades 7-12)

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 12-18)

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 Classes

Dance Classes

Step into the world of rhythm and movement with our engaging Dance Classes! These 50-minute sessions are designed for students of all skill levels to explore various dance styles, including jazz, hip-hop, contemporary, and musical theatre. Each class focuses on developing fundamental dance techniques, improving flexibility, coordination, and strength, while fostering creativity and self-expression. Students will learn dynamic choreography and performance skills, all within a supportive and energetic environment. With an emphasis on fun and teamwork, our dance classes provide the perfect opportunity to build confidence, make friends, and discover the joy of dance. Whether you're a beginner or an experienced dancer, there's a place for everyone to shine!

Vocal Lessons

Discover the power of your voice in our Vocal Lessons, tailored for singers of all levels, from beginners to advanced performers. These focused sessions are designed to develop vocal technique, including breath control, pitch accuracy, tone quality, and range expansion, while fostering confidence and self-expression. Students will explore a variety of musical styles, from pop and classical to musical theatre, with personalised guidance to suit their individual goals and interests. Emphasis is placed on vocal health, performance skills, and storytelling through song, creating a well-rounded and dynamic learning experience. Whether preparing for auditions, performances, or simply singing for fun, our vocal lessons provide the perfect opportunity to unlock your full potential and shine!

Prices

At CentreStage, we believe theatre training should be high quality, accessible, and cost effective. For 2026, we've simplified our fee structure to make things easier for families.

In past years, families paid a class fee and a separate costume fee. From 2026 onwards, these have been combined into one single fee. This means no hidden surprises – no extra tuition charges, no additional tech rehearsal costs, and no unexpected production fees.

Added Value for Families

- \$25 Referral Bonus – Know a current student? When you register online, type their name into the referral box and both you and the current student will receive a \$25 credit in Term 2 (that's a total of \$50 shared).
- 5% Sibling Discount – Families with two or more students enrolled from the same household receive 5% off fees.
- Payment Plans – Spread your fees across the year with our flexible instalment options.
- NDIS Invoicing – We can provide invoices in line with NDIS requirements. While we cannot guarantee your plan will cover performing arts education, our template is accepted by most providers. Please speak with your support coordinator for advice specific to your plan.

When you register online, there is a \$35 registration fee which supports our team confirming you place, setting up your CYCP access, admin time, A CentreStage T-Shirts and printed calendar with all our important dates.

Classes:

Junior Troupe: \$327 per term

Middle Troupe: \$396 per term

Senior Troupe: \$396 per term

Elite Troupe: \$396 per term

(An elite student must also select a morning Middles/Seniors class time)

Dance Classes \$120 per term

Private Singing Lessons are \$35 per 30 mins and \$60 per hour

All prices include GST

Class Times

Saturday Classes

Juniors A 9-11	Middles A 9-12	Middles B 9-12	Seniors A 9-12	Seniors B 9-12	Private Singing Lesson 9.30-12
Lunch Break					
Juniors B 11.30 - 1.30	Lunch Break				
Private Singing Lessons TBC	Middles C 12.30-3.30	Middles D 12.30-3.30	Seniors C 12.30-3.30	Seniors D 12.30-3.30	Elite Troupe 12.30-2.30pm Private Singing Lessons TBC

Weekday Classes

Tuesday		Wednesday	Thursday
TAP Beginners 4.30-5.30	TALENT AGENCY PRIVATE LESSON		TALENT AGENCY PRIVATE LESSON
TAP Intermediate 5.30-6.30	Private Vocal and Piano Lessons 4.30-8.00	Private Singing Lesson 4.30-8.30	Private Vocal and Piano Lessons 4.30-8.00

How to Join

**VISIT WWW.CENTRESTAGE.ORG.AU/SATCPAA OR EMAIL
CPAA@CENTRESTAGE.ORG.AU**

Self Service Registration

Step 1: Register an account by visiting www.centrestage.org.au/satcpaa and click the join now button

Step 2: Navigate to "Registration"

Step 3: Register the parent who will be responsible to receiving core emails

Step 4: Create a child within the program

Step 5: Select your preferred class and click enrol

Step 6: You will be billed a \$35 registration fee for class which includes your performance t-shirt, calendar and insurances.

Step 7: Keep an eye out for the emails and get ready for Week 1

We've uploaded a video on www.centrestage.org.au/satcpaa about how to enrol.





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