



Pittwater House

## Performing Arts Choices 2020

Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Form in 2020: \_\_\_\_\_

The Pittwater House Schools believe that a regular programme of creative, performing, and co-curricular activity is an integral part of your child's education. Our objective is to offer an appropriate level of instruction in individual tuition, ensembles and co-curricular programmes to all students at Pittwater House so that they may discover in themselves, and with their peers, in creative team settings, the enjoyment and challenge of creative and performance endeavours in an inclusive and challenging environment. The Performing Arts Department highly recommends that everyone participate in an activity during the school year. *NOTE: Some ensembles are restricted due to a specific number of participants, minimum skill level or other limitations. Due to these limitations, student may be required to audition for these ensembles.*

Please place a tick next to activities that the above-mentioned student would be interested to participating in.

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<b>All Year Music Activities:</b>
	<b><i>Junior School Ensembles</i></b>
	Junior Band (Years 3 to 6) [Minimum: 6 months playing]
	Cantabile Singers (Years 2 and 3) [Open Ensemble]
	Vocal Ensemble (Years 4, 5 and 6) [Open Ensemble]
	Junior String Ensemble (Years 1 to 6) [Open Ensemble]
	<b><i>Middle School Ensembles</i></b>
	Performance Band (Years 5 to 12) [Minimum: 2 years playing]
	String Ensemble (Years 4 to 12)
	<b><i>Senior School Ensembles</i></b>
	Symphonic Winds (Years 7 to 12) [Auditioned Ensemble – Minimum: AMEB Grade 4 or equivalent]
	Show Choir (Years 7 to 12) [Open Ensemble]
	Allegro (Years 8 to 12) [Auditioned Ensemble]
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<b>All Year Dance Activities: Audition Required [Additional charges apply]</b>
	<b><i>Junior School Ensembles</i></b>
	Stage 1 Dance Ensemble (Years 1 and 2)
	Stage 2 Dance Ensemble (Years 3 and 4)
	Stage 3 Dance Ensemble (Years 5 and 6)
	Junior Dance Company (Years 4 to 6) [Must be in either Stage 2 or Stage 3]
	<b><i>Senior School Ensembles</i></b>
	Stage 4 Dance Ensemble (Years 7 and 8)
	Senior Dance Ensemble (Years 8 to 12)
	Senior Dance Company (Years 8 to 12)
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<b>Seasonal Performing Arts Activities: [Additional charges apply]</b>
	Major Production (Years 7 to 12) [Alternate years, Audition required]
	Senior Play (Years 8 to 12) [Alternate years, Audition required]
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<b>Enrichment Performing Arts Activities: [Additional charges apply]</b>
	HICES Music Festival Years 7 to 12 [Alternate years, Audition required]
	HICES Music Festival Years 5 to 8 [Alternate years, Audition required]
	HICES Jazz Academy [Alternate years, Audition required]

Some activities do have additional charges which will only be charged if your child is successful.

Parent/Guardian Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Parent/Guardian Signature: \_\_\_\_\_



## Instrumental Ensembles

### *Junior Band*

Junior Band is an ensemble designed for students from Years 3 to 6. This ensemble is especially suited for those students currently participating in the Year 3/4 Curriculum Instrumental Music Program OR those have been learning an instrument for only a relatively short period of time. This is an OPEN ensemble which means there is no audition required and that all students having private lessons can join at any point in the year.

### *Performance Band*

Performance Band is an ensemble designed for students from Years 5 to 12. This ensemble is for those students who have been learning an instrument for a minimum of 2 years or are having private lessons. This is an OPEN ensemble which means there is no audition required and that all students can join at any point in the year.

Students in Years 5 and 6 must attend Junior Band in addition to *Performance Band*, to lead and enrich the younger players whilst at the same time encouraging leadership skills in our Upper Junior School students.

### *Symphonic Winds*

Symphonic Winds are our flagship ensemble which is designed for students from Years 7 to 12. This ensemble extends the music students who have been learning an instrument for a minimum of 3 years and are having private lessons. Students who wish to participate in this ensemble should be at an AMEB Grade 4 level or equivalent. Students will be required to AUDITION for this ensemble.

Students in Years 7 and 8 must attend *Performance Band*, to support and enrich the younger players whilst at the same time encourage leadership skills in our Senior School students.

### *Junior Strings*

Junior Strings is offered to students from Years 1 to 6. This ensemble is especially designed to include those students who have been learning a string instrument for a relatively a short period of time. This is an OPEN ensemble which means there is no audition required and students can join at any point in the year.

### *String Ensemble*

String Ensemble is designed for students from Years 4 to 12. This ensemble is for those students who have been having private lessons for several years and have achieved a standard of competence. This is an OPEN ensemble although students need to demonstrate their competence and students can join at any point in the year.

## Vocal Ensembles

### *Cantabile Singers*

Cantabile Singers is a vocal group for students in Year 3, as well as **all** students in Year 2. This is an OPEN ensemble which means there is no audition required and all students can join at either the start or middle of the year.

### *Vocal Ensemble*

Vocal Ensemble is a vocal group for students from Years 4 to 6. This is an OPEN ensemble which means there is no audition required and that all students can join at either the start or middle of the year.

### *Show Choir*

Show Choir is a vocal group for students from Years 7 to 12. This is an OPEN ensemble which means there is no audition required and that all students can join at any point in the year. Students in Major Production must attend Show Choir.

### *Allegro*

Allegro is an a capella vocal group for students from Years 7 to 12. This is an extension and auditioned ensemble. Students must be a current member and maintained regular attendance at *Show Choir* to be eligible to Audition for this ensemble.



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## Dance Ensembles

### ***Stage 1 Dance Ensemble***

Stage 1 Dance Ensemble is an auditioned ensemble for student from Years 1 and 2. This ensemble has limited places and is designed to extend students' dance skills developed in the curricular dance program. \*\*

### ***Stage 2 Dance Ensemble***

Stage 2 Dance Ensemble is an auditioned ensemble for student from Years 3 and 4. This ensemble has limited places and is designed to extend students' dance skills developed in the curricular dance program. \*\*

### ***Stage 3 Dance Ensemble***

Stage 3 Dance Ensemble is an auditioned ensemble for student from Years 5 and 6. This ensemble has limited places and is designed to extend students' dance skills developed in the curricular dance program. \*\*

### ***Junior Dance Company***

Junior Dance Company is an auditioned ensemble for students from Years 4 to 6. To enter this ensemble student must be in Years 4 to 6 and have been successfully chosen for either the Stage 2 or Stage 3 Dance Ensembles. \*\*

### ***Stage 4 Dance Ensemble***

Stage 4 Dance Ensemble is an auditioned ensemble for students from Years 7 and 8. This ensemble has limited places and is designed to extend students' dance skills developed in the curricular dance program. \*\*

### ***Senior Dance Ensemble***

Senior Dance Ensemble is an auditioned ensemble for students from Years 8 to 12. This ensemble has limited places and is designed to extend students' dance skills developed in the curricular dance program. \*\*

### ***Senior Dance Company***

Senior Dance Company is an auditioned ensemble for students from Years 8 to 12. This ensemble has limited places and is designed to extend students' dance skills developed in the curricular dance program. \*\*

\*\* Students wishing to be considered for one or more of these ensembles are required to fill in the attached "Dance Audition Application Form". This form must be filled in and signed prior to the audition.

## Chamber Ensembles

In addition to the above-mentioned ensembles, we offer a selection of seasonal Chamber Ensembles. These ensembles include but are not limited to: ***Fusion Band, Big Band, Guitar Ensemble, Bass Ensemble, Brass Ensemble, Woodwind Ensemble, Ukulele Ensemble, Carols Orchestra and Fanfare Ensemble.***

The students involved in these ensembles are primarily from existing ensembles and our private tuition program at Pittwater House.



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# Dance Audition Application Form 2020

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Form in 2020: \_\_\_\_\_

All Dance ensembles are by audition only. The reason for this is that due to restrictions and limits set by external performances we need to limit the numbers in each of the ensembles. As a prerequisite, all ensembles students must be available and attend ALL rehearsals and have prior experience in dance. Please note that not all ensembles will run every year due to limitations on staffing and rooming.

✓	Indicate which ensemble/s you wish to be considered for
	<b>Junior School Ensembles</b>
	Stage 1 Dance Ensemble (Years 1 and 2)
	Stage 2 Dance Ensemble (Years 3 and 4)
	Stage 3 Dance Ensemble (Years 5 and 6)
	Junior Dance Company (Years 4 to 6) [Must be in either Stage 2 or Stage 3]
	<b>Senior School Ensembles</b>
	Stage 4 Dance Ensemble (Years 7 and 8)
	Senior Dance Ensemble (Years 8 to 12)
	Senior Dance Company (Years 8 to 12)

Do you dance at an external dance studio?	YES <sup>^</sup>	NO
Have you been in a TPHS or previous School Dance Ensemble before?	YES <sup>^^</sup>	NO

<sup>^</sup> If YES, please give details; Example: Dance Blue Studio – 2010 to current, Ballet – 4 years Grade 6, Jazz/Hip Hop – 8 years, Modern – 7 years, Eisteddfod Groups for Jazz, Modern & Musical Theatre

<sup>^^</sup> If YES, please give details; Example: TPHS Stage 4, TPHS Stage 2 and Junior Lyrical, JCPS Junior Primary Dance (Year 1)

As there is a significant commitment required when involved in the School Dance Groups if you would like to be considered for one of the above ensembles both Parent/Guardian and Student are required to initial each of the following:

Parent	Student	I understand and agree:
		To the commitment involved, and that I am expected to attend every scheduled rehearsal and performance from Term 3 2019 – Term 3 2020
		That if there are more than <b>three</b> unexplained and/or unacceptable absences, the student may not be able to continue with the group.
		That I must notify the Dance Co-ordinator through email <a href="mailto:dance@tphs.nsw.edu.au">dance@tphs.nsw.edu.au</a> at least 6 weeks prior if my child cannot make a performance/competition.
		That my child will be photographed and videoed during stage performances for School marketing.
		That there will be a cost recharged to my school account to cover the cost of costumes. (Approx. \$120 per ensemble) This cost does not include shoes and accessories for costumes [such as hosiery, hair pins or underwear]
		To comply with the rules of eisteddfods, and understand that there is to be no photography/videography in the competition hall/theatre
		That it is the student's responsibility to practice and catch up on choreography before the next rehearsal
		That the student will be representing Pittwater House at a competition level, will adhere to all rules at each event and understand their position in the dance team is vital.
		That the dance ensemble is a team and that their participation is for the full 2019-2020 season.

Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Student Signature: \_\_\_\_\_  
Parent/Guardian Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Parent/Guardian Signature: \_\_\_\_\_