

Kellyville Public School

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CREATIVE AND PERFORMING ARTS SELECTION POLICY

PURPOSE

This policy is to be used when selecting students for the dance, choir and musical performance groups within the school. Unless otherwise stated, each performance group will be stage based and of mixed gender.

RATIONALE

Kellyville Public School is committed to providing a learning environment which caters to the development of the whole child. The school participates in a number of Creative Arts festivals and competitions which provide an avenue for children to develop and extend their talents whilst representing the school. Members of these Creative Arts groups are selected according to each student's ability and performance during the audition process.

AIM

At Kellyville Public School we aim to ensure that all children are given the opportunity to audition fairly for the different Creative Arts Groups.

IMPLEMENTATION

During the first weeks of the school year, students from Years 1-6 will be notified at recess lines about each Creative Arts group audition. Parents will be notified of these opportunities via communication streams such as the school app, Facebook and newsletter. All interested students may try out through the audition process.

Prior to auditioning, interested students will be required to collect an expression of interest note for the particular performance group after recess lines. Extra copies of these notes will be available in the office and on the school's web page. The expression of interest note will outline the commitments involved and process for auditioning. Students and parents will be required to sign and return the note to the specified Creative Arts teacher before the audition. **If the note has not been returned before the audition, students will be unable to participate.**

Students do not have to participate in their selected performance groups outside of school, to be eligible to audition.

Students who are absent on the selection day due to illness or school business will be provided with an alternative day to audition. Students must see the group's teacher on their return to school to discuss a time and place for an audition. If the group has already been chosen and the names of successful students have already been displayed before the student returns, an alternative audition date will not be possible.

At each audition, students will be selected based on their ability to demonstrate specific skills related to the performance group. **For dance**, students will be required to perform simple locomotive and non-locomotive skills and a short choreographed routine.

For choir, students will be required to sing a familiar song, chosen by the teacher, to demonstrate their vocal range and ability to sing to a tune.

At each audition there will be a teacher and a member of the executive team present.

Students will be notified about the selection for each group through an announcement at recess lines.

The list of successful students for each performance group will be posted on the school notice board.

Students selected for a performance group will receive a letter of commitment which outlines the cost, rehearsal times, expectations and performance details for the particular group. Parents and students will be required to read and sign the letter, acknowledging that they understand the commitments outlined in the note.

Performance group members are expected to attend weekly rehearsals, on their scheduled morning and/or at lunch time. Students' rehearsal times may increase when the performance date is near.

Representing the school in a performance group is a privilege. Students are at all times, expected to uphold the Kellyville Public School rules: be respectful, be safe, be a learner. Students must display performance etiquette at all times when attending various performance events. Failing to do so, may jeopardise their position in the group.

Students will be expected to wear the specified uniform when attending performance events. Costumes will be supplied by the school, however some components of the student's costume e.g. make up, dance stockings, footwear and underwear, need to be supplied by the parents.

For performances, parents need to style their child's hair and apply make up as outlined in a note provided by the teacher.

Selection into a performance group incurs costs. These include fees for costume hire and transport to and from any daytime rehearsals and performances. Payment must be made by the due date specified on the commitment letter. Failure to do so may jeopardise the child's position in the performance group.

Various performance groups perform in the evening and at a variety of locations. Parents are required to transport students to and from the venue for these performances.

EVALUATION

This policy will be reviewed and evaluated each year by the Creative Arts Team and Principal to ensure that the procedures outlined continue to meet guidelines and the Kellyville Public School context.