



Theatre Arts

“Students who are involved in the arts have higher school motivation, engagement in class, self-esteem, and life satisfaction...”

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Theatre Arts has become an integral part of the performing arts programme at PLC and the School boasts a dedicated faculty and the Hazel Day Drama Centre is a theatre equivalent to professional standards.

Our Theatre Arts programme gives all girls the opportunity to perform in our reputable Dance and Drama productions and to develop valuable technical experience.

- Every year, students have the opportunity to audition for the School Production (Year 10 to 12) or the Year 7-9 Production. Generally, each year we alternate between a musical and a play.
- The Dance Collective and Dance Company, students are encouraged to maximise their potential to become dancers of technical excellence and artistry through performance projects, such as the IGSSA Dance Festival, Dance Showcase and Speech Night.
- Each year there are also curriculum plays that are presented by the WACE Drama and IB Diploma Theatre students.
- At end of each semester the Year 7 to 10 Dance, Drama and Music students have the opportunity to showcase the work they have created under the supervision of their teachers as part of the performing arts academic courses.

Many of our students have been accepted into the Acting, Musical Theatre, Dance and Lighting/Stage/Sound Design courses at WAAPA, VCA and NIDA after completing Theatre Arts at PLC.

Our co-curricular programme is extensive with opportunities available for students from Years 2 to 12.

- The Junior School Wings programme introduces Primary School students to Drama and Dance skills.

- The Dance Collective is a co-curricular activity available to all year 7, 8 and 9 students. Entry is by audition, however, for those with and interest in dance but no experience, the Blackwatch programme is available. The Dance Collective provides the opportunity for students to experience different dance genres and choreographers, whilst developing their confidence, creativity and performance skills.
- Dance Company is PLC's elite Dance ensemble. Every year students from Years 10 to 12 are invited to audition for a place in the Company. The Dance Company philosophy is to provide exposure to an array of Dance industry and teaching professionals who will extend the knowledge and technique of PLC dancers in a variety of genres. Students in Dance Company have the opportunity to work with both local and international choreographers to produce innovative Dance works.
- Filmbites Screen Acting classes are designed to be both practical and fun and to build acting skills in a nurturing environment. Classes for younger students are focussed on developing screen acting skills and imagination, creativity, naturalism and confidence. From intermediate level, classes become more industry focused for those interested in an acting career. Students progress through a new curriculum each semester. Depending on the level, girls will film various filmed outcomes such as short scenes, auditions or a short film in Terms 2 and 4.

Through involvement in our Theatre Arts programme, PLC students have another opportunity to explore and develop their creative expression.