

# State Schools Spectacular

We are pleased to announce that our school has been selected to participate in the Victorian State School Spectacular in 2017.

The Victorian State Schools Spectacular is one of the largest performing arts events in Australia. It is a professionally staged production performed annually to an audience of over 10,000 people.

The Spectacular includes a cast of almost 3,000 Victorian government school students, working towards a common goal in a collaborative, competition-free environment. It aims to provide an invaluable performing arts opportunity to Victoria's government school students and to showcase the enormous talent in our schools. It comes together in a three hour show that celebrates the performing arts - choir, dance, vocal, drama and orchestra. Students are provided with a unique opportunity to work with internationally renowned industry professionals across all disciplines, as well as the amazing experience of performing live in front of thousands of people.

**Production Rehearsal Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> and Friday 15<sup>th</sup> September 9am to 5pm at Hisense Arena**

**Performance Day held at Hisense Arena Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> September**

**Matinee Show at 1pm Evening Show 6.30pm**

## **How is our school involved?**

Each Spectacular brings together thousands of government school students from Prep to Year 12. Many performers have gone on to achieve successful performance careers, such as pop artist Vanessa Amorosi, Hairspray's Jaz Flowers, Opera Australia artist Nicole Car and European musical theatre star Winston Hillyer.

Participating schools are provided with costumes, music CDs, choir charts, dance DVDs and instructional manuals as well as professional instruction and rehearsal time to ensure all students perform at their best. Students may participate either as part of a school group or as individual performers. There is no cost to either the school or student, other than travel to and from rehearsals and performances.

## **Mass Rehearsal Dates**

We are lucky enough at Oakleigh South Primary School to have a hall large enough to hold up to 400 students who will all undertake the mass rehearsals with a choreographer. These dates are as follows:

- Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> March
- Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> May
- Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> June
- Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> August

As we have these rehearsals at our school, there is no cost until we travel into the city for the whole day rehearsals in September. Then, it is only the cost of the train ticket. Looking forward to working with your child/ren. If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact us.

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