

# CULTURAL LIFE OF ST JOHN'S COLLEGE 2017 AND ON...



There are numerous opportunities for your child to develop their talents in this area at St John's College. Artistic culture encompasses Performance, Dance, Art, Music, Instrumental, Orchestra and Band. There are also opportunities for your child to explore and develop in the area of Arts Administration through STUFFIT. Arts Week is the main event in which the Arts culture is celebrated, occurring at the start of term 4. Compiled is a brief overview of the culture at St John's College to raise awareness of these opportunities.



## PERFORMANCE

### Drama

Each year, students are given the opportunity to perform in a College **production**. The larger productions are audition based and performed offsite. Production size varies and tends to be on a rotating cycle, adjusted by a number of factors, including current scope of talent. In 2013, students performed in the stage production of *Love Gone Wilde*. In 2014, students performed in a Theatre Restaurant where the entertainment is similar to a variety show. In 2015, the drama production was the Australian play, *Stories in the Dark* and in 2016, a fullscale musical, *The Pajama Game*, was performed at the Caloundra Events Centre. This year, a large, predominately young cast performed a Gothic tale inspired by *Children of the Blackskirt*. The productions onsite have delicious refreshments provided by the Senior Hospitality students. College productions require a minimum afternoon commitment, once a week for 2-3 months.

**Theatresports** is a form of comic improvisation played as a team. Each year, St. John's College has a themed Theatresports night where students from Years 10, 11 and 12 compete. Students and parents (and families) from all year levels are invited to this popular event. Outstanding teams compete in the Youth Theatresports Competition in Brisbane. This is a lunchtime commitment and afternoon rehearsal if required.



Performances created as part of the **Drama** Curriculum are also viewed by specific year groups. As the drama students' progress and confidence grows, the public performances possibilities increase. Rehearsals occur in class time but lunchtime and afternoon rehearsals are available if required. Each year, performances are entered in the Sunshine Coast Schools' Drama Festival. In 2017, the Intermediate performance received the Aspiring Acting perpetual trophy.



The **Arts Committee** is open to all year levels. They choose themes for events advertise and create new opportunities around the College. It is an active committee providing the College with an exciting Arts focus. Drama students and members of the Arts Committee also perform at lunchtime in Arts week as well as Street Theatre for the Art Exhibition. This is a lunchtime commitment.



### Shakefest

In 2015 and 2017, St John's entered Shake and Stir's Shakefest making it to the State Titles in Brisbane both years. A dance group also entered making it to the State Finals.

## MUSIC



Students who pursue Music throughout their years at the College will have the opportunity to be extended through extracurricular activities such as St John's College Stage Band and chapel band, Chamber Orchestra. Other ensembles (vocal and instrumental) are regularly created and developed to cater for the specific skills and interests of students. Under such direction, and through taking music as a subject, students are presented with the chance to perform (in a group or as a soloist) at various events, most notably our acclaimed ***Friends of Room 9*** concert. This event occurs in Term 4. It is an occasion that showcases quality music in a wide array of musical styles with a special emphasis on original music composition.

### The Instrumental Program

The growing instrumental program offers students opportunity to learn an instrument. As their confidence increases these students perform solo or in small groups at informal evening concerts.





## St John's College Stage Band

From Chamber Orchestra and Big Band, additional **Ensembles** groups are formed depending on the strengths and gifts of the students each year.

### Awards Night

Individual and groups of students, Big Band, Orchestra and Ensembles are also given the chance to perform at the College's Awards Night Presentation early term 4.

In the past, the College has successfully seen a number of students enter the Conservatory of Music.



## DANCE

In the new dance studio, the College provides students with opportunities to learn dance and dance in an Eisteddfod group (auditions necessary). They compete in May and September and Shakefest in October.



## VISUAL ARTS



**The Art Exhibitions**, in which all student work is displayed, occurs in June in term 2 and the Tuesday night of **Arts Week**, Term 4.

Outstanding work from year 11 and 12 students is selected to be entered into the **Creative Generations Exhibition** held at the Sunshine Coast University Art Gallery in Term 3.

There is the opportunity for students to design, develop and be a part of the creation of props, backdrop, program and publicity for **College Productions**.

**Mural Group** allows for students of all year levels to create murals for the college as a need arises.



**Publication** of student art work is prominent in the College magazine, newsletter, murals, Artwork of the Week, Award's Night Program, Year Level Booklets and Student Gallery located in the student entrance.

## STUFFit

**Student Film Festival:** Students in any year level have the opportunity to join the Student management team. This is of interest to budding filmmakers as well as students interested in events management and Arts Administration. This is an after school commitment.



## GLEE CLUB

This is a fairly new group that started with a need to have a choir for our College Opening Mass. They have gone on to sing the National Anthem at the Swimming Carnival and be part of the Ash Wednesday Liturgy. It is still in the early stages but we are looking forward to their spontaneous performances and assistance with College events throughout the year.

## MEDIA ARTS

This popular subject offers students opportunities to be involved in advertising events around the school. They also can choose to enter one of their films into the STUFFit Students Film Festival.

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