

# Performing Arts at St Catherine's School



At St Catherine's School, Stirling, we are proud of the Performing Arts program in our Curriculum.

Performing Arts encourages our children to expand their imagination and helps them develop their own, unique voice while developing cognitive skills. Each class is provided a weekly Performing Arts lesson as part of their curriculum.

Additional opportunities are provided to students, as listed below:

## School Musical:

In Years 5 and 6 the students of St Catherine's partake in a school musical on a bi-annual schedule. This provides our students with an opportunity to experience both on-stage performances as well as set design, stage management and technical production. In 2022 we will be performing Into the Woods. Recent performances have included Matilda (2020) and Beauty and the Beast (2018)

## School Choir:

Year 5 and 6 students are invited to participate in the senior school choir.

As part of being in the choir we partake in the annual Catholic Schools Music Festival. In 2022 this will be held on 26-29 September at the Adelaide Festival Theatre.

## Instrumental lessons:

Our students can choose to take private tuition instrumental lessons at school. We have highly qualified, specialist teachers in piano, violin, guitar and voice. These lessons are held during the day in our music rooms. Children are allocated a lesson on a specific day on a rotational basis.

Please contact our Performing Arts Teacher, Kathryn Thomson, on [kthomson@stcaths.catholic.edu.au](mailto:kthomson@stcaths.catholic.edu.au) to enquire about instrumental lessons for your child.



## Piano

Lucy has her Bachelor of Music in Performance majoring in Piano, Graduate diploma in Education and Graduate diploma of music (Performance and Pedagogy) at the Elder Conservatorium of Music - Adelaide University.

Devoted to music tuition, Lucy creates learning materials and course plans for each individual student. She takes care to ensure her pupils develop a love for music in general, and the piano in particular.

## Voice (singing)

AnneMaree was a master teacher at Big Music Crows Nest, a music and tuition store in Sydney, and founder of Canary Studios, NSW. Her genres for teaching range from Acoustic Soul to Reggae, Funk, Acid Jazz & Classical

She is a Published songwriter with MGM Distribution, performing artist and has a BArts Theology/Philosophy (Honours). When work took the family in recent years to England she built a successful business teaching online.

AnneMaree is trained in Speech Level Singing Pedagogy from the Institute for Vocal Advancement, using a contemporary vocal technique based on bel canto tradition. She has also done additional classical studies in Vocal Etudes aragraph text



## Guitar

Alain has taught at Loreto College, Pembroke School and University of Adelaide, as well as many years as a private tutor. He has become a passionate health through music advocate and works in the NDIS as well as Flinders Medical Arts Centre in Health.

Alain draws influences from Flamenco, Brazilian, Classical, Jazz, Indian and Latin styles. Alain, with fellow guitarist Mike Bevan, have performed at the Adelaide Guitar Festival, Womadelaide and Melbourne & Adelaide Fringe.

He has also had pieces commissioned through Grundy for Neighbours & Secret Life of Us. He is passionate about sharing his love of music with students.

## Violin

Lucy Macourt is an experienced performer and educator who has recently moved from Canberra to Adelaide. In Canberra, Lucy performed regularly with the Canberra Symphony Orchestra and taught at Canberra Grammar School and Burgmann Anglican School. She also ran a successful private studio with many of her students gaining entry to the Rising Stars program at Sydney Conservatorium of Music, and scholarships to various private schools both in Sydney and Canberra.

Prior to this Lucy completed a Bachelor of Music (Performance) at Sydney Conservatorium of Music and taught at various schools across Sydney. Lucy has a student centred approach to teaching, aiming to create a warm and caring environment where students are given the tools to reach their full potential.

