

Southern Stars Performing Company 2022 Audition Information Package

The Southern Stars Performing Company is a group of performers consisting of dance, drama, vocal, choir and instrumental students who are selected through an audition process for Southern Stars.

All NSW Public School students in Years 2 – 12 are eligible to apply (see table under general information for more specific company requirements).

What to consider before applying:

- Performers from the Company can be asked to perform at special Departmental and community events, but their main focus each year is Southern Stars.
- Rehearsals are usually outside school hours and some scheduled school days prior to events.
- Southern Stars, Dance Festival, Drama Festival and Schools Spectacular require a commitment over a number of school days.
- Southern Stars 2022 will be held 22 - 27 August 2022 at WIN Entertainment Centre.
- There will be a compulsory workshop held over a number of days during the July School Holidays for all groups – proposed dates can be found further on in this document.
- Vocal students can apply to attend an introduction to audition workshop via zoom to be held on **Thursday 10 February 2022 @ 4.00 pm**. To participate in this workshop, email southern.stars@det.nsw.edu.au for the link. It will be emailed just prior to the workshop.
- Students successful in 2021 have transferred to 2022. If you did not advise that your student was transferring, please email southern.stars@det.nsw.edu.au

Financial Commitments:

- An application fee of \$30.00 per student per company application is payable to cover the costs associated with the running of the Southern Stars Performing Company auditions. eg. If a student wishes to audition for more than 1 company ie. Dance and drama then 2 x \$30.00 application fees need to be paid.
<https://www.trybooking.com/BVXFB>
- Annual company fee of \$300 payable upon acceptance in to the company
- A compulsory Performing Company uniform polo shirt worn at all rehearsals and events will need to be purchased at an additional cost of \$35.
- Optional Performing Company uniform – Jacket \$70, Backpack \$35,
- Additional costs will be incurred by all performers for costumes (to be advised by the design team), personal, travel & meals etc.
- Students should follow all school procedures for applying for external companies before completing the application form. All Principals will be emailed a list of students applying to audition, once applications are closed. If for any reason your Principal does not want you to audition, they will address this with you personally.

Primary and High School Dance Company Auditions

Sunday 20 February 2022

Venue - Albion Park High School - 120 Church St, Albion Park

Audition Process:

- Payment of the \$30 Application Fee **MUST** be paid before completing the Audition Application form. Applications will not be accepted until you can provide the Booking ID (found on your receipt). <https://www.trybooking.com/BVXFB>
- Complete the online application [Southern Stars Performing Company Audition Application Form](#) **by 18 February 2022**
- Students **DO NOT** need to prepare any audition pieces. They will attend a workshop presented by a professional choreographer/teacher as their audition.
- Please ensure students are wearing appropriate dance attire - dance shoes are optional
- Bring snacks and water

Primary School Dancers – Registration 8.30 am with audition 9.00 am to 12 noon

High School Dancers – Registration 1.00 pm with audition 1.30 pm to 4.30 pm

Rehearsals and Performance Commitments:

- If you cannot make any rehearsals, for any reasons, you will forfeit your position in the item being taught.
- Most rehearsals will be outside school time on weekends, school holidays and after school.
- Dates for all rehearsals will be published in the acceptance package. Students will be working with numerous choreographers for the performances
- Please be aware that there will also be compulsory rehearsals during July school holidays
- Rehearsal dates and times will be made available following the audition process
- Advance notice will be given for all rehearsals.
- Performance opportunities including but not limited to Public Education Foundation Awards, Dance Festival/s, Eisteddfods, Schools Spectacular.

Event	
20 February 2022	Dance Auditions – Albion Park High School
30 June 2022	Mass Dance Rehearsal – WIN Entertainment Centre
11 – 15 July 2022	Holiday rehearsals – days to be confirmed
15 July 2022	Photo Day
24 – 27 August 2022	Show Week – including rehearsals and performances at WIN Entertainment Centre

Vocal Company Auditions

General Information:

- The Vocal Company consists of three components – Featured Artists, Backing Vocalists and Featured Vocal Ensemble.
- The Vocal Company consists of vocalists from Year 2 to Year 12 who will assume backing vocal, small ensemble and/or soloist roles in performing the vast repertoire of songs in this year's production of Southern Stars held at the WIN Entertainment Centre in August.
- The Featured Vocal Ensemble are an ensemble of approximately 30 vocalists from Years 5 – 12 who form an advanced choral group singing in two, three and four-part harmony to support the Featured Artists and Backing Vocalists and to showcase as a solo ensemble, both at Southern Stars and other regional activities.
- We also encourage students of all vocal styles, including beat-boxing, rap and other vocal talents to audition.

Audition Process:

- Payment of the \$30 Application Fee **MUST** be paid before completing the Audition Application form. Applications will not be accepted until you can provide the Booking ID (found on your receipt). <https://www.trybooking.com/BVXFB>
- Complete the online application [Southern Stars Performing Company Audition Application Form](#) **18 February 2022**
- Upload a video audition of 1:30 minutes maximum demonstrating the student's vocal and performance skills, to the application form.
- Successful students will be emailed with further directions for inclusion in the vocal company – including featured artist round 2 audition, backing vocalist auditions and featured vocal ensemble auditions.

Rehearsals and Performance Commitments:

- A draft list of rehearsals is below. Students must be able to commit to all of these dates. (Year 12 students' rehearsal schedules will be adapted to suit each successful candidate with as minimal disruption to HSC commitments as possible. This will be done in consultation with the student, parent and school principal)
- Please be aware that there will also be compulsory rehearsals in the July school holidays
- Rehearsal dates, times and locations will be confirmed following the audition process
- Performance opportunities, including but not limited to the Public Education Foundation Awards, Festivals and Eisteddfods.

Date	Event – Vocal Company
10 February 2022	Online Audition workshop – email southern.stars@det.nsw.edu.au for link prior to processing online audition application
5 March 2022	Vocal auditions - round 2 - Featured artists, backing vocalists, featured vocal ensemble
19 March 2022	Vocal Workshop – Featured artists, backing vocalists
20 March 2022	Vocal Workshop – Featured artists, backing vocalists
25 June 2022	Vocal Workshop - blocking rehearsal - featured artists, backing vocalists
26 June 2022 (if required)	Vocal Workshop - blocking rehearsal - featured artists, backing vocalists
11 – 12 July 2022	Vocal Workshop – Featured artists, backing vocalists
13 – 15 July 2022	Vocal Workshop – Featured Vocal Ensemble, Featured Artists, backing vocalists
15 July 2022	Photo day
6 August 2022	Vocal Workshop – Full run through Act 1 & Act 2
7 August 2022 (if required)	Vocal Workshop – only if required
20 August 2022	Sitzprobe – Featured artists, backing vocalists, featured vocal ensemble
21 August 2022	Sitzprobe - Featured artists, backing vocalists only
23 August 2022	Sound check - WIN Entertainment Centre
24 - 27 August 2022	Show Week – including rehearsals and performances at WIN Entertainment Centre

Orchestra Auditions

Requirements

Instruments Required

- Strings - *Violin, Cello, Double Bass*
- Woodwind - *Flute, Clarinet, Bass Clarinet, Alto Sax, Tenor Sax, Baritone Sax*
- Brass - *French Horn, Trumpet, Trombone, Tuba*
- Percussion - *Timpani, Tuned Percussion, Untuned Percussion*
- Rhythm Section - *Drum Kit, Piano, Synthesiser, Guitar, Bass Guitar*
- Students may nominate multiple instruments, including instruments not listed above, but should clearly identify their first preference from this list.
- All performers will be expected to read standard music notation
- Performance attire will be required to be supplied by the company member

Audition Process:

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- Complete the online application [Southern Stars Performing Company Audition Application Form](#) including links to audition video) **by 18 February 2022**
- Attach a link to a video audition of a piece of free choice, designed to demonstrate the performer's ability and range of style, 2 minutes maximum. The video audition should demonstrate a prepared performance. It need not be from the start of the selected piece.
- All students from Round 1 will receive confirmation of the outcome of their audition.

Rehearsals and Performance Commitments:

- A draft list of rehearsals is below
- Rehearsal dates, times and locations will be confirmed following the audition process.
- Advance notice will be given for all rehearsals

Date	Event
14 May 2022	Orchestra auditions - Round 2
16 July 2022	Orchestra rehearsal and photo day
23 July 2022	Orchestra rehearsal
14 August 2022	Orchestra rehearsal
20 August 2022	Sitzprobe - Rhythm section 8.30 am - 1.00 pm Sitzprobe - Full orchestra 2.00 pm - 6.00 pm
21 August 2022	Sitzprobe - Full orchestra 5.00 pm - 9.30 pm
23 August 2022	Sound check - orchestra on standby 12 noon
24 - 27 August 2022	Show Week – including rehearsals and performances at WIN Entertainment Centre

Drama Company Auditions

Audition Process:

- Payment of the \$30 Application Fee **MUST** be paid before completing the Audition Application form. Applications will not be accepted until you can provide the Booking ID (found on your receipt). <https://www.trybooking.com/BVXFB>
- Current students DO NOT need to reapply.
- Complete the online application [Southern Stars Performing Company Audition Application Form](#) **18 February 2022.**
- Students must present an individual monologue, of 1-2 minutes. This should showcase the range of their dramatic abilities. They may be asked to perform the piece more than once.
- All students will also be involved in an improvisation workshop during their allocated block.
- All students must audition in rehearsal blacks.
- Auditions will take place in small groups. Audition times will be emailed to the email address supplied in the online application
- No props or costumes are required.
- Alternatively, if students are unable to attend auditions due to distance they may send a DVD or YouTube link of their audition monologue for consideration, please email southern.stars@det.nsw.edu.au

Rehearsals

- Most rehearsals will be outside school time on weekends and after school. There will also be additional school day rehearsals leading up to performances.
- Please be aware that there will also be compulsory rehearsals during the July school holidays. Rehearsal dates and times will be made available following the audition process.
- Advance notice will be given for all rehearsals

Date	Event
20 February 2022	Drama Auditions
30 June 2022	Mass Rehearsal Day – WIN Entertainment Centre
13 – 15 July 2022	Rehearsals
15 July 2022	Photo Day
TBA	South Coast Drama Festival
24 – 27 August 2022	Show Week – including rehearsals and performances at WIN Entertainment Centre