

**Southern Stars 2023 – Information for Schools
Performances to take place on Friday 25 and Saturday 26 August 2023
at WIN Entertainment Centre, Wollongong.**

Welcome to Southern Stars 2023. On the following pages you will find information on how to apply to be involved in Southern Stars 2023.

Schools can participate in the following categories:

- Yanggaa Garaba Aboriginal Dance Ensemble
- Mass Choir – including a moving choir item
- Mass Dance
- Mass Drama
- Shining Stars Disability Dance Ensemble
- Boys Dance Ensemble – open to all boys participating in their school mass dance item. Students in the Southern Stars Performing Company will also be eligible to perform.

*Please note - A separate application is required for each group nomination.

Online applications are open. Follow the link below to apply now. Applications close **6 March 2023 (Week 7)**.

[Online Application - 2023 Southern Stars](#)

Southern Stars ensures your students have access to the performing arts and the well-being benefits associated with this magical and long running event. The success of the show relies on many, including all schools who participate.

Southern Stars offers a wonderful opportunity for teachers to gain professional teaching experience which addresses the Australian Professional Standards for Teachers in the following areas of the curriculum:

2.2.2 Organise content in coherent well sequenced learning and teaching programs.

3.1.2 Set explicit challenging and achievable learning goals for all students

4.1.3 Model effective practise and support colleagues to implement inclusive strategies that engage and support all students.

5.2.2 Provide timely effective and appropriate feedback to students about their achievement relative to their learning goals

6.3.2 Contribute to collegial discussions and apply constructive feedback from colleagues to improve professional knowledge and practice.

Students who participate in Southern Stars gain the following outcomes in Creative Arts:
The students will

- Achieve challenging learning goals
- Improve self esteem
- Learn to establish and maintain respectful collaborative relationships with teachers and peers
- Further develop their sense of wellbeing, belonging & connectedness
- Have a greater understanding of culture, identity and background if students participate in the Aboriginal dance ensemble
- Learn that through participation in music and dance programs ensures they have the opportunity to achieve their full potential in areas of the arts curriculum and also enhance success in other curriculum areas

Participation Guidelines

- Schools do not have to audition. **All** who apply are accepted.
- There is no minimum or maximum number of participants, provided Department of Education's Excursion Policy supervision ratios are met and approved by your Principal.
- Final numbers will need to be confirmed prior to the end of TERM 1.

Commitment

Once you have nominated to be a part of Southern Stars 2023, must be able to commit to all calendar dates as outlined. A comprehensive rehearsal and production schedule will be available after your acceptance.

Schools are also responsible for providing and maintaining student numbers. The allocation of schools to items is a mammoth task. It is important that the student numbers stated in your application, remain the same. Schools are allocated to items based on numbers and changing these at a school level has a very big impact on the entire show.

Costume and Merchandise

Costumes will be available to purchase through various Southern Stars suppliers. All costume information will be available at the Teachers Meeting on 6 June 2023. Southern Stars merchandise will include the event T-shirt (required for all students to purchase) and Southern Stars Hoodie (choice of zip or no zip). All merchandise information will be available in the teacher's package sent out early in Term 2.

Southern Stars financial process and information for schools - 2023

General information regarding finance

- Students are to be approved for participation through their own schools
- Schools collect money from students for associated costs and an internal journal will be issued
- A journal for participation fees will be sent to your School Admin Manager
- A journal for merchandise costs will be sent to your School Admin Manager
- The Southern Stars financial managing school is Albion Park High School. They will issue schools with an interschool journal for costs associated with Southern Stars on or after 28 August 2023
- Any finance questions should be directed to southern.stars@det.nsw.edu.au

Teacher Relief

- Teacher relief for attendance at rehearsals and performances is the responsibility of the school.
- If a teacher is accepted into a role within the Southern Stars team then relief will be provided, if needed by the school, when they are required to attend Southern Stars related activities during school hours. An email will always be sent to the school outlining when the teacher will be required.

- A journal will be sent to your school by Albion Park High School prior to the teacher fulfilling their Southern Stars duty.

Combined Item Participation Fee

All students participating in a combined school item (dance, drama or choir) are required to pay a participation fee of \$25 No GST

Schools collect participation fees from students and an interschool journal will be issued

Southern Stars Performing Company (auditioned) students

All students participating as a member of the SSPC (vocalist, dancer, drama or orchestra) are required to pay a company fee. These fees are paid directly, by the student, to the SSPC

Southern Stars T Shirts & Merchandise

- Southern Stars Event T Shirt - \$25
Please note – t shirts are a requirement for all students participating in Southern Stars as these will be used to form part of a costume in the 2023 show
- Southern Stars hoodies are optional
- All merchandise can be ordered online. Further information will be supplied in the teacher's package.
- All teachers and students need to pay for their merchandise purchases through their school office
- Schools collect merchandise fees from students and teachers and an interschool journal will be issued
- Orders for merchandise cannot be cancelled or refunded after they are placed due to change of mind, event cancellations, or sizing related issues.

Costumes

- If schools are purchasing costumes through one of Southern Stars costume supplier's you will be advised the final date to order in the teacher's package.
- Payments to suppliers are to be handled and processed by each school directly
- Once orders have been submitted payment will be expected. There are no refunds or cancellations
- Orders for costumes cannot be cancelled or refunded after they are placed due to change of mind, event cancellations, or sizing related issues

If you have any questions please don't hesitate to contact Sharon Buikstra, Operations Manager, email: southern.stars@det.nsw.edu.au