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**PULTENEY**



# Junior School

**Co-curricular Performing Arts Handbook 2024**

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- Jonathon Rice, Pulteney Head of Performing Arts



## Introduction

The Performing Arts at Pulteney is where students can learn to play a musical instrument or sing, dance or act. It is a place where artistic and creative skills are developed in one-to-one lessons with a music or drama tutor, and the opportunity to utilise these skills in a solo or group context. We encourage all students to join an ensemble, learn an instrument, or to sing as early as possible, and in doing so, to experience the joy, fun and great reward that comes along with the performing arts.

We have developed and continue to expand our range of choirs, bands and ensembles to meet the wide and different interests of our students. The diversity in the performing arts co-curricular program is significant and is an important driver of what we offer here at Pulteney. We have small instrumental ensembles, choirs, bands, drama, dance classes, annual major musical productions, as well as many performance opportunities throughout the year.

Instrumental music tuition is not compulsory but is a valuable part of life at Pulteney for many students. You can learn more about the instrumental music program and apply for lessons on the [Pulteney Parent Portal](#). The co-curricular music program provides essential skill-building in ensemble musicianship, so we encourage all students to join an ensemble as soon as they have reached the appropriate standard on their instrument.

### Why learn an instrument

There is now evidence that students that learn a musical instrument for five years or more may increase their IQ, grow larger brains (see Bigger, Better Brains by Dr Anita Collins), experience improved executive brain function and improved emotional intelligence and linguistic performance. Numerous studies support the significant benefit to students playing music in a group and how this develops the student's capacity to be empathetic and community-minded, as well as develop resilience and personal strength.

All co-curricular music and dance groups and activities are provided free of charge.

### Expectations

Students are expected to commit to an ensemble or group for the full year except Year 3/4 and Year 5/6 drama club, which operate per semester.

In 2024, we will have five weekly dance co-curricular troupes in the Junior School working towards skill development and performance in the Term 3 Dance Concert.

### Admission to a group or ensemble

If admission to a group is by audition, then your child must express their interest in this group so as an audition can be arranged.

Acceptance into auditioned groups is subject to a successful audition and a corresponding vacancy in the group. If your child is enrolling for a non-auditioned group, you will simply need to express interest. For these groups, enrolments are based on order of application and to a limited maximum number of students in each group.

### To express your interest

Please complete the online [nomination selection](#) by Friday 8 December 2023.

### Enquiries

Please forward all your enquiries in the first place to Laura Brougham, School Operations Officer: [laura.brougham@pulteney.sa.edu.au](mailto:laura.brougham@pulteney.sa.edu.au)

### Selection confirmation

Performing Arts will confirm groups and ensembles with families in February 2024.

Please note, if you wish to learn more about individual instrumental music, vocal music or speech/drama lessons, please contact Laura Brougham, School Operations Officer: [laura.brougham@pulteney.sa.edu.au](mailto:laura.brougham@pulteney.sa.edu.au)

## Junior School Bands and Ensembles

### Junior Training Drum Corps

Director:	Frank Fragomeni
Rehearsal:	Wednesday 8.00 – 8.30am
Location:	Music Classroom (Nicholls Building)
Requirements:	Year 3 to Year 6, By expression of interest (maximum of 18 students) <i>Students will be offered a position in order of when the nomination is received and if unsuccessful will be placed on a waitlist.</i>

### Junior String Ensemble

Director:	Katherine Quirk
Rehearsal:	Tuesday 8.00 – 8.30am
Location:	Strings Vocal Room (Nicholls Building)
Instruments:	Violin, viola, cello, double bass
Requirements:	Year 3 to Year 6, By invitation

### Junior String Stars Ensemble

Director:	TBA
Rehearsal:	Monday 8.00 – 8.30am
Location:	Strings Vocal Room (Nicholls Building)
Instruments:	Violin, viola, cello
Requirements:	Year 1 to Year 6, By invitation

### Junior Percussion Ensemble

Director:	Zachary Wachtel
Rehearsal:	Friday 8.00 – 8.30am
Location:	Percussion Room (Nicholls Building)
Instruments:	Malleted & non-pitched percussion
Requirements:	By expression of interest
Notes:	Year 3 to Year 6, Runs subject to interest

### Junior Concert Band

Director:	Sam Hicks
Rehearsal:	Tuesday 8.00 – 8.30am
Location:	Band Room (Nicholls Building)
Instruments:	Woodwind, brass and percussion only
Requirements:	By expression of interest
Notes:	Year 3 to Year 6, Runs subject to interest

### Junior Handbell Ensemble

Director:	Gray Vernon
Rehearsal:	Friday 7.45 – 8.30am
Location:	Music Classroom (Nicholls Building)
Requirements:	Year 4 to Year 6, by expression of interest (maximum of 10 students) <i>Students will be offered a position in order of when the nomination is received and if unsuccessful will be placed on a waitlist.</i>

## Junior School Dance

### Junior Year 1 Dance Troupe

Director:	Dance Teacher and PGS Staff Member
Rehearsal:	Tuesday 3.30 – 4.45pm
Location:	Drama Room 1 (Nicholls Building)
Requirements:	Year 1, by expression of interest (maximum of 20 students) <i>Students will be offered a position in order of when the nomination is received and if unsuccessful will be placed on a waitlist.</i>

### Junior Year 2 Dance Troupe

Director:	Dance Teacher and PGS Staff Member
Rehearsal:	Tuesday 3.30 – 4.45pm
Location:	Dance/Drama Room 2 (Nicholls Building)
Requirements:	Year 2, by expression of interest (maximum of 18 students) <i>Students will be offered a position in order of when the nomination is received and if unsuccessful will be placed on a waitlist.</i>

### Junior Year 3 Dance Troupe

Director:	Dance Teacher and PGS Staff Member
Rehearsal:	Monday 3.30 – 4.45pm
Location:	Dance/Drama Room 2 (Nicholls Building)
Requirements:	Year 3, by expression of interest (maximum of 18 students) <i>Students will be offered a position in order of when the nomination is received and if unsuccessful will be placed on a waitlist.</i>

### Junior Year 4 Dance Troupe

Director:	Dance Teacher and PGS Staff Member
Rehearsal:	Monday 3.30 – 4.45pm
Location:	Dance Factory Studio
Requirements:	Year 4, by expression of interest (maximum of 18 students) <i>Students will be offered a position in order of when the nomination is received and if unsuccessful will be placed on a waitlist.</i>

### Junior Year 5/6 Dance Troupe

Director:	Dance Teacher and PGS Staff Member
Rehearsal:	Thursday 3.30 – 4.45pm
Location:	Dance/Drama Room 2 (Nicholls Building)
Requirements:	Year 5 and Year 6, by expression of interest (maximum of 18 students) <i>Students will be offered a position in order of when the nomination is received and if unsuccessful will be placed on a waitlist.</i>

#### Dance Shoe Requirements (compulsory for dance classes)

Girls (Reception - Year 6): Tan coloured slip-on jazz shoes

Boys: Black coloured slip-on jazz shoes

<https://www.dancefx.com.au/product/bloch-elastaboot/>

<https://www.dancefx.com.au/product/capezio-e-series-jazz-slip-on-adults/>

<https://www.dancefx.com.au/product/energetiks-neoprene-jazz-boot-childs/>

## Junior School Drama

### Junior Year 3/4 Drama Club

Director:	Katie Jackson
Rehearsal:	Wednesday 3.30 – 4.45pm (Semester 1, Semester 2)
Location:	Drama Room 1 (Nicholls Building)
Requirements:	Year 3 and Year 4, by expression of interest (maximum of 12 students per semester). <i>Students will be offered a position in order of when the nomination is received and if unsuccessful will be placed on a waitlist.</i>

### Junior Year 5/6 Drama Club

Director:	Katie Jackson
Rehearsal:	Tuesday 3.30 – 4.45pm (Semester 1, Semester 2)
Location:	Music Classroom (Nicholls Building)
Requirements:	Year 5 and Year 6, by expression of interest (maximum of 12 students per semester). <i>Students will be offered a position in order of when the nomination is received and if unsuccessful will be placed on a waitlist.</i>

## Junior School Choirs

### Junior Kurrajong Choir

Director:	Narelle Steffan and Jody Sadecki
Rehearsal:	Thursday 12.50 – 1.20pm
Location:	Factory Music Room
Requirements:	Reception to Year 2, all welcome <i>If a student misses 3 consecutive rehearsals without reason, they will be removed from the choir roll and parents will be notified.</i>

### Junior Concert Choir

Director:	Michelle McGill
Rehearsal:	Monday 8.00 – 8.30am
Location:	Band Room (Nicholls Building)
Requirements:	Year 5 and Year 6, all welcome

## Musical Production

### Year 5/6 Musical Production

Director:	Jo Casson
Rehearsal:	TBA
Location:	TBA
Requirements:	All Year 5 and Year 6 students will participate

## Performing Arts Team

### Head of Performing Arts

Jonathon Rice

Senior and Middle School Classroom Teacher

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### Assistant Head of Performing Arts (Middle & Senior School)

Annie Kwok

Senior and Middle School Classroom Teacher

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### Assistant Head of Performing Arts (Junior School)

Year 3 - 6 Music Teacher

Michelle McGill

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### Reception – Year 2 Music Teacher

Narelle Steffan

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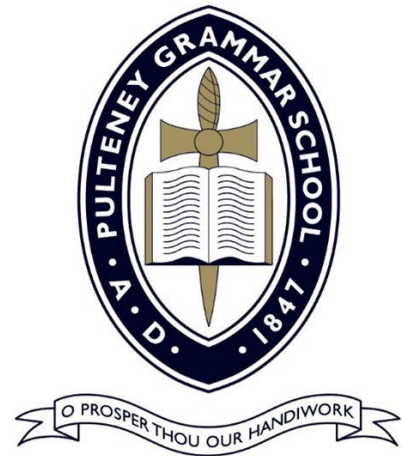
### School Operations Officer

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