



MOUNT LAWLEY SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL
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EARLY MORNING CLASS ARTISTS

Charles Warren will be teaching visual art to the Year 7 students. His focus is on developing students' fundamental skills and knowledge in art-making processes. By building up their foundational skills, he equips them with various techniques and tools for their artistic tool belt.

Trenton Harris will be teaching visual art to the Year 8 students. He will emphasise 3D art-making and the exploration of sculptural forms. The students' artworks will be showcased at the Middle School Visual Art Exhibition at the end of the year.

Natalie Diggins will be teaching movement and performance to the Year 9 students. There will be a focus on body and space. She also introduces site-specific performance, preparing students for Term 4's tiny works production.

ALUMNI NEWS

Year 11 SVAPA student Austen Wilmot had the incredible opportunity to walk the red carpet at Cannes with Nick Cage for the premiere of the film 'The Surfer.' Austen stars as a young surfer alongside Cage in the movie filmed in Yallingup last year. The film received a standing ovation and widespread acclaim at Cannes. Congratulations, Austen! We can't wait to see you on our screens!



YEAR 7 VISUAL ART EXCURSION



In Semester 1, the Year 7 Specialist Art class explored the Swan River's themes and aesthetics, its waterways, flora and fauna, Noongar culture, and the experiences of the first settlers. In April, the class visited the river's eco-education centre to learn more about the river and to engage in contemplative and meditative drawing sessions along its banks. Each student then received four paper panels depicting a river running through them to experiment with various media: charcoal, paint, watercolour, and collage. These experiments were in preparation for their large-scale canvas work, which will be showcased at the SVAPA Middle School Visual Art exhibition at the end of the year.

LAWLEY ART AUCTION

The Lawley Art Auction was a tremendous success! Staff, students, parents, and the general public enjoyed a brilliant night. It was also my first time bidding on and winning an artwork! Thank you to the parents who contributed to its success; whether you offered a couple of hours here and there or worked throughout the entire year—every bit helped. A special thank you to the Visual Arts staff for showcasing their students' work: Charles Warren, Hayley Smythe, Aileen Johnson, Carly Busby, Lynda Kuntjy, and Hannah Borowitzka. The incredible artwork produced by our students is a testament to the hard work and dedication of the Visual Arts team. Thank you to the Music staff for organising and supporting their wonderful music students' performances during the auction, which created a delightful atmosphere. If you haven't attended the Lawley Art Auction yet, please mark it on your calendar early. It's always mid-June, and it promises a brilliant community atmosphere.

WHAT'S ON

EARLY MORNING CLASS (EMC)
All classes start Week 2

Year 7 Tuesdays, 7:30am in Art 1
Duty of Care: Charles Warren

Year 8 Tuesdays, 7:30am in Art 2
Duty of Care: Trenton Harris

Year 9 Wednesdays, 7:30am in the Trike
Duty of Care: Natalie Diggins

EVENTS

Mount Lawley Senior High School
Concert Series, Tricycle Theatre

Concert 1 (Concert Band 2)
30th July, 5:45-6:45pm

Concert 2 (Concert Band 1)
30th July, 7:00-8:00pm

Concert 3 (Jazz Bands)
6th August, 5:45-7:15pm

Concert 4 (Classical Guitar)
13th August 13, 5:45-6:45pm

Concert 5 (Choir/Vocal)
19th August, 5:45-6:45pm

Concert 6 (Contemporary Concert)
20th August, 5:45-7:15pm

Concert 7 (Strings)
26th August 26, 5:45-6:45pm

Concert 8 (Concert Band 3)
27th August, 5:45-6:45pm

Concert 9 (Concert Band 4)
27th August, 7:00-8:00pm

Music Festivals
dates and session times TBC

WA Schools Senior Band and Orchestra Festival
2nd-3rd August
Churchlands Senior High School

WA Jazz Festival
11th August, WAAPA

WA Classical Guitar Ensemble Festival
11th August, Carine Senior High School

WA Public Schools Contemporary Music Ensemble Festival
24th-25th August, Canning Vale College

WA Choral Festival
31st August
Churchlands Senior High School

WA Junior Band and Orchestra Festival
5th-8th September
Churchlands Senior High School

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HANS ZIMMER AT PERTH CONCERT HALL

The Year 8 SVAPA students experienced some of the greatest modern film music as WASO and conductor Nicholas Buc paid tribute to one of the most influential film composers of all time: Hans Zimmer. From the epic worlds of *Interstellar*, *Inception* and *Batman's Dark Knight Trilogy*, to unforgettable themes from *Pirates of the Caribbean* and *The Lion King*, feel the power of your full State Orchestra in flight as they take you on a journey through Zimmer's iconic scores. Personally, this was one of the most educational experiences I've had as a teacher. The session broke down musical theories and conventions, enabling us to understand the creation process before hearing the score, along with fascinating tidbits of information. A big thank you to Michelle deRozario for organising such a brilliant excursion.



WHAT'S ON

SVAPA Saturday Workshop

Saturday 7th September, time TBA
For Years 7-9 SVAPA students

Year 9 Visual Art Excursion

Pulse at Art Gallery of Western Australia and Hatched at Perth Institute of Contemporary Art, date and time TBA

SVAPA PARENT SUPPORT GROUP MEETINGS

Green Room, Tricycle Theatre (*enter through service entry on Learoyd St*)

Wednesday 31st July, 6:30pm

Wednesday 28th August, 6:30pm

YEAR 7 CHAMBER JAZZ COMBO AT THE PRESTIGIOUS OPUS CONCERT

On June 17th, our talented Year 7 Chamber Jazz Combo took to the stage at the Concert Hall for the annual prestigious OPUS Concert, a highlight of the year for music education. This concert, facilitated by the Instrumental Music School Services, has been a cornerstone event since 1974, showcasing the most outstanding ensembles from government schools across the region.

Our Year 7 students, in only their second public performance, captivated the audience with their remarkable talent. Their set included jazz classics such as "Cantaloupe Island" by Herbie Hancock, "So What" by Miles Davis, and "Sonnymoon for Two" by Sonny Rollins. These challenging pieces were brought to life through the skillful improvisations and musicianship of our young musicians. The group featured Clara Hassett and Luna O'Halloran on trumpet, Catherine Smith on trombone, Lawson Bassett on guitar, Benjamin Woodward on piano, Piper Martin-Hillier on bass, and Oscar McLay on drums. Each member of the ensemble showcased exceptional talent and dedication, earning high praise from both the audience and the judges.



Not only did our Year 7 Chamber Jazz Combo deliver an outstanding musical performance, but they also represented our school with exemplary conduct and professionalism. Their ability to perform at such a high level at a young age is a testament to their hard work and the support of their dedicated teachers and families. As these young musicians continue their musical journey, we can expect to see even more impressive achievements from them moving forward. Congratulations to our Year 7 Chamber Jazz Combo for making us proud and setting the stage for a bright musical future! - Mr Summers, Teacher in Charge of Music

PICA EXCURSION



The last-minute excursion to the Perth Institute of Contemporary Art (PICA) was a success, echoing the SVAPA program's interdisciplinary ethos. The excursion explored themes of performance and exhibition through "WHEN I AM NOT THERE," a performance exhibition by Naarm (Melbourne)-based artist Shelley Lasica. Lasica's work, spanning over four decades, integrates choreography with various artistic disciplines, and this exhibition featured dancers interacting with objects in PICA's galleries.

The students participated in two artist-led workshops. One, led by performers from STRUT Dance, focused on choreographing movement, while the other, led by artist and filmmaker Jacqui Shelton, focused on performance documentation. A Year 10 student remarked it was the best excursion he had ever experienced at Mount Lawley Senior High School. Thanks to Hannah Matthews and Jenn Garland from PICA for this opportunity.



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SVAPA LONDON TOUR



An incredible and successful tour during the April holidays saw 30 students from Years 9-11 travelling to London to experience a variety of arts opportunities.

Highlights included the London Symphony's performance of Ministry of Sound at the Royal Albert Hall, workshops with Complicite, the Royal Shakespeare Company, and Frantic Assembly, the 'Women in Revolt' exhibition at the Tate Britain, and a tour of Untold Studios, an animation, graphics, film, and TV studio creating content for clients worldwide. They also visited Harry Potter World, the British Fashion Icons exhibition at Blenheim Palace in Oxford, and enjoyed shows such as Six! The Musical, Hamilton, Harry Potter and the Cursed Child, and Hadestown.

The students navigated the tube, savoured good food, played cards on the floor of the common room, and bought way too many souvenirs. The students kept us laughing throughout the trip! A big thank you to the staff who accompanied the tour – Renae Hill, Tomas Mawer, and Dijon Summers.

The next trip is planned for 2027.

A MIDWINTER NIGHT'S DREAM

It was a magical snowy Christmas in the middle of the year. The students brought us a brilliant adaptation of Shakespeare's A Midsummer Night's Dream, filled with snowball fights, the northern lights, ice-skating, nose-y Christmas carollers, a very confused reindeer in place of the usual donkey, and a big Christmas pantomime, complete with a guest appearance of Santa to finish the show.

Thank you to Natalie Diggins, Mitch Whelan, and Michelle deRozario for all of those countless extra hours, the many orders from Bunnings and the spotlight, and for always being so kind and giving. Thank you to Anette Stivaletta for making such beautiful fairy costumes – and the panto-dame dress! Lastly, thank you to the kids who rose to the challenges I set for them. The performances were out of this world good.

