

Performing Arts

Encore and OnSTAGE nominations

Several Year 12 Music and Drama students have been nominated for Encore and OnSTAGE, showcases of exemplary HSC performances and projects. Congratulations to Stella Hong, Sienna Kang, Amy Lee, Monica Teng and Alice Zhang, who have been nominated for their Music 2 and Extension Music performances.

In Drama, Shreya Achar, Edie Arkell, Anneke Dykgraaff, Tamara Van Ede and Zoe Wang were nominated for their Group Performance, and Edie was also nominated for her Major Work.



Stella Hong – Violin and Piano



Sienna Kang – Viola



Amy Lee – Violin



Monica Teng – Piano



Alice Zhang – Violin and Piano



Edie Arkell – Major Work (Monologue)



Shreya Achar, Edie Arkell, Anneke Dykgraaff, Tamara Van Ede and Zoe Wang – Group Performance

Amadeus news

Teresa Yang has been named the winner of the 2023 National Youth Concerto Competition. This prestigious competition was established in 1976 to encourage the development of exceptional young Australian string players. It is the most significant competition of its kind in Australia, with previous winners including Richard Tognetti and Ray Chen.

As part of the competition, Teresa spent last week in Brisbane performing several public recitals, and competed in the final, playing Korngold's *Violin Concerto* with the Queensland Youth Symphony Orchestra. Her beautiful performance demonstrated amazing technique and musicianship, and an excellent rapport with the orchestra and conductor, Simon Hewett.

Sharon Zhao travelled to Melbourne to participate in the Polish Music Australia Competition and placed first in the 15 to 17 Years category.

Connie Liu was invited to perform at the Sydney Eisteddfod Alf & Pearl Pollard Memorial Instrumental Awards and achieved second place. The competition brings together several outstanding musicians from various sections of the eisteddfod to compete.



Connie Liu, Sharon Zhao and Teresa Yang



Dr Ambroise Aubrun and
Emma Rose Koeswandy

For the second consecutive year, Cynthia Bui placed first in the Junior Section of the Sydney Organ Competition, which attracts top organists from all over Sydney.

Emma Rose Koeswandy attended a violin masterclass in Melbourne with Dr Ambroise Aubrun, Artistic Director at the University of California, Los Angeles. Emma Rose workshopped the *Samuel Barber Violin Concerto* as part of this wonderful opportunity.



Cynthia Bui performing at the Sydney
Organ Competition

Connie Liu and Alina Yuan have both been accepted into the Australian Youth Orchestra's National Music Camp.



Connie Liu and Alina Yuan



AMEB exam results

Congratulations to Emma Rose Koeswandy (piano) and Kiara Nguy (cello) who have been awarded their AMuSA Diplomas on piano and cello. This is an outstanding achievement that requires hours of work and dedication.



Emma Rose Koeswandy



Kiara Nguy

Music Academy

Congratulations to the sixty Speech and Drama students who completed their IMEB examinations during the holidays. A special thank you to Mrs Carolyn Mirabito for her outstanding organisation of these exams. Best wishes to all students currently preparing for their upcoming AMEB examinations.

Remember, an examination helps you to build your skills and is all part of your progress in a long musical journey.

Junior School Music Ensembles Concert – *A World of Adventure*

You are warmly welcome to attend Meriden's Junior School Music Ensembles Concert, where you will witness the dedication and progress of our string, band, percussion ensemble and choir performers.

Tuesday 7 November – 6:00pm

Wallis Auditorium

Ms Jodie Spooner-Ryan

Director of Music (P-12)