

Performing Arts News

Year 10 Opera

On Thursday 14 March, our two Year 10 Music classes visited the Opera House to see Verdi's *La Traviata*. This was part of their unit study of opera, and it was a fantastic opportunity for the girls to see a live performance of the work they have been studying. They were excited to meet the main character, Violetta, at the stage door, played by soprano Sophie Salvesani.

AMEB Diploma Ceremony

It was wonderful to see several Meriden girls at the AMEB Diploma Ceremony, held in John Clancy Auditorium at UNSW last weekend. This ceremony celebrates students who have been awarded their Associate and Licentiate Diplomas in 2023.

A special mention to Cynthia Bui who was named as an outstanding diploma candidate and invited to perform a processional and recessional at the ceremony.



Year 10 music students at Sydney Opera House



Meriden girls receiving AMEB Diplomas

Student Achievements

Year 8 student Sofia Lam was recently selected to participate in the Penrith Youth Orchestra, and performed a variety of works by Grieg, Vivaldi, Elgar and Wagner at The Joan Sutherland Performing Arts Centre. As part of this program, Sofia had the opportunity to work alongside members of the Australian Chamber Orchestra and was mentored by violinist Ilya Isakovich.

Amadeus News

Congratulations to Year 8 student Symphony Shi, who has been named a finalist in the Sydney Concert Orchestra's Concerto Competition.

Two Meriden alumnae, Karen Chen (2018) and Rena Tang (2021), have also been named finalists in the competition. Symphony has also recently participated in numerous competitions. She was awarded a Platinum Prize and Outstanding Technique Special Award in the PicaSchubert International Music and Art Competition, and first place in the Junior Category of the American Protégé International Piano and Strings Competition.



Symphony performing at the recent Amadeus Concert

Ms Jodie Spooner-Ryan
Director of Music



Year 10 students at the Opera House Stage Door after *La Traviata*



Cynthia Bui after receiving her LMusA Diploma in Organ