

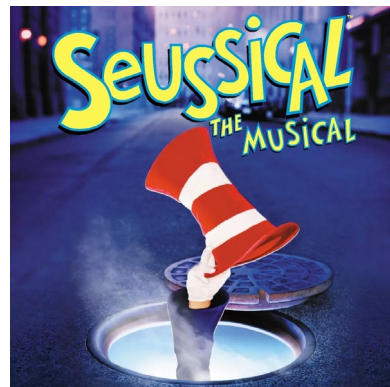
Performing Arts update

Senior School Musical 2025

After the wonderful success of Meriden's production of *Annie* in 2023, we are heading back to The Concourse at the end of Term 1, 2025 for our next musical, *Seussical the Musical*.

Seussical the Musical is a vibrant and joyous production which brings together characters from many of Dr Suess' stories. We love this show because of its musical score and the fact that it has many roles to highlight Meriden students. While it is a show containing well-known characters, we are looking forward to putting our own twist on the show.

Auditions are open to all current students in Years 7 to 11. We are looking forward to beginning the audition process and rehearsals next term.



The Cat Empire and Sydney Symphony Orchestra

On Saturday 7 September, a number of Meriden girls performed alongside the The Cat Empire, Sydney Symphony Orchestra and combined choir consisting of Sydney Children's Choir and 14 schools at the Opera House.

This was an amazing concert filled with The Cat Empire classic songs, as well as a variety of Afro-Cuban, Brazilian and flamenco music. The performance even featured world-class flamenco artists including Richard and Johnny Tedesco, and Chantelle Cano.

Meriden students who sung in the mass choir for this event:

Ariele Bhatta, Catelyn Chan, Lucy Elton, Elisha Gonzaga, Sophie Green, Effie Hang, Kyana Jajoo, Dominique Kaleel, Asiminia Lee, Vivian Liao, Juliet Maroun, Alexandra McLean, Saanvi Nanda, Chloe Poulos, Matilda Reen, Arcelia Tong, Sasha Troianskii, Alyssa Wahhab, Chloe Weng, Corrine Xu, Jasmine Yang, Mita Zhang and Charlette Zin-Daniels.



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Amadeus News

Last month, Nerissa Du, Connie Liu, Teresa Yang and Julie Zhu travelled to Melbourne to perform in the Grand Final of the Musica Viva 'Strike A Chord' Competition.

Held at the Melbourne Recital Centre, this is a national competition for students that features chamber music, students performing in small ensembles such as string quartets, piano trios and percussion ensembles.

Nerissa and Teresa performed the first movement of Brahms' *String Quartet No. 1* as part of the Lumina Quartet. Connie and Julie are members of the Astra Octet and performed Bruch's *String Octet in B-flat major*. Both ensembles were outstanding, and the competition standard was exceptional.

Congratulations to Nerissa and Teresa whose quartet has been awarded the Flinders Quartet Mentorship prize, a 12-month mentorship with the Flinders Quartet.



Lumina Quartet



The Astra Octet

Ms Jodie Spooner-Ryan
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