
Frequently Asked Questions - Auditions

Q: Can my child audition to be part of the performing arts program if we live in-area?

Yes. If you live within our 'drawing area', your child does not have to audition to attend CPAHS but they can audition if they wish to enrol in a specialist performing arts class. Students who live out of our drawing area must audition in one of the performing arts disciplines to attend (dance, drama, music - instrumental and vocal, circus arts).

Q: What does an audition involve?

Drama – Students auditioning for drama are required to present a 3 minute monologue from a selected set of monologues as well as participate in a improvisation and drama workshop.

Dance – Dance auditions are conducted like a dance class. Senior students demonstrate set choreographed pieces and teachers observe auditioning students "going through the paces". Dance auditions require students to perform in dance clothes and bare feet.

Music – Students auditioning for instrumental music are required to play a 2-3 minute piece of music on their chosen instrument. They must prepare two major scales. Auditioning students must bring their own instrument. A piano and drum kit is available. Students auditioning for music vocals are required to perform an unaccompanied vocal item 2-3 minutes long.

Circus Arts – Students auditioning for circus must perform a well-rehearsed 3 minute routine involving diablo, unicycle, tumbling, stilt walking, clowning, magic or a combination of these skills. Students interested in aerial circus should prepare a rhythmic gymnastics or tumbling routine.

Q: I have a performing arts student at CPAHS already. Can I enrol another?

If you live in our local drawing area then you can enrol your child as a local area student. Proof of local address is required for local enrolments. If you live out of area, or if you would like your child to enrol into our specialist performing arts programs, your child will have to audition.

Q: Can my child audition now and start straight away?

There are usually two sets of auditions per year. Auditions for the upcoming Year 7 students are held each March for the following year.

Auditions are also held for a limited number of places for students in Years 8 - 11 every August for the following year. If successful, they will begin at the commencement of the following school year after the enrolment process and subject selections (for the Years 8 - 11) have been finalised.