

## **Star Struck 2021 – Rise Up – Primary student information**

Star Struck originated in 1992 to provide a platform for creativity and collaboration for public schools from Newcastle, the Hunter and Central Coast areas who have a passion for music, dance and drama to perform in an arena event. Each year Star Struck provides skill building and performance opportunities to approximately 3500 students, 500 teachers and draws an audience of around 12,000 – 14,000. Star Struck is an opportunity that is rarely replicated again in one's life but, the moments and memories created during a student or teacher's participation in Star Struck is one that stays with them for a lifetime. The commitment to ensure all public school students have access to opportunities in the performing arts to build self-esteem and careers is a true reflection of the strength of local Newcastle, Hunter and Central Coast communities.

Traditionally, Star Struck at HSPA Primary is open to students in Years 5 and 6 for dance, drama and choir. Unfortunately, there is no choir this year due to COVID restrictions, but music students will have some great opportunities occurring back here at school during this time.

### **CASTS**

Your child will be required to attend rehearsals and performances both in school and outside school hours, and due to changes in the show and the quality of our students, our school will be split into two casts. Our planning at this stage is to have Cast A including Year 6 students and Cast B will be Year 5. Students will not be able to swap between casts as these are done to assist with planning and minimise disruptions at school.

### **FEATURED PERFORMERS**

Students who auditioned and were successful as a featured dancer or vocalist for the 2020 shows will be performing in all four shows and individual choreographers/directors will communicate with you regarding rehearsal dates and requirements.

Students who auditioned and were successful as part of the orchestra or rock band for the 2021 shows will also be performing in all four shows and the music directors will communicate with you regarding rehearsal dates and requirements.

### **REHEARSALS & DATES**

Item rehearsals prior to the show will be during school hours and are on Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> May and Monday 17<sup>th</sup> May.

Show week rehearsals and performances are as below but are subject to change:

#### *CAST A:*

Wednesday 16th June for tech and dress rehearsal

Friday 18th June matinee OR evening performance TBC

Saturday 19th June matinee OR evening performance TBC

#### *CAST B:*

Thursday 17th June for tech and dress rehearsal

Friday 18th June matinee OR evening performance TBC

Saturday 19th June matinee OR evening performance TBC

### **ANTICIPATED COSTS PER STUDENT**

Participation fee \$30 per student and \$100 per students for featured performers.

Security Fee \$5.50 per student.

T-shirt \$22 (required for all students as these will be used to form part of a costume).

Students will be required to supply their own costumes with details to be confirmed as soon as possible. Each child will require two costumes and be in two items.