

Tatachilla Lutheran College

Arts Academy

GENERAL INFORMATION FOR APPLICANTS

2021 TATACHILLA ARTS ACADEMY

COMPELLING STORIES, BRILLIANTLY TOLD

Dear Students and Parents,

We are excited to inform you that students in Years 7 and 8 (in 2020) will have the opportunity to register and audition for a place in the Tatachilla Arts Academy, commencing in 2021 within the Middle School.

The Arts Academy is about developing an individualised program and pathway in the Arts for students, as they progress through their academic studies. Entry to the Arts Academy is via application, interview and audition, and a small number of students will be selected each year. Upon acceptance into the Arts Academy, staff will work with students and parents to plan and implement a tailored learning pathway, with an intended major study, designed to help each student achieve their specific Arts goals.

Involvement in the Arts Academy in 2021 requires the following commitment:

- Selection of at least one semester of your chosen specialist Arts elective (Drama / Dance / Music / Visual Arts / Media)
- Involvement in two Extra-Curricular Arts projects throughout the year (2021 School Musical in Semester 1 and Arts Extension Extra-Curricular in Semester 2)
- For Dance students, involvement in the Dance Development Program
- For Music students, instrumental or voice lessons and involvement in at least one ensemble.
- Payment of the levy (\$200 for the year), which includes the Musical Levy, involvement in the Arts Extension Extra-Curricular and a logo shirt
- An intention to be continuing with Arts subjects beyond Middle School

Please be aware that involvement in the Dance Development Program and Instrumental lessons also attract their own, additional levies.

The Application / Interview and Audition process involves:

- Completing the attached Written Application: **DUE MONDAY 14 SEPTEMBER (Week 9) submitted to Middle and Senior SSO.**
- Attaching a completed Arts Endorsement form completed by either a current Arts teacher, a previous Arts teacher, or someone who has instructed you in your chosen Arts area outside of school (e.g. dance coach or instructor, instrumental music teacher or tutor, drama studio instructor, instructor in art or media course).
- Attending an interview in Term 4 where you will answer the following question: **"I want to be part of the 2021 Tatachilla Arts Academy because..."**
- A maximum two-minute audition either:
 - an instrumental piece or song excerpt
 - dramatic monologue or performance excerpt
 - dance piece of your choice
 - folio of your art or media work that you can talk to

Any accompanying music must be brought to the audition as a backing track on a USB.

Auditionees may be subject to callbacks if required.

The panel will consider your application and written endorsement, your response to the interview question and your audition. In 2021, approximately 20 students will be selected to be part of the Arts Academy in its inaugural year.

Students who are not selected for the Tatachilla Arts Academy still have a multiplicity of Curricular and Extra-Curricular options available to them, and are encouraged to audition for the school musical, Dance teams or join Music ensemble groups. Non-successful applicants to the Academy are encouraged to apply in future years, where appropriate.

If you have any further questions, please don't hesitate to contact the Arts Academy teacher Elizabeth Bentley via email at elizabeth.bentley@tatachilla.sa.edu.au or on 8323 9588.

Warm regards,

Elizabeth Bentley
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