



Wanganui Performing Arts Academy

A division of the Wanganui Competitions Society Inc.

Established 1912

2022 Student Information Pack

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Whanganui Performing Arts Academy

The objects of the Society are as follows:

1. To advance education by promoting, encouraging and fostering the continuation of young people in the performing arts through the study of Performing Arts, or any other subject selected by the Executive Council.
2. To attend Annual Competitions and produce showcases/plays/musicals to provide a local platform for children and youth to perform in various art forms under independent professional adjudication or any other related function which would be of benefit to such performers.
3. To award prizes to the successful competitors and to select nominees from such competitions to compete at the National Young Performer Awards held in Palmerston North each year.
4. To make donations, scholarships or grants to such persons or institutions as the Society may think expedient.

2022 Student Calendar

Term 1

- Term Classes
- Attend Royal Whanganui Opera House Show
- Fundraising Event

Term 2

- Term Classes
- Whanganui Performing Arts Competitions – Groups (T&C's)
- Whanganui Performing Arts Competitions – Solo's & Duo's (T&C's)
- Manawatu Performing Arts Competitions (T&C's)
- Stage Antics – Workshop (T&C's)

Term 3

- Term Classes
- Whanganui-Manawatu Theatre Awards
- Fundraising Event

Term 4

- Term Classes
- Whanganui Performing Arts Competitions - Online Competition
- End of year prizegiving and showcase

When possible, the WPPA will support students in any events they wish to attend.

For all WCS & WPPA events, such as workshops and competitions, no administration fee is required for current students.

Term Time – Term time classes will commence the first week of each school term and go through until the last week of term. Term 4 dates may vary due to different students finishing at different times of the year.

Out of Classroom – Each term students are expected to attend 1 “out of classroom” activity per term. This may be a workshop, show or awards night. All WCS workshops/masterclasses are free to attend for WPAA students. When possible, WPPA will cover, or offer funds towards attending other shows or competitions.

Parents & Caregivers – We may from time to time ask for assistance from you as a chaperone. If attending an event outside of Whanganui, travel expenses will be covered. If attending a show or event, event costs will be covered by the WPAA.

Fundraising – As part of our efforts to offer the best experiences for our students will host two BBQ’s at Mitre10 Mega. We ask that students or parents assist with this, as these funds raised are what cover “out of class” events.

Competitions – Should students wish to attend competitions; we will be attending both the Whanganui Performing Arts Competitions and the Manawatu Performing Arts Competitions with group performances. If students wish to attend as soloists, we will support them in selecting and preparing appropriate pieces.

Recording and Photos – If a student wishes to have any performances recorded for the purpose for online exams, competitions and or NCEA they can do so. Prior notice needs to be given in writing.

Auditions – All students are required to audition for a place at the academy. We are looking for students to join our team who are willing to learn, show potential in performances and can work as a team. No prior experience is necessary.

To book an audition, please email our secretary.

Contact Detail: Wanganui Competitions Society

WCS Secretary

EM: wanganuicompetitions@outlook.co.nz



2022 Student Fees

Term 1

- Administration \$15.00
- Classes \$115.00
- Total \$130.00

Term 2

- Administration \$15.00
- Classes \$115.00
- Total \$130.00

Term 3

- Administration \$15.00
- Classes \$115.00
- Total \$130.00

Term 4

- Administration \$15.00
- Classes \$115.00
- Total \$130.00

1 Year

- Administration \$60.00
- Classes \$340.00
- Total \$400.00 (*Save \$120.00 over the year*)

All fees are required a term in advance. Payment options available if organised **prior to** the commencement of each school term.

Code of Conduct & Behaviour for Young People

The Wanganui Competitions Society Inc. trading as both the Wanganui Competitions Society and Whanganui Performing Arts Academy is fully committed to safeguarding and promoting the wellbeing of all participants of its events.

The Wanganui Competitions Society and Whanganui Performing Arts Academy believes that it is important that participants, administrators and parents associated with the Society should, at all times, show respect and understanding for the safety and welfare of others. Therefore, participants are encouraged to be open at all times and to share any concerns or complaints that they may have about any aspect of the Wanganui Competitions Society and Whanganui Performing Arts Academy.

The WCS & WPAA offers a positive experience where participants can learn new things in a safe and positive environment. As a participant of Wanganui Competitions Society and Whanganui Performing Arts Academy events, you are expected to abide by the following Code of Conduct:

Children/Young People are Expected to:

- Be friendly and welcoming to all participants.
- Be supportive and committed to other participants, offer comfort when required.
- Not get involved in inappropriate peer pressure and push others into something they do not want to do.
- Keep within the defined boundary of the location of the event.
- Behave and listen to all instructions from the Wanganui Competitions Society and Whanganui Performing Arts Academy Staff, Volunteers, Adjudicators, Teachers, and other employees.
- All participants must respect the rights, dignity and worth of all participants regardless of age, gender, ability, race, cultural background or religious beliefs or sexual identity.
- Refrain from the use of bad language or racial/sectarian references. This includes bullying using technologies like social media or texting.
- Refrain from bullying or persistent use of rough and dangerous play.
- Participants should keep to agreed timings for training and shows or inform their Teacher or a Committee member if they are going to be late.
- Participants must wear suitable clothing for training and events, as required by the Teachers.
- Participants are not allowed to smoke on event premises or whilst representing the WCS & WPAA.
- Participants are not allowed to consume alcohol or drugs of any kind on the club premises or whilst representing the WCS & WPAA.
- Show respect to other Participants/Teachers.
- Keep themselves safe.
- Report inappropriate behaviour or risky situations for Participants.
- Challenge or report the bullying of your peers.
- Not be violent/aggressive

Children/Young People Have the Right to:

- Be safe and happy in their chosen activity.
- Be listened to.
- Be respected and treated fairly.
- Privacy.
- Enjoy your event in a protective environment.
- Be referred to professional help if needed.
- Be protected from abuse by other members or outside sources.
- Participate on an equal basis, appropriate to their ability.
- Experience competition and the desire to win.
- Be believed.
- Ask for help.

Any misdemeanours and general misbehaviour will be addressed by the immediate teacher and reported verbally to the Society. Persistent misbehaviour will result in dismissal from the event. Parents will be informed at all stages.

Reporting: This is to be done immediately to WCS President. In the event Hayley Sellars is not available, please report to **any** Wanganui Competitions Society and Whanganui Performing Arts Academy committee member. Reporting can also be completed via the society website.

Link below. <https://wanganuicompetitions.weebly.com/policies--procedures.html>

Contact Detail: Wanganui Competitions Society

President Hayley Sellars

EM: wanganuicompetitions@outlook.co.nz

PH: 027 859 4495

Code of Conduct Student Agreement Signature

Date: _____

Student Name _____

Student Signature _____

Parent Name _____

Parent Signature _____

Parent of signature if required for all students under the age of 18 years.

Tutor Name _____

Tutor Signature _____

