Music Showcase
Bulletin 2016

Friday 21st October, 6:30 pm

Robert Blackwood Hall
Monash University
Wellington Road, Clayton

New for this year!

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<td>Drum kits can be dropped (stage door) between 5:00 – 5:30pm</td>
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Dear Parents/Guardians,

With just over a week to go until Showcase, things are getting very exciting, and there seem to be music rehearsals at all times of the day. This year’s Showcase will be held at Robert Blackwood Hall once again. This wonderful venue offers plenty of room, great seating, and excellent sound and visual quality. It is an unforgettable experience for your children both as performers and audience members.

Before Showcase:

Tickets:

Tickets are $18 each or $14 each for concession (students and pensioners).

Please order your tickets as early as possible. Tickets become available online at 9:30am on Thursday, October 13. Simply go to the school website and click on the link which can be found on the Showcase 2016 page. If you are unable to do this online, tickets can be purchased directly from Monash University up to the night of Showcase. For those parents who do not own a printer or have access to the internet, you may like to ask friends or relatives if they can assist.

Tickets will also be available on the night at the Robert Blackwood Hall Box Office. It is expected that the concert will run for approximately 2 and a half hours, including an interval of 20 minutes.
Pre-Concert:

**What to Bring:**
Please check that your child has EVERYTHING needed; this may include-instruments, music, drum sticks and anything else. Please ensure that all instruments, including all sections of drum kits are clearly marked with student names.

**Water Bottles:**
All students are expected to bring a clearly labelled water bottle from home on the night. This is to be placed in their Year Level tub when they arrive.

**Eating:**
It is an expectation that students will have eaten before arrival at Robert Blackwood Hall.

**Performance Clothes:**
FULL SCHOOL UNIFORM IS A REQUIREMENT FOR ALL PERFORMERS.

- **Girls**
  - School summer dress, school jumper/bomber jacket, white socks and black shoes.
  - Culottes and polo shirts are acceptable.
  - Long hair should be tied back with a green ribbon. NO make-up or jewellery.

- **Boys**
  - School pants or shorts, white or green school polo shirt, school jumper/bomber jacket and black shoes.

Please ensure that removable items are clearly named.

**Parking:**
Parking is FREE (after 5pm). There is ample parking for parents in the main car park off Wellington Road, just a short walk to the hall. See attached map. Please be aware, if you arrive before 5pm, parking inspectors are extremely vigilant.

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**PLEASE NOTE** - NO PARENTS FROM THE AUDIENCE ARE PERMITTED BACKSTAGE AT ANY TIME DURING SHOWCASE. NEITHER ARE PARENTS ALLOWED IN THE AUDITORIUM DURING REHEARSAL.
Instrument Drop Off: 
Instruments are to be dropped off backstage by students only when they arrive at the hall.

Student Drop Off Points: 
All Year 3-6 students will be taken by an Essex Heights staff member directly upstairs to their seats upon arrival at Robert Blackwood Hall. Prep, Year 1 and Year 2 students will meet their class teacher in the lower levels of the foyer.

Pick Up Points: 
All students (Prep-Year 6) are to be signed out by a parent/guardian at the conclusion of the evening. N.B. It is possible for Prep students to be signed out and taken home during the interval. They will be gathered in the foyer.

Students will be waiting in the foyer with their class teacher at the conclusion of the evening, where they can be signed out by their parent/guardian. NO CHILD MAY LEAVE until they have reported to an Essex Heights Staff Member and their name has been marked off their class list.

During the Concert:

Programs: 
Programs will be available in the foyer at the beginning of the night, at no charge. Please be considerate and only take one per family. These provide wonderful memories in the years to come.

Photographs and Videorecording: 
Photography and videorecording is permitted in the Robert Blackwood Auditorium. However, tripods are not permitted as they present a safety risk and are prohibited by Robert Blackwood Hall. We have organised for the performance to be professionally recorded and a DVD will be available for purchase. All orders must be placed by October 27. Please see attached order form.

Seating Arrangements for Students: 
All students will be allocated seats upstairs or at the back of the auditorium for the whole concert and will be supervised by Essex Heights Staff during this time. They will be ushered backstage before their performance(s) by supervising staff and then returned to their seats afterwards. Performers will not be allocated seats with their families.

Refreshments: 
Drinks and snacks will be available for adults from the bar in the foyer. However, no food or drinks are allowed to be taken into the auditorium. Students will not be permitted to purchase any items from the bar during the duration of the evening. If you choose to provide any snacks for your child to have during interval please be advised that, due to allergies, these snacks must not be shared with other students.
**After the Concert:**

**Collecting Instruments:**
Students must ensure that their supervising teacher is informed when they go to pick up their instruments after the performance. Drumming students and children needing assistance with removing their instruments will then be required to go backstage to transfer instruments from the backstage area. These students will be notified of arrangements prior to the evening.

**IN CLOSING......**

This year’s SHOWCASE is a wonderful opportunity for the children involved in the Essex Heights Music and Instrumental programs to display their commitment to and achievements in music, and to share them with the school community. Grandparents, aunts, uncles and as many family and friends as you like are invited to this special musical evening.

See our Essex Heights website for ticketing or alternatively use this link:  
[http://tinyurl.com/h3uur88](http://tinyurl.com/h3uur88)

Showcase will be the first time some children have attended and performed in a concert hall such as Robert Blackwood Hall, and for others, it is another opportunity to further their performance and audience experience. Due to the size of the venue and the number of adults and children attending Showcase, it is important that all children be reminded of their courtesy, consideration and need to follow instructions promptly, whenever they are given, to ensure both their own and others’ safety and enjoyment of the night.

*We look forward to having you in the audience of this year’s SHOWCASE to celebrate music-making at Essex Heights Primary School.*

*Any queries can be addressed to any of the staff listed below.*

Tanya Dolence, Alyssa Kennedy, Lisa Carne & Joan Scott

*We look forward to seeing you on the night!*
Building 2 = Robert Blackwood Hall
Car Parking free after 5pm- S 1, S E, SE 3, SE 4 71 (multi-level car park), SE 4 gravel car park