

# Music Showcase Bulletin 2017



**Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> November at 6:30pm**

***Robert Blackwood Hall  
Monash University  
Wellington Road, Clayton***



Dear Parents/Guardians,

We are very excited to present Showcase 2017 to our EHPS community. Things are getting very exciting, and there seems to be music rehearsals at all times of the day. Once again, this year's Showcase will be held at Robert Blackwood Hall at Monash University. 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**

Please order your tickets as early as possible. **Tickets become available online at 9:30am on Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> October.** Simply go to the school website and click on the link which can be found on the Showcase 2017 page. 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.



If you are unable to order online, tickets can be purchased directly from the Monash Academy of Performing Arts (MAPA) Box Office – 49 Scenic Boulevard, Monash University, Clayton; phone 9905 1111; open Monday to Friday 9.30am to 4.30pm.

Tickets will also be available on the night at the MAPA Box Office, which opens one hour prior to the performance.

## 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.

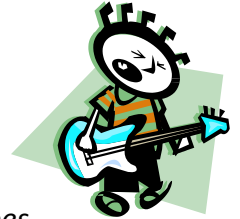


### Water Bottles

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.



## Arrival at Robert Blackwood Hall



### Arrival Times

**Contemporary Band:** Students to arrive at **5:15pm**.

**Drum kits** can be dropped to the stage door between 5:00 – 5:30pm.

**Prep to Year 6 Students:** arrive at Robert Blackwood Hall at **6:00pm** in foyer.

Prep to Year 2 students will meet their class teacher in the foyer.

Years 3 to 6 students will be taken directly to their seats upon arrival.

**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. Older Essex Heights' students will show students where to take these, they will be wearing orange vests.



### **Student Drop Off Points**

Prep, Year 1 and Year 2 students will meet their class teacher in the lower levels of the foyer.

Years 3 to 6 students will be taken by an Essex Heights staff member directly upstairs to their seats upon arrival at Robert Blackwood Hall.

### **Pick Up Points**

All students (Prep to 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 Video Recording**

Photography and video recording are permitted in the Robert Blackwood Hall 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. An order form will be available soon. All orders must be placed by Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> November.



### **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 for 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.**

### **Duration**

The concert is expected to run for approximately three hours, including an interval of 20 minutes.

## **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 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/y9cdcyo8>**

Showcase will be the first time some children have attended and performed in an auditorium 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.*

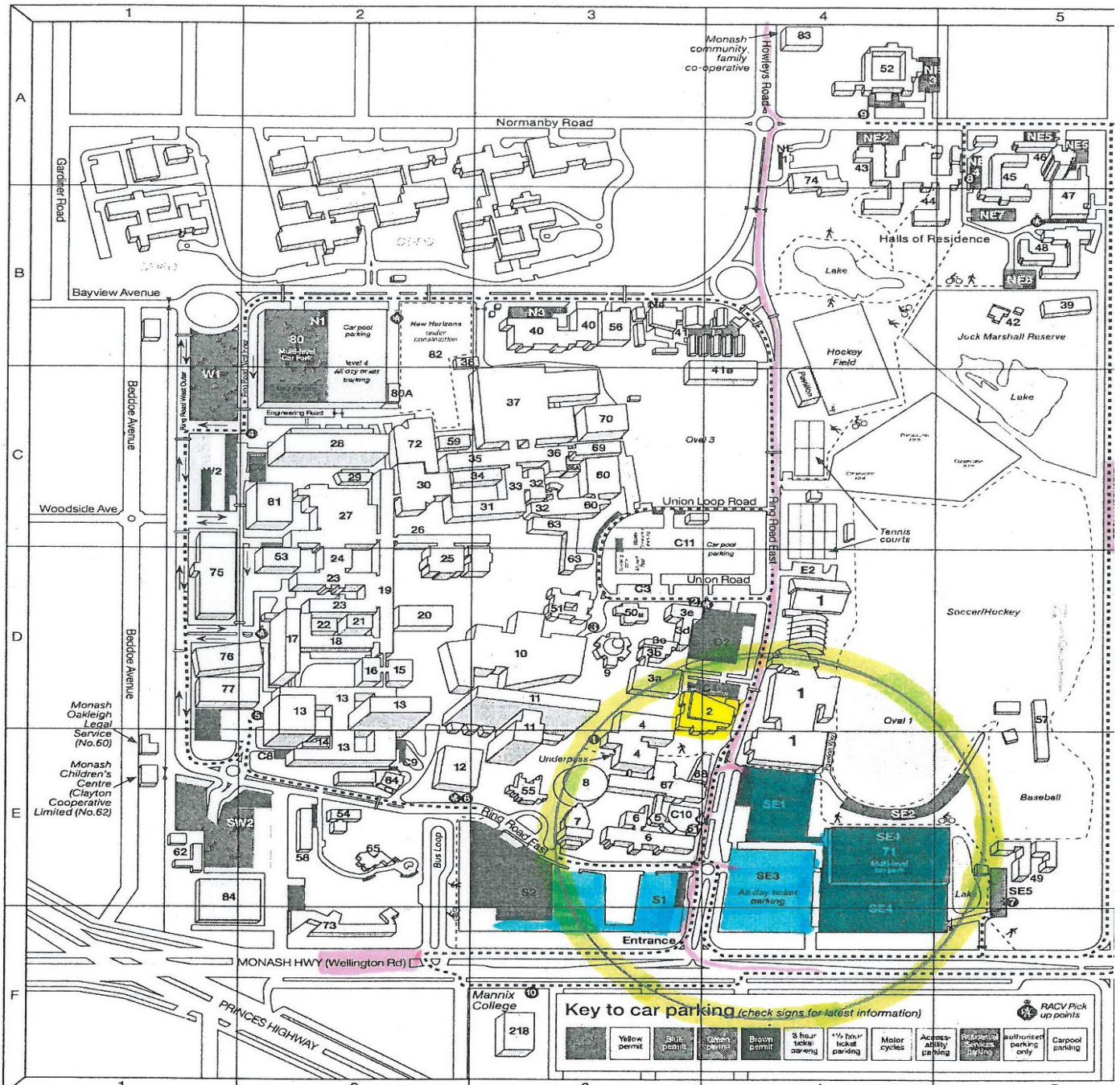
*Any queries can be addressed to any of the staff listed below:*

Tanya Dolence, Alyssa Kennedy & Con Papanicolaou

**We look forward to seeing you on the night!**



# Monash University Clayton campus



**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