



THE VICTORIAN STATE SCHOOLS

SPECTACULAR

This update has just arrived from the VSSS Production Unit of the Department.

VSSS20 UPDATE

This year's arena event will be replaced with a made-for-TV show that is not contingent on large gatherings of people. Performers will be pre-recorded separately in adherence to health and physical distancing guidelines and restrictions. The performances will be combined into a new-look show and televised by our broadcast partner.

RECENT RETURN TO ON-SITE SCHOOLING

While the Victoria Chief Health Officer has advised that students are not required to maintain physical distancing at school, excursions must be postponed and extensive contact between students from different schools is to be avoided. Schools can conduct rehearsals with their students in their own setting.

The Department of Education and Training (DET) is continuing to monitor and act on the advice of the Department of Health and Human Services about the ongoing situation related to COVID-19. We will be following these guidelines as they are updated.

MASS DANCE REHEARSALS

Interschool mass dance rehearsals are on hold while we work to schedule virtual rehearsals until such time that interschool practice may resume.

Schools can continue to rehearse with their own students. Risk associated with these activities in school setting is deemed low at this current time.

As per standard guidance, any unwell students or staff should remain home.

PRODUCTION WEEK

We are aiming to maintain our September 7-11 production week schedule. In term three, we will consult with you all about how the filming of mass cast performances will occur. Schools will not need to attend two rehearsal days and one performance day as originally scheduled.

T-SHIRTS AND COSTUMES

The mass cast Spectacular t-shirts will not be produced this year due to supply chain issues in producing and delivering these items at an affordable price in current required timeframes.



At PCS, we would like to still create a team t-shirt for the VSSS students. Please contact Marie Wigzell if you do not want your VSSS child to receive a t-shirt.

The students received a USB with rehearsal videos to ensure they continue to practice over the holidays. The students will also be given a copy of the final TV performance before the end of the 2020 school year.

THANK YOU

We appreciate your time and patience as we put on our creative caps to adapt the Spectacular and safely provide a positive outcome for our young performers.

At PCS, refunds for bus costs, less t-shirts and TV Performance copy costs will be processed in Term Three by our Administration Staff.

Should you have any questions please contact Marie Wigzell, VSSS Coordinator via the school email Pakenham.cs@education.vic.gov.au.

Kind Regards

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