

4 June 2018

Dear Students and Parents,

As a school-wide and community event, I am pleased to invite you to attend one or more of the upcoming theatre excursions on offer this year.

Attending live performance helps build knowledge, understanding and appreciation of live art and to reflect on storytelling and meaning-making through interpretation, synthesis and evaluation.

It also allows us to recognise the place and function of theatre and performance in communities to:

- acknowledge and engage with drama as aesthetic learning
- view, enjoy and appreciate live performance as an enriching experience
- engage in a range of social and cultural contexts in which drama is made in Australia and internationally
- value the diversity of storytelling in different cultures, times and context
- value and build attitudes about performance as a community activity, a profession and an industry.

The three shows on offer are all award-winning productions and we are fortunate through our industry contacts to have secured great seats for each.

The shows are:

- The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-Time (final day of School holidays)
- STOMP
- Jersey Boys

Details of each event are listed below.

Tickets for each show are strictly limited:

To secure your booking, please make a payment [HERE](#)

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1. Theatre Excursion The Curious Incident of the Dog 22 July 2018 Knox Student
OR
Theatre Excursion The Curious Incident of the Dog 22 July 2018 Non-Knox Student
2. Theatre Excursion STOMP 31 July 2018 Knox Student
OR
Theatre Excursion STOMP 31 July 2018 Non-Knox Student
3. Theatre Excursion Jersey Boys 26 September 2018 Knox Student
OR
Theatre Excursion Jersey Boys 26 September 2018 Non-Knox Student

Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Ms Amanda Gerasimou, Performing Arts Coordinator at gerasimousa@knox.nsw.edu.au or myself dunlopd@knox.nsw.edu.au

Kind Regards,

Daniel Dunlop

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SHOW 1. ★★★★★



The National Theatre of Great Britain's acclaimed production of *The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-Time* is the winner of 5 Tony Awards® and 7 Olivier Awards, including Best Play, Best Director and Best Design. Marianne Elliott (War Horse) directs this "triumphant" (Sunday Telegraph, UK) adaptation by Award-winning playwright Simon Stephens who brings Mark Haddon's internationally best-selling novel to thrilling life on stage.

Fifteen-year-old Christopher Boone has an extraordinary brain, exceptional at math while ill-equipped to interpret everyday life. He has never ventured alone beyond the end of his road, he detests being touched and he distrusts strangers. When Christopher falls under suspicion for killing his neighbour's dog, his detective work to identify the true culprit, takes him on a journey that upturns his world.

Featuring remarkable, immersive staging and a full British and Irish cast, this is a global theatrical phenomenon that simply must not be missed.

"A beautiful, eloquent, dazzlingly inventive show about the wonders of life" – Evening Standard
"Astonishing and Unmissable" – Sunday Express
"Magical and Moving" – Daily Mail

Running Time: Approximately 2 hours and 40 minutes, including an interval.

Warnings: This production is recommended for ages 11+ and contains strong language, strobe lighting, high intensity video and light effects, fog, haze, and loud sound effects.

Venue: Roslyn Packer Theatre, Walsh Bay

Date: Sunday 22nd July 2018 (final day of holidays / Years 7-9 musical camp)

Itinerary: Bus departs Knox at 4.00pm
Show start time: 6.00pm
Finish Time: 8.40pm
Bus returns to Knox: 9.20pm (approx.)

Cost: \$79.00

SHOW 2. ★★★★★



Wordless, witty and fun, **STOMP** has become a global phenomenon over the last 25 years. Its universal language of rhythm, theatre, comedy and dance has resonated with audiences throughout the world, setting feet stamping, fingers drumming and adrenaline rushing for over 15 million people in 55 countries across five continents.

Eight performers use non-traditional instruments - everything from supermarket trolleys to Zippo lighters, plastic bags to garbage can lids, and even the kitchen sink - to hammer out an explosively feel-good rhythm. Loved by audiences of all ages, this multi-award winning show is now in its 15th year in London's West End, and its 24th year in New York.

"Brilliant and very funny" – *New York Times*

"Big, Noisy and Irresistible" – *Sun Herald, Australia*

"Stomp Brings the House Down" – *Independent on Sunday, UK*

Running Time: The show runs for approximately one hour and 45 minutes and does not include an intermission.

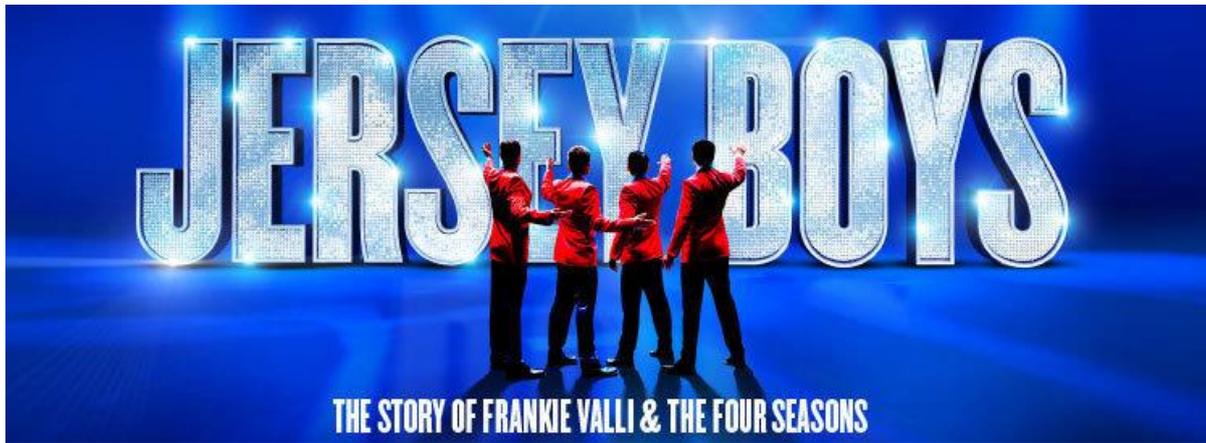
Venue: Capitol Theatre, 13 Campbell St, Haymarket

Date: Tuesday 31st July 2018

Itinerary: Depart 5.30pm
Start Time: 7.00pm
Finish Time: 9.00pm
Return: 9.45pm

Cost: \$120.00

SHOW 3. ★★★★★



Jersey Boys tells the true-life story of four blue-collar boys from the wrong side of the tracks, the rise to stardom of Frankie Valli and The Four Seasons, one of the most successful American bands in pop music history. The band sold more than 175 million records and were inducted into the Rock 'n' Roll Hall of Fame for their worldwide hits, including *Can't Take My Eyes Off You*, *Walk Like a Man*, *Bye Bye Baby*, *Sherry* and *Big Girl's Don't Cry*, which all feature in the musical.

"Easily the Best Musical Ever" – *Sydney Morning Herald*

"The crowd goes wild" – *New York Times*

**"Jersey Boys Isn't just a cut above most Musicals;
it's in a different league"** – *Sunday Telegraph*

"Too good to be true" – *New York Post*

Running Time: Approximately 2 hours and 35 minutes, including an interval.

Warnings: Not recommended for children under the age of 12 due to strong "authentic Jersey" language. We do encourage parents to use these notes as deciding factors for the enjoyment of the performance for their children and other patrons.

Venue: Capitol Theatre, 13 Campbell St, Haymarket

Date: Wednesday 26th September 2018

Itinerary: Bus departs Knox: 5.30pm
Show start time: 7.00pm
Show concludes: 9.35pm
Bus returns to Knox: 10.15pm

Cost: \$77.00