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Hunter Creative Arts Camp

Nominations are now open for the 2018 Creative Arts Camp, “Fantasy, Fun and Fright”, to be held at Myuna Bay Sport and Rec Camp from Monday 3 September – Friday 7 September.

The Hunter Creative Arts Camp is aimed at students in Years 5 and 6 with a passion for and exceptional abilities in music, art, dance or drama. This week-long intensive camp provides students with access to industry professionals in their area of expertise. Students are exposed to the secondary syllabus in their art form with activities in their specialised area each day to extend their skills, knowledge and understanding of their chosen area, and also complete one lesson during the week in each of the other creative arts areas. This allows students to be extended in a creative environment with specialist staff whilst also gaining an understanding of all art forms, and learning to be responsible and resourceful, creating a sense of team as they work towards an end of camp performance for parents.

Theme: The theme for the Creative Arts Camp this year is “Fantasy, Fun and Fright”. Activities and the end of camp performance will be based around this theme.

Accommodation: Students will be accommodated in modern and comfortable lodges that accommodate four to six students in each room. Each room has an ensuite. Lodges have heating, air conditioning and common rooms with TV and video. Staff members are allocated to each lodge for supervision.

Meals: All meals are prepared on site by qualified catering staff in commercial kitchens. Care is taken to ensure food is tasty, nutritious and plentiful.

Activities: Students will undertake activities in their chosen art form everyday with specialist staff in that field, as well as one activity in each of the other art forms during the week. Creative arts activities are conducted throughout the days. Each evening after dinner students participate in activities led by Sport and Rec staff including a disco, indoor games and trivia competitions to name a few.

Staffing: Students will be supervised by Department of Education staff as well as Tutors throughout the camp. Specialist and expert staff are also brought in on specific days to work with students to extend their skills further. Each lodge will contain at least one Department of Education teacher as well as another teacher or tutor at all times.

T-shirt: As part of the camp fee each student will receive a 2018 camp T-shirt. This will be distributed at the camp and worn at the end of week concert.

Cost: The cost of the camp is \$430. This includes all meals, accommodation, activities, specialist teachers, supervision of students and a camp T-shirt. Do not send any money at this stage.

The nomination process: Information regarding the camp and the application form can be sent home to students who meet the above aim of the camp. Students need to complete the application form via the online google form link included below.

Once completed school Principals will be sent an email advising them of the students application and nominated teachers will be sent a link to a google form to complete on the nominating student.

Student online nominations need to be completed by Friday 22 June

Teacher surveys need to be completed by Friday 29 June

When sending home information to students for nomination, teachers and parents should be aware of the following:

- This is a program specifically for Gifted and Talented students in the areas of creative and performing arts;
- In our experience, children who have behaviour problems in their school do not benefit from this camp as a certain level of self-discipline is required;
- The camp is residential. Students who are not used to staying away from home for extended periods should not apply;
- Due to the intensity of the program it is not possible to allow students to phone home;
- Mobile phones or electronic devices are not permitted at the camp as this will cause disruption to the program; and
- Applying students should demonstrate self-confidence and independence.

To apply for the Hunter Creative Arts Camp parents need to click on the link below to complete the expression of interest for your child to attend.

<https://goo.gl/forms/lAXjkGC8fblmuzxl2>

Once completed your school's nominating teacher will be emailed with a survey to complete.

Students will not be considered for a placement unless their nomination has been completed online, and the nominated teacher has also completed the student endorsement online.

Nominations from parents close Friday 22 June and endorsements from schools close Friday 29 June. No late nominations will be considered.

WHAT HAPPENS IF MY APPLICATION IS SUCCESSFUL?

- Students and schools will be advised by email by the 6 July if their application is successful. Parents will be sent an offer for their child to participate in the 2018 Creative Arts Camp via email;
- Parents will be able to accept or decline their child's offer using the link attached to the email.
- If an acceptance is received, parents will be sent all details regarding the camp – what to bring, medical forms etc;
- Parents accepting their child's offer to participate in the camp will be required to pay a non-refundable deposit of \$200 to their school to secure their camp position by Friday 27 July 2018.
- The balance of the camp payment (\$230) will be required by Friday 24 August 2018.

For further enquiries please email the camp coordinator, Karen O'Neill, Hunter School of the Performing Arts, Rel Deputy Principal Primary karen.oneill@det.nsw.edu.au