



# CAPAREview

*The Creative & Performing Arts Zine @ Turramurra High School*

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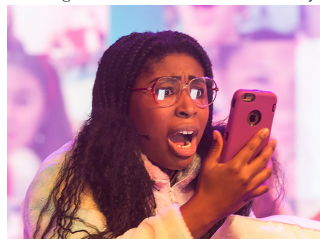
## Fangirls Fever at the Seymour Centre

Sixty four of us headed into the city via train last week to see the remounted Belvoir production of 'Fangirls' at the Seymour Centre. It is a musical written by Yve Blake and concerns 14-year-old Edna, a diehard fan of the biggest boy band in the world, True Connection, and its lead singer Harry. It was inspired by interviews with hundreds of teenage fangirls. Ms Farr-Jones felt sure her new students would enjoy the show, but she was unprepared for the cult-like status it seemed to have for her Year 11 students the moment they heard we had tickets. There were Harry masks, posters, banners and serious amounts of enthusiasm heading into the carriages at Turramurra station.

The extended cast was perhaps even more polished than they were in 2019 and the larger York stage suited the extravagant show well. The towering LED screens gave authenticity and meaning to the storytelling with the myriad of world-wide fans appearing 'live' and working with the performers on stage. As one reviewer put it "These huge backdrops convey the dual power of screens: to bring diverse and distant people together, enabling them to share interests and connect; and to harrowingly influence how we perceive the world and our place in it." (Kate Prendergast Feb 5 2021)

Mrs Hungerford was impressed with the quality of the singing and the conductor's presence throughout the space on hidden screens. Ms Bell loved the simplicity of the set design which allowed for super-fast transitions and actor driven changes. Mrs Spence loved watching the expressions on the faces of all of the Turramurra clan who seemed most drawn to the mother character who was dealt a pretty tough blow from her passionate daughter. All of us loved the energy and huge sense of fun that lept of the stage. It was difficult not to be swept up in the hype.

The production touched on a variety of important social issues in a gentle way and these were not lost on our students. Ms Bell remarked upon the insightful conversations that were had by many on the train journey home. There was definitely a sense that we were all thankful for the chance to be seeing a live show when so many students around the world are still learning online. We look forward to many more visits to the theatre going forward.



*Going to see Fangirls was such a highlight of the term so far. All of us were buzzing with excitement in the days prior and on the way there especially. The show was phenomenal, it's so original and fun and the energy in the theatre was just electric. We loved chatting with the cast on social media and making special sings to hold up during the show. I can confidently confirm, I am a fangirl of Fangirls. - Adelaide Tustian, Year 11 Drama*

*Seeing Fangirls as a group of angsty, overly emotional, teens, we left feeling avenged and inspired to live our truly authentic, and sometimes crazy, adolescent years. Fangirls composes a chorus of heart strings being pulled, celebrating and encouraging the aspects of teen life that are usually shamed. My ears will never recover from the piercing screams of 700 teenagers echoing around the Seymour Centre, but neither will my appreciation for teenage "big feels". - Savannah Michie, Year 12 Drama*



# All things CAPA

There is much enthusiasm and positivity in the CAPA staffroom. We are searching for new ways to share live music with the school and offer lunch-time co-curricular activities across all of our subjects.

Unfortunately, we said farewell to Ms Cooper who has served us so powerfully for many years. She has joined the staff at Pendle Hill High which is a much shorter commute and a new exciting challenge. She sends her best wishes to all students studying Music, Visual Arts and Drama and wishes them every success and happiness.

We welcome Miss White into our faculty who trained with Ms Cooper for many years and shares the same passions for student-centred learning, print-making and much more. In team Drama we had several successful working bees in the Summer holidays that saw E4 and the storeroom receive a face-lift. Thanks to Hudson Perry, Savannah Michie and Beth Stevenson who gave up some precious holiday time. We are looking for exciting new ways to share our news with the wider school community. This zine is just the beginning and it is intended that it will have more student ownership going forward.



## From the Whole School Assembly Monday 15 February



**Ms Farr-Jones introduced the CAPA student reps.**

Good morning everyone.

This is my fourth week at the school and I would like to thank the scores of people that have made things easier for me. So many of you have gone out of your way to connect when I looked a little lost. Connection is something many of us lost a little last year. So much was cancelled, our offline world blurred with our online world and even now I reach for my phone way too often when I could search out real humans in the moment. Artists have worked hard to find new ways to tell stories but most of us have missed the music festivals and other live events.

Thanks to the 60+ students that jumped on the opportunity to see 'Fangirls' this Thursday @the Seymour Centre. Well in a moment the students behind me will be giving you some excellent opportunities but before they do, can I ask you to think about your own involvement in things happening beyond the classroom here at school. Last year I helped nine Year 12 kids to get into their university of choice and course of choice way before the HSC because of their commitment to things like sport, Duke of Ed, student leadership, the school production, the band program. If you let your musical instrument slip last year it is not too late to join us. Please speak to Mr Sham this week. Elliot Leahy spoke about the new initiative 'The Cover Band' which is a group that welcomes all members of the Turra community to learn a new instrument from scratch. Teachers and students welcome. Wednesday @ lunch in B block. He also spoke of the new String ensemble group led by Mr Sham on Mondays @ lunch in B block. Olivia Diamant spoke about the Photography Crew that is seeking new recruits. See Ms Bell for more details in the CAPA staffroom. She also thanked the members of the 3 concert bands who auditioned so well last week. She implored any budding musicians to enrol so that they can enjoy playing ensemble music to the school community, future band comps/ camps and hopefully a regional tour. Stephanie McArthur spoke about the new Impro/Theatresports Club running on Wednesday @lunch in the E4 Drama Studio. Learning to communicate spontaneously is a skill that we all need in every subject, Come along and have some fun Years 7-12.



# ARTIST IN RESIDENCE

//BRADLEY EASTMAN//



BEASTMAN

## Artist Talk + Workshop opportunity

Talk // March 9 March

Workshop // 9-10 March

Students in Years 9 - 12 Elective Visual Art and Visual Design are invited to attend an artist talk with prominent Australian interdisciplinary artist **Bradley Eastman**. Bradley will share the story of his own creative journey and the various career paths, education, challenges and highlights he experienced along the way as a young Australian artist. Bradley's artist talk will be interactive and relaxed with opportunities for students to ask questions related to his art and design practice. Students were also given the opportunity to apply for a place in a workshop for just 10 dedicated students who will work together with Bradley on a piece of art that will help enrich our school community.

## Dates for the diary //

**ArtExpress //**  
Thursday 11 March  
AGNSW

**Band Camp //**  
Friday 12 - Saturday 13 - Sunday 14 March  
@Turramurra High School

**'The Removalists' //**  
Year 11 Drama students will see one of their HSC texts, staged at 'The New Theatre' Newtown on Sunday 16 May @5pm



THE REMOVALISTS  
BY DAVID WILLIAMSON



As part of **International Women's Day** -  
**Ms Bell** will showcase 2 etchings and 1 lithographic work @  
**The White Rhino Artspace**  
in St Leonard's  
**3-13 March**  
**...All Welcome...**

WANTED: NEW MEMBERS FOR THE....

# 2021 THS PHOTOGRAPHY CREW

OPEN TO YEARS 9,10 &11



IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN JOINING YOU  
NEED TO SUBMIT AN EXPRESSION OF  
INTEREST

GOOGLE CLASSROOM CODE: 3A6MY60  
IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS REFER TO MS BELL

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LEARN A NEW INSTRUMENT WITH  
THE COVER BAND.

B4 WEDNESDAY LUNCHTIMES.

TEACHERS AND STUDENTS  
WELCOME.



## THE COVER BAND.

FOR MORE INFO SEE MRS  
HUNGERFORD IN THE CAPA  
STAFFROOM

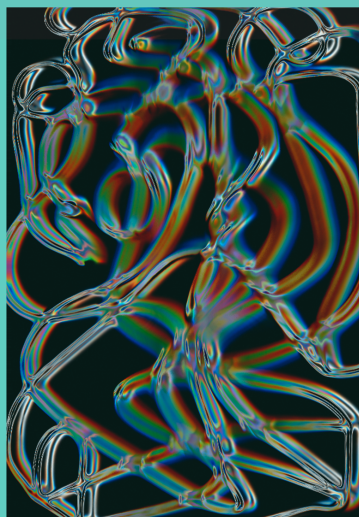
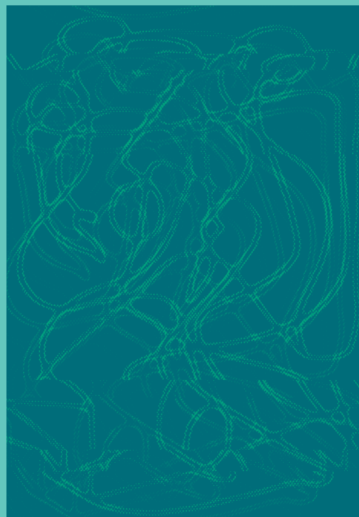
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HIGH SCHOOL

## Improv / Theatresports



SEE MS FARR-JONES IN  
THE CAPA STAFFROOM  
(B BLOCK) FOR MORE  
INFORMATION

EVERY WEDNESDAY @ LUNCH  
E4 (DRAMA STUDIO)



Monday Lunch - B4  
See Mr Sham - CAPA