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**ACA Application Pack** | 2025




‘Strive for Excellence’

Academy of Creative Arts

‘*The Academy of Creative Arts aspires to teach, inspire and provide a pathway for
emerging creative artists to achieve artistic and academic excellence.’*

The Academy of Creative Arts (ACA) provides experiences and opportunities to develop and guide aspiring artists. ACA focuses on mastering the skills of ‘creating, making and performing’. Students will be immersed in the world of an artist through direct tuition and the guidance of leading industry professionals.

ACA is a select entry program open to students from the ‘Step Up’ program in Year 6 to alumni in Years 11 and 12 and all the way through. Successful applicants will strive for excellence in a flexible and supportive academic learning environment.

**AIM** *To provide flexible learning programs and support to develop high performing artists.*

**ASPECTS** *To provide specialist learning facilities and high performance workshops.*

*To provide contact with elite professionals as role models and mentors.*

*To provide access to competitions, excursions, trips and work experience opportunities.*

*To provide opportunities to perform/present to a wide range of audiences.*

*To provide the opportunity to establish a network for future vocation.*

*To provide access to industry quality equipment and resources.*

**ENROLMENT** Acceptance into ACA means a commitment to the terms and conditions specified in the ‘Student ACA Agreement’.The agreement is to be signed by both student artist and a parent before commencement of the program.

**APPLICATION** Refer to the **Admission Process Flowchart** for details about the Application Process.

**ANNUAL FEES** As participation in the ACA is voluntary, not all costs will be covered in the College budget. Parents will be asked to contribute an annual fee. This annual fee of $1,300 (subject to change) contributes to costs associated with the program and must be paid before commencement of the program. This fee is **non-refundable**.

Some excursions will incur additional costs, especially where accommodation and transport are required. Parents will be given notice in advance of major excursions to assist with planning and budgeting.

*Applications for the* ***Holsworth Creative Arts Bursary*** *are available for students of the Academy of Creative Arts to apply in 2024.
The total value of the scholarship pool is valued at, but not limited to, $2000 and will be distributed between one or more applicants at the absolute discretion of the deliberating panel.*

**IMPORTANT**: Acceptance into the ACA in one year does not lead to automatic acceptance in the following year. Students are required to apply each year. Both academic achievement and performance progress will be regularly reviewed throughout the year. Students are therefore required to consistently satisfy academic, Learning Culture and performance criteria in order to maintain their place in the ACA program.



**PERSONAL DETAILS**

NAME

DATE OF BIRTH

YEAR LEVEL in
2025\_\_\_\_\_\_

PARENT GUARDIAN NAMES

EMAIL ADDRESS PHONE

**CHOSEN ART FIELD**

BAND

DANCE VISUAL ARTS

DRAMA VOCAL

*INSTRUMENT(S)*

**APPLICATION CONSENT**

Please ensure all details are correct to the best of your knowledge and sign in the space below:

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Student Artist Name Student Artist Signature Date

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Parent Name Parent Signature Date

*Late applications can be submitted and may b*

**CREATIVE DREAMS**

**PLEASE NOTE:** The Selection Committee prefers applicants to complete this page in their own handwriting.
Please attach extra pages if you wish to supply more information.

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| **Your Artistic Pursuits**Tell us about yourself as an artist and what you would like to achieve in your artistic pursuits, now and in the future. |  | **Academic** What are your academic goals for 2024? |
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| Describe how you imagine the ACA might benefit you and your development. |  | Please outline your current weekly rehearsal /visual diary schedule. Please list any external lessons or classes that you have on a regular basis, including your teacher/school name. |
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**CONFIDENTIAL REFERENCE FROM TEACHER/INSTRUCTOR/MENTOR**

Name of Teacher/Instructor/Mentor:

Position/Relationship:

Contact Number:

Contact Email:

This reference is for:

Strengths

Recommendations

Practice Commitment

Attitude

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**PROGRAM ENTRY**

**To apply for selection:**

Submit a complete application by due date

Meet the selection criteria

Attend audition(s) and selection interviews as required

 Band: prepare two contrasting songs

Dance: group audition with option to prepare solo work

 Drama: prepare two contrasting monologues (see monologue booklet)

 Visual Arts: put together a folio of some of your works

 Vocal: prepare two contrasting songs

**Note:**All artists selected into the ACA are required to represent the program in their chosen field in various activities throughout the year including community performances and exhibitions

**CHECKLIST**

**Please ensure that:**

You have read and understood the terms and conditions of the program.

You and your parent/guardian have signed the application.

You have included your previous year’s school report.

You have supplied a Confidential Reference completed by your Referee.

**SUBMITTING YOUR APPLICATION**

Please return to:

ACA Office

Bendigo South East College

P.O Box 15, Strathdale

Victoria 3550

**ADMISSION ENQUIRIES**

ACA Admin Support

Bendigo South East College

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