Campbelltown Performing Arts High School is a specialist performing arts high school with an enrolment of approximately 1135 students serving a diverse area of South-West Sydney.

The school draws 60% of its enrolments from local schools and 40% through open audition in the areas of dance, drama, music and circus programs.

The school has its main focus on improving student learning outcomes through the consistent application of quality teaching practices underpinned by whole-school, and targeted, teacher professional learning. Action learning is used extensively, and very successfully, throughout the school to improve teacher practice and to trial innovative new pedagogical approaches. Strong welfare and leadership programs and well-resourced technology facilities complement curricular programs.

The school has received national and state recognition for excellence in performing arts, technology, research, leadership, Indigenous education and professional learning.

The school enjoys an excellent reputation in the community and has strong links with many community organisations. Our students are provided with, and avail themselves of, an extensive range of curricula, co-curricular and community activities to enhance their learning experiences.
supportive
We are proud of our supportive and caring community. We offer a range of well-being and welfare programs that assist students to develop social, collaborative and life skills. This includes 'boutique' programs that cater to the needs of small groups, the provision of individualised support for students with specific learning needs, and proactive programs that support whole year groups.

creative
We foster and encourage creativity across all disciplines. Performing arts students use the mediums of music, dance, drama, circus arts and film to express themselves creatively and develop or perform original pieces. Across the curriculum, students use critical and creative thinking skills to clarify their understanding, seek possibilities and problem-solve.

innovative
We are consistently recognised as outstanding in the field of innovative education and have been selected to participate in a number of national and international educational research programs, including the Microsoft Partners in Learning and Innovative Teaching and Learning programs, due to our exemplary work in technology.

leading
We are an award winning high school renowned for excellence in education at a state and national level in many fields including leadership, technology, research, professional learning, Aboriginal education and the performing arts. Our ongoing work with academic partners, data-driven evaluation methodology and consistent strong focus on improving student outcomes underpin our leadership in the field of education.

diverse
We boast a diverse school community with students from many cultural backgrounds, with varied interests and assorted talents and needs. Such diversity provides fertile ground for students' social development as well as an authentic understanding of the fabric of our broader community.
modern learning environment
contemporary success!
Supportive

Our students have access to state-of-the-art facilities in the performing arts including multiple drama performance spaces, dance studios, a recording studio, dedicated television and film facilities and traditional and aerial circus equipment. Our hall facility has a professional audio-visual installation which allows for in-house television coverage for live performance as well as extension for streaming live performances to other venues.

Technology

Students in years 9, 10, 11 and 12 enjoy the use of a personal laptop, with access to many software applications and web-based learning tools. In addition, all students have access to multiple technology labs, interactive whiteboards in all subject areas, and a connected classroom for video-conferencing and cross-site learning.

Learning Spaces

Our students enjoy access to outstanding learning facilities including a new gymnasium, a tiered lecture space, industry-standard hospitality facilities, industrial technology classrooms, photography labs and much more. The spacious open-air seating areas, sport courts and ovals also provide excellent outdoor learning spaces.

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Individually we are one drop...
together we are an ocean!
**Curriculum**

**Year 7-Year 10**

In addition to English, science, maths, history, visual arts, geography, music, Spanish, technology, and physical development/health/physical education, students in years 7–10 are offered access to a broad range of elective subjects. This includes all performing arts subjects (instrumental, vocal, drama, dance, circus and film), industrial technology (wood, metal, textiles and food), commerce, photography, ceramics and much more. Students undertaking study in the performing arts are also afforded the opportunity to be placed in vertical classes, to work in small ensemble groups and to be accelerated.

**Year 11-Year 12**

Students undertaking study for the NSW Higher School Certificate are offered a range of pathways and comprehensive curriculum. This includes the options of gaining an ATAR for entry into university, gaining accreditation through school-based and TAFE Vocational Education and Training (VET) courses, and the attainment of school-based traineeships and apprenticeships.

Subjects on offer include: advanced and standard English, English studies, biology, chemistry, earth and environmental science, physics, senior science, software design and development, food technology, information processes and technology, software design and development, textiles and design, Aboriginal studies, ancient and modern history, business studies, economics, geography, legal studies, society and culture, community and family studies, personal development/health/physical education, sport, lifestyle and recreation studies, photography video and digital imaging, visual design, visual arts, dance, drama, music and much more.

School-based VET frameworks currently offered include: business services, construction, entertainment industry, hospitality, information technology, and retail services.

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**Co-Curricular**

Our Performing arts students are regularly selected for performances in The Schools Spectacular, Talent Development Project, regional and state dance as well as drama festivals, regional and state dance, drama and band camps. We also have a busy in-house calendar of events which allows all auditioned students to perform in public at least twice year. We have an established and ongoing relationship with Campbelltown Arts Centre and Campbelltown City Council to present a number of marquee productions at the arts centre each year. Our students are also generous in supporting our local community with free performances at significant community events. Music students are well supported with a Vocal Tutor Program and a Band Tutor Program whereby industry professionals are employed to provide small group specialist tuition on a weekly basis. There are a number of co-curricular ensembles that provide alternative opportunities for students wishing further extension including dance ensembles, Drama Company, and a broad range of music and vocal ensembles.

**Performing Arts**

Students have the opportunity to participate in a broad range of co-curricular activities including debating, public speaking, Student Representative Council, senior leadership team, art workshops, a vast array of sporting teams and competitions and much more. Students may also represent the school at a zone, regional and state level in a broad range of sports including athletics, cross country and swimming. CPAHS is proud of the opportunities it offers to its Aboriginal students, including participation in the Indigenous Youth Leadership Program, Twugia and many regional and state initiatives.
Enrolments

We draw approximately 60% of our enrolments from the local designated ‘drawing area’ and 40% through open audition in the areas of dance, drama, music and circus programs.

Students who live outside our ‘drawing area’ have to audition in one of performing arts subject areas to attend our high school and students who live in our ‘drawing area’ who wish to be in a performing arts class will also need to audition at this time.

To apply for an audition in the areas of dance, drama, music, vocals or circus arts, please see our website for details. [http://cpahs.nsw.edu.au](http://cpahs.nsw.edu.au)

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