Performing Arts in the Spotlight

Liv Cartledge
Emerging Musician

Mindi Suter
Theatre Ambassador

Year 11 Galen students, Liv Cartledge and Mindi Suter are both girls ‘going places’. Through her natural talent as a live performer, singer/songwriter and guitarist, Liv recently secured a sponsorship deal to commence recording her debut EP. Mindi Suter’s passion for the theatre and performing arts led her to apply to be an ambassador for the Melbourne Theatre Company. Her successful application has allowed her to enjoy an array of performances at MTC during the year with other like-minded students. - Hear from our talented students on page 2 and 3 inside!
I hear that you’ve recently been lucky enough to receive sponsorship to launch your music career and a debut EP! This sounds like an amazing opportunity, how did that come about?

Liv: “I was recently performing at a gig in Melbourne when I was approached by a business man who has links with the performance/music industry. He said that he loved my music and would like to fund it. So from that contracts were negotiated, and it was arranged that he would provide me with the funds to record my first EP.”

So you will be leaving school at the end of Year 11. Do you have any concerns or desires to complete Year 12?

“My ultimate love will always be music. I have always wanted to launch an EP and break into the music industry, but I never knew how to get there. When this opportunity came along it was too good to resist. I may never get another break like this. I just got lucky.”

From an early age you’ve had great success with your music. Tell me about the Telstra Road to Tamworth.

“When I was in Grade 6 my mum sent in a video of me playing an original song to the On the Road Tamworth Selection Committee. From that I was selected as a finalist.”

Wow! You were only in Grade 6! I imagine that many of the other competitors were quite a bit older?

“All the others were adults, so I guess it was a pretty big thing at the time. This was my first taste of being a solo performer as I’d really only performed with Dad, it was then that I knew I wanted to pursue a career in music. However, it was determined that I was too young to go to the next stage, but it was a great experience.”

Have you had both guitar and singing lessons?

“I had a handful of guitar lessons in primary school to learn the basics, but I’ve never had any singing lessons. Everything I know is thanks to Dad.”

How would you describe your music style.

“A mixture of acoustic, folky blues indie rock I guess. I can’t narrow it down.”

I believe you’ve been approached by both X Factor and Australia’s Got Talent producers, after they’ve seen your YouTube clips. Can you explain why you decided not to audition for these shows.

“Because I don’t want to be commercialised or attached to the name of a TV show, which may jeopardise future job opportunities. I really want to develop and be true to my own style, without the pressure of conforming.”

Are you able to tell me anything about the songs you are likely to record first?

“The 6 that I am recording are all original songs. I have based them on people I have met, one is actually about a lady from Wangaratta. They are also influenced by my experiences and are not your typical ‘teenage love songs’.”

Currently you perform with your dad. Tell me about the influence that your parents have had in terms of pursuing this career path.

“Dad’s extremely happy for me to chase the dream because this is my plan A and there is no plan B. Singing with him and performing with him has been a great influence over me and I am very fortunate to be able to do that. Mum understands that this is my dream and she also is very supportive in every way.”

When you were young you began busking and you have also had leads in the school productions, so performing is definitely your forte. What is the best thing about performing?

“For me it is very comfortable. Its what I do, its second nature to me.”

This year you won the Galen ‘Anything Goes’ Talent contest with an original piece. Do you prefer to play original pieces or covers?

“I like both. I guess originals are very ‘me’. When I play a cover I tend to put my own spin on it.”

What is the highlight of your music career so far?

“Definitely the last couple of months with how quickly things have taken off. I love gigging with Dad even though it takes up my weekend, but then I am lucky as I can make a hobby out of my job.”

We wish you all the best for the future, and can’t wait to see where your talent leads you!
You were recently selected to be part of the Melbourne Theatre Company Ambassador Program. This sounds like a really exciting opportunity! Can you explain what the program entails?

Mindi: “Every year a group of Year 11 theatre-lovers are selected as MTC Ambassadors, embarking on an extension program which offers insight into the world of professional theatre. Each month they attend MTC productions, meet with artists and staff, and share their experience of theatre with each other.”

How did you become an MTC Ambassador?

“I had to have my drama teacher (Julie Nolan) fill out a nomination form, discussing my involvement in the school and community theatre programs. After that process, MTC sorted through the 65 applications and chose me.”

How many ambassadors are there this year?

“25. 20 of these students are from Melbourne the rest of us are from the country areas.”

What shows have you been lucky enough to see so far this year?

“The first show was The Other Desserts City, then Beach, One Man Two Governors, Soleman and Marion, and last week I saw The Crucible. One Man Two Governors has been my favorite so far.”

Have you mingled with anyone famous?

“We met the entire cast from Beach and one of the actors was from the TV show Bogan Pride, so it was cool to see her. I have also meet Genevieve Morris (Comedy Ink, Barbara from the ANZ Bank advertisements). Also, I accidently ran into David Wenham on a scooter, which was pretty entertaining!”

Apart from watching great theatre, what else have you been exposed to?

“We’ve had guest speakers every week, including the in-house director Sam Strong. We also had a backstage tour of the MTC headquarters. We have also had talks from Casting Agents and other stagecraft specialists like Set Designers.”

For someone passionate about theatre, this all sounds like a dream come true! Are there any other positives that come with being an ambassador?

“Well apart from being exposed to a variety of different theatre shows, which I would never have had the chance to see, I thoroughly enjoy discussing and meeting with the other 24 students who all share my passion for drama and theatre. It is really cool to see how the MTC works as it is all very closely connected.”

Would you recommend that other students from Galen apply?

“Definitely, if they are interested in not just acting but all parts of the theatre and playmaking, go for it!”

Congratulations again Mindy on being accepted for the program, it sounds like its been a very rewarding experience!

Mindi Suter - Theatre Ambassador

Over 140 students from Years 7 to 9 have been busy rehearsing, preparing sets, practicing dance routines and musical pieces for the upcoming annual Junior Production. This year students will be retelling the story of Grandpa Joe as he revisits his fond memories of one of the worlds most well-known chocolate factories. Come and join Willy Wonka, Charlie Bucket, Veruca Salt, Mike Teavee, Violet Beauregarde, Augustus Gloop and many others at WPAC!

DATES: Wednesday 28 & Thursday 29 August 2013
TIME: 7.00pm
VENUE: Wangaratta Performing Arts Centre
Purchase tickets online: http://bit.ly/19ey5QX
Middle School News

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Important Dates:

- Arts/Technology Exhibition, Tuesday Oct 15 – Friday Oct 18
- Year 12 Unit 4 Written Exams begin Oct 30
- Year 12 Graduation Evening Thursday Nov 21

A notice to parents

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Senior School News

Mick Grogan - Senior School Director

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Uniform Shop

Opening Hours

Tuesday: 10.30am - 2.30pm
Thursday: 1.00pm - 5.00pm
Direct Line: 03 5723 8320
uniform.shop@galen.vic.edu.au

What’s On

• Wed Aug 21 - Founders’ Day Assembly
• Thur Aug 22-23: Yr 10 Melb Trip 1
• Thur Aug 22 - Hospitality 3/4 Melb Trip
• Mon Aug 26 - Yr 7 Basketball & T/Tennis
• Wed Aug 28 - Junior Production 7pm
• Thur Aug 29 - Junior Production 7pm
• Thur Aug 29-30: Yr 10 Melb Trip 2
• Fri Aug 30 - 9.7 Tree Planting
• Mon Sep 2 - Health Week
• Mon Sep 2-3: Yr 9 Bushwalk 1
• Mon Sep 2 Yr 10 Formal Practice
• Tues Sep 3 - Yr 8 Basketball
• Thurs Sep 5-6: Yr 9 Bushwalk 2
• Mon Sep 9-10: Yr 9 Bushwalk 3
• Tues Sept 10 - Yr 10 Formal
• Tues Sept 10 - Festival of the Sacred
• Wed Sep 11 - Yr 9 & 10 Basketball
• Thurs Sept 12 - Parent/Teacher Evening
• Fri Sept 13 - Parent/Teacher Morning
• Wed Sept 18-20: Italian Camp
• Thurs Sept 19 - Injections: Yr 7B/G Yr 9 B
• Fri Sept 20 - Term 3 Ends 2.30pm

For the latest ‘What’s On’ visit: www.galen.vic.edu.au

Reunions

Yr 11 1981/Yr 12 1982
GALEN CATHOLIC
COLLEGE
Wangaratta Reunion

WHEN: Saturday November 30 2013
TIME: 6:00pm onwards at North Eastern Hotel Beer Garden
WHO: Past students and teachers and their families are most welcome.
RSVP: Please email Lyndel Petersen (nee Annett)
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On the 1st of August Year 12 Health & Human Development students had a health seminar at the Barr Reserve as part of our Millenium Development Goals outcome. Guest speaker Kerrie Stone from Caritas Australia spoke to us about each development goal outlining the progress, importance and future of each. She also introduced us into the world of poverty in which 80% of today’s population live.

The day was spent doing a series of activities in which we were assigned roles we had to play. In these roles we were asked to step into character as we collected water, made beedis, sorted matches and rubbish and transported bricks, all the things people in developing countries do day in day out to survive. Though our activities were modified, we were still able to experience the harsh working conditions that people have to endure in order to put food on the table. Lunchtime was another eye opener to those living in poverty. A group of students were given the luxury of eating at a table where they enjoyed McDonald’s, coke and chocolate representing the developed part of the world. Another small group enjoyed a meal of rice and fruit on a mat. The rest of the group enjoyed eating rice with their hands as the represented majority of the world living in extreme poverty. This simple activity proved to be challenging for many of us especially seeing how easily the food was wasted in developed countries. However, it was an eye opener as we were able to see how other people live, particularly those less fortunate than ourselves. - Written by Zoe Levesque


Meditation Monday is a program facilitated by Therese Rodway to enhance mental stillness for students. It is run every Monday from 1:15pm in the Drama Room. These are proven techniques that are easy to learn and, with regular practice, generate significant results quickly.

Promoting positive and ethical online interactions

We are a global community and our behaviour can affect our world and everyone in it. Encouraging continual respect and responsibility whilst online is imperative in creating and sustaining a positive online environment.

When you are online:
- Respect the rights of others to participate and have an opinion
- Ask before tagging other people or posting photos
- Report suspicious or illegal content
- Stand up and speak out about cyberbullying
- Don’t respond to hurtful or nasty comments. Block and report
- Encourage your kids to speak to you or trusted adult about upsetting online experiences


Feel free to email the e-Safety committee to share any tips, strategies or questions to: cybersafety@galen.vic.edu.au
Your advice may help other families.
VOCATIONAL AND HIGHER EDUCATION NEWS

Interested in working in theatre, film or television? National Institute of Dramatic Art (NIDA) applications are now open. Applications close on Monday 30 September and auditions and interviews will take place in November. For more information, go to: www.nida.edu.au

Interested in apply for Deakin University? If you are considering a gap year next year, you could enroll in the Associate Degree at Gotafe and gain credits towards a Deakin University degree. This is a great program for students who don’t receive the required ATAR to get into their desired Deakin course or who want to transition slowly into university. For information about this exciting program, contact Helen Putilan at hptland@gotafe.vic.edu.au 03 5723 6178

New agreement between Swinburne University and NMIT from 2014. NMIT will be offering courses in music, design, photoimaging, visual arts, theatre arts, sound production etc at the Swinburne Prahran campus. For information, go to www.nmit.edu.au/prahran

Passionate about science? Charles Sturt University offer a large number of Science Scholarships each year in areas such as clinical, medical, equine, computer, agricultural etc. Scholarships are worth up to $4000 per year for up to 4 years. For more information, go to: www.ccsu.edu.au/scholarships

Big Science, Small Science: Did you know that RMIT has a science based Facebook page featuring interesting science stories, images and regular updates on activities at RMIT? If you are a fan of science, you should consider joining the RMIT Big Science Small Science Facebook page. You will be able to ask science lecturers and students questions, participate in discussions, submit interesting stories and find out more about science. To go www.facebook.com/RMITSchience

Education at Monash University: The Faculty of Education has introduced a new course structure for all undergraduate programs. For more information, go to: http://edu.monash.edu.au/courses/

Would you like to become a psychologist? You will need to start your education by studying a bachelor degree with an Australian Psychology Accreditation Council (APAC) approved major in psychology. Not all psychology majors are approved by APAC, so you will need to contact the institution you would like to study at to double check. For more information, go to: http://www.psychologycouncil.org.au/

New Bachelor of Science Advanced (Global Challenges) at Monash University: For high performing students. This degree offers a strong science education complemented by skills in leadership, entrepreneurship and communication. Students will undertake two internships, at least one internationally which will be financed by the University. For more information, go to: http://www.monash.edu.au/study/coursefinder/course/3550/

Considered studying to become a teacher after you complete an undergraduate degree? Currently you can complete a one year Graduate Diploma of Education at most universities. From 2016, you will have to undertake the two year Master of Education as the one year program is being phased out by the Australian Institute for Teaching and School Leadership.

Music performance & sound production at Victoria University: Students and staff have moved into the new rehearsal, performance and studio spaces at Kindred Studios which is situated in Yarraville, close to the Footscray Nicholson campus. For information on this new development, go to http://www.kindredstudios.com.au/

Learn about the Bachelor of Environments at University of Melbourne: You will be able to major in areas such as construction, landscape architecture, landscape management, civil systems, geomatics, environmental science, property, urban design & planning etc. To find out more, watch videos featuring current students at http://www.bvens.unimelb.edu.au/video-page

Love animals? Consider studying zoology? The University of Melbourne offers zoology as a major in the Bachelor of Science and Master of Science. The major has a strong focus on research. To view some of the research students are undertaking, go to: www.youtube.com/watch?v=xvuQ2Gav55c

UPCOMING EVENTS

Students studying VCE Arts and Technology Subjects: Academy of Design Australia is running a VCE help day on Saturday 31 August at their South Melbourne campus. You will be able to select from the following workshops:
• Visual Communication Design: “The Pitch”
• Product Design & Technology: SAT & exam questions
• Tertiary Interview: what to expect & how to prepare
• Product Photography Tips & Tricks
• Using Illustrator - Tips & Tricks
For information on prices and workshops and to register, go to: http://www.designacademyedu.com/

Think Group Scholarships: Scholarship application periods for the following institutions are closing on Saturday 31st August 2013
• APC College of Business and Communication http://www.apm.edu.au/

Think Group Events: The following events are taking place soon in Sydney:
• A Day in the Life of a Designer, Billy Blue College, Saturday 24 August, http://www.billyblue.edu.au/
• A Day of Beauty Workshop, Australian National College of Beauty, Saturday 7 September, http://www.anncb.edu.au/
• A Day in the Life, Australian College of Natural Therapies, Saturday 7 September http://www.acnt.edu.au/

Interested in music? The Australian Institute of Music (AIM) is running an information session on Wednesday 28 August at the Intercontinental, Sydney. For more information, go to: www.benvs.unimelb.edu.au/video-page

NIDA Information Evening: The National Institute of Dramatic Art (NIDA) is running an information session for all prospective students. They offer courses in theatre, film and television. The event will be held in Sydney on Thursday 29 August. If you can’t attend, the event will be broadcast live online or it can be streamed later. For more information, go to: www.nida.edu.au/info2013

UNIVERSITY ACCOMMODATION

If you are planning to move away to study at university next year, it is important that you apply for accommodation for each university on your preference list. You may not receive offers for your first preferences, and late January will be too late to source accommodation at most institutions.

You can elect to study on or off campus, with friends in shared house accommodation or with relatives. In terms of university accommodation, each institution has different application procedures and methods and there is also privately run student housing.

The following are details of several university accommodation options:

OPEN NOW
• Swinburne University: $45 to apply, www.swin.edu.au/students/residential/
• University of Tasmania: free to apply, first offers come out in September, http://www.accommodation.utas.edu.au

OPEN IN AUGUST
• La Trobe University: Bendigo (18) and Bundoora (25), http://www.latrobe.edu.au/accommodation
• University of Ballarat, first year guarantee (with conditions), opens Sunday 25th, http://www.ballarat.edu.au/

APPLICATIONS OPENING SOON
• RMIT Village, reserves 75% of places for RMIT students, http://www.rmitvillage.com.au/
• Deakin University, http://www.deakin.edu.au/future-students/services-facilities/accommodation/

PRIVATE ACCOMMODATION OPTIONS

The following accommodation options aren’t necessarily affiliated with any particular university
• Le Student 8: http://www.lestonet8.com/
• Yarra House (NMIT Campus), http://www.yarrahouse.com.au/
• NMIT: $45 to apply, www.swin.edu.au/
• Swan Hill: See your local newspaper or YMCA

OTHER EVENTS - AUGUST

CAREERS NEWS

Armies Careers Day

Armies Careers Day Saturday 9 November (Latchform Barracks (cnr of Murray Valley Highway & Bonegilla Rd, Wodonga) The Army Logistics Training Centre is inviting students to a careers day from 10am-3pm on the 9th November. If you are interested you need to email cptalbury@dfr.mil.au. In this email you need to include, your email address, full name, age gender, school, hometown and any additional people you may wish to attend for example parents. As there will not be a school army careers day this session will fill fast.

Rob Walker - Work & Further Education Coordinator

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On a cold, blustery and freezing wintry day the following intrepid marksmen and markswomen journeyed to Echuca to participate in the annual North East Zone Clay Target Championship. Bryan Green, Kyle Woods, Jak Canning, Rohan Watson, Ryan Fogarty, Declan Taylor, Patrick Powell, Codi Rasmussen, Rhys McGlauren, Rowna O'Keefe, Jacob Traczyk, Brianna Grassi, Cody Fogarty, Alex Wozniak, Sam Peters, Demi Shale, Bailey Hourigan, Braden Ellis, Sam Canning-Scobie, Hamish Falla, James Bennett, Ricky Sandral, James Connor, Marcus Hines, Riley Carter, Sean Szligiewicz, Jacob Motha, Jack Bosnich, Hugh Amery, Daniel Hines and Reiley Murtagh. The format of this competition is a 20 target single barrel competition. With the wind gusting unpredictably conditions were particularly challenging making high scores hard to achieve.

Galen's best performers were the ever consistent Demi Shale and Brianna Grassi who finished 2nd and 3rd respectively in the Senior Girls section. This result means that both Demi and Brianna will now compete in the Victorian Final later in Term 3. We wish both girls well at this event. Accompanying the shooters for the day were parents Angelo Grassi, Peter Sandral and Rod Green. The assistance and support of these gentlemen was greatly appreciated by the Galen Shooters.

On Thursday 8th August, the Year 8 girls took to the pitch in Wodonga to compete in the Hume Region Soccer Championships. The girls faced Notre Dame in the first round and went down 5-1. They then took on Benalla and unfortunately lost 7-2. They did come 2nd out of the three teams overall, and all girls played to the best of their ability. Well done to the Best on Ground players: Bianca Mulqueen, Amelia Eefting and Emma Ackerly. All the girls are to be congratulated on their excellent sportsmanship and the way in which they conducted themselves on the day. Thanks to Jacqui Pengelly who took the team on the day.

This day was facilitated by Chris Cotter, an Education Officer in the Wagga Wagga Diocese, specializing in Adult Faith development. The focus was to move from what we do collectively in living out our Catholic identity to how we each individually are naming and living out our individual Catholic identity.

The main aim of the day was for the staff to individually focus on the Charter Of Sandhurst School Improvement (COSSI) quality indicators of Catholic Identity. The five indicators are: Sacramental, Life-giving, Faithful, Just and Inclusive.

For 2013 into 2014 staff are focusing on the indicators JUST and INCLUSIVE. Staff will now set Catholic Identity personal goals, inspired by these two quality indicators. The staff evaluations of the day were very positive and they were highly engaged in the spiritually challenging and affirming parts of the day. Our aim is to continue to name what we do as Catholic educators. We are striving to live out the mission of the Church, with faith and integrity. ‘The ultimate indicator of the quality of our schools is the extent to which our students, our people, and our schools are flourishing.’ (COSSI)
MacKillop Art Exhibition

Congratulations to Reuben Corrigan and Erin Connor who were recipients of Highly Commended awards at the MacKillop Art Exhibition launch on Friday 9th August. Reuben and Erin were two out of six senior students from across the diocese to be awarded a Highly Commended at the exhibition. The Highly Commended award consists of a certificate and $100. Well done Erin and Reuben!

Above: Reuben Corrigan with his artwork at the exhibition.
Right: Erin Connor’s photographs.

Who’s Who at Galen

Leadership Team
- Bernard Neal: Principal
- Geoff Welch: Deputy Principal—Staff & Students
- Darren Hovey: Deputy Principal – Teaching & Learning
- Gerard Sullivan: Deputy Principal – Catholic Identity
- Dom Giannone: Business Manager
- Bern Albertson: Professional Development Co-ordinator
- Anthony Ratters: Daily Organiser
- Mick Grogan: Senior School Director
- Keith Willett: Middle School Director
- Lauren Lee: Junior School Director

The best way to contact Galen staff members direct is by email. All staff have email addresses which follow the formula: firstname.surname@galen.vic.edu.au

Members of the Board and Parents Association can be contacted via the office on 03 5721 6322 or email: admin-enquiry@galen.vic.edu.au

School Board
- Father Mike Pullar: Parish Priest
- Tony Lane: Board Chair
- Bernard Neal: Principal
- Max Fletcher: CEO Sandhurst Representative
- John Byrne: Parent
- Suellen Loki: Parent
- Angie Semmens: Parent
- Mark Williams: Parent
- Darren Hovey: Staff Representative
- Elizabeth Holligan: Staff Representative

Parents Association Executive
- President: Vacant
- Angie Semmens / Karyn Howard: Secretary
- Karen Archer: Treasurer
- Angie Semmens: Board Liaison

Year 12 RE-Discovery Day

A team of teachers have developed a special program for our students as they progress through Year 12 into the world beyond. The 2013 Year 12 cohort chose the name of this program. The focus has been to deepen the students’ understandings of our Graduate Outcomes, using contemporary approaches to scripture, and activities that are very similar to the Year 12 Retreat experience. Very importantly we have been able to link the Galen Graduate Outcomes to their own understanding of who they are and who they want to be, now and in the future.

The first session in March (one double lesson), was very well received and as usual the students participated fully and were great company. On the 15th of May a team of teachers facilitated the day at St Patrick’s Hall. This day began with a guest speaker, David Kobler, from Choicez Media, a sought after organisation that presents to students and unpacks contemporary issues for students on a national scale. This was followed by further exploration of scripture, The Good Samaritan, and the Graduate Outcomes. Last week, on the 15th of August (another double lesson) the focus was on The Prodigal Son and the importance of true forgiveness in your life. Thanks to Mr Rispin, Mrs Woods and Mrs Petersen for developing the program. Thanks to the students for their positive evaluations and participation throughout the year. May they go into the world and reach their potential and live their lives fully.

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