

CONSERVATORIUM ACADEMY

The Conservatorium Academy is a centre for creative and performing arts training for school-aged children and is part of the School of Education and the Arts at CQUniversity, Ooralea.

The purpose of the Conservatorium Academy in Mackay is to provide music and theatre training as an extension to the dance, drama and music classes that young people may already be engaged in. In keeping with this philosophy, the Conservatorium Academy will provide students with opportunities to perform through regular concerts and special events.

Operating out of our fully equipped, professional theatre, studios and teaching spaces, classes are delivered in a safe, educational and recreational environment by outstanding teachers and tutors. We look forward to nurturing your child's enthusiasm for the performing arts and all it has to offer!



2022 INFORMATION HANDBOOK





MS NICOLE THOMSON

Hi, I'm Ms Nicole!

Nicole Thomson's background includes 18 years of dance training across ballet, tap, jazz, folk and salsa styles, and her choreography credits include cabaret shows throughout Australia and school musicals for private schools within New South Wales. However, Nicole began her international professional career as a creative artist and singer initially with Australian vocal sextet The Song Company.

Recording for award-winning films, documentaries and video games, Nicole has also recorded albums through 'The Song Company', 'ABC Classic' and 'Tall Poppies' labels.

Since 2012, Nicole has combined her performing and academic life through the Central Queensland Conservatorium of Music, collaborating two international study tours to Malaysia (2018 & 2020) alongside international conductor Kevin Field, and the Bentley Music Academy, with a third planned for the end of 2022.

Nicole has been awarded a Vice-Chancellor's Award for Exemplary Practice in Learning and Teaching 2021 and continues to increase the quality of music education within an environment of musical and theatrical excellence.

Ms Nicole Thomson

***Musical Theatre Teacher
Conservatorium Academy***



MR MICHAEL LEE

Hi, I'm Mr Michael!

I have a love and passion for performing and am excited to share my knowledge and experiences with the Con Academy students.

After graduating high school, I auditioned for the Bachelor of Theatre specialising in Drama at the Central Queensland Conservatorium of Music, CQUniversity. During my three years at CQUniversity I performed in numerous musicals and plays including Sweet Charity, A Midsummer Night's Dream, Bells are Ringing, Mr Burns A Post-Electric Play and The Mystery of Edwin Drood. I was also fortunate to be a part of seven touring shows of Choices and Safety Circus, performing to both primary and high school students across Mackay, The Whitsundays, and Townsville. I graduated in 2021 and have continued performing at a local theatre restaurant in Mackay.

I am extremely excited to bring some new ideas and energy to the Con Academy for 2022, working alongside voice lecturer, Miss Nicole Thompson.

Mr Michael Lee

***Musical Theatre Teacher
Conservatorium Academy***

MUSICAL THEATRE PROGRAM CLASS INFORMATION

9.00am - 3.00pm
SATURDAY

Each semester, the classes will follow a theme, appropriate to the age group. This theme may follow a well-known musical or could include self-devised material so that students are given the best opportunities to develop their music theatre skills. Each class will comprise combinations of:

Dance warm up and then combinations | Drama exercises and scene work | Singing exercises and songs

MINI MUSIC THEATRE

Eligibility: Prep to Grade 1
Class: Saturday mornings, 9.00am
Duration: 45 mins

FEE - Term 1	FEE - Term 2
\$78.75	\$98.00
FEE - Term 3	
\$109.00	

JUNIOR MUSIC THEATRE A & B

Eligibility: Grade 2 - 4
Class: Saturday mornings, 10am & 11am
Duration: 60 mins

FEE - Term 1	FEE - Term 2
\$99.75	\$122.00
FEE - Term 3	
\$136.00	

INTERMEDIATE MUSIC THEATRE

Eligibility: Grade 5 - 6
Class: Saturday afternoons, 12.00pm
Duration: 60 mins

FEE - Term 1	FEE - Term 2
\$113.75	\$138.00
FEE - Term 3	
\$154.00	

SENIOR MUSIC THEATRE

Eligibility: Grade 7 -12
Class: Saturday afternoons, 2:00PM
Duration: 60 mins

FEE - Term 1	FEE - Term 2
\$113.75	\$138.00
FEE - Term 3	
\$154.00	

FEES: Please note there is a concert levy of \$10 per student, per term incorporated within each terms fees to cover expenses incurred at concert time.

TIMETABLE: These times are subject to change based on total enrolments and will be confirmed early in 2022.

MUSICAL THEATRE PROGRAM

SEMESTER DATES

The Conservatorium Academy recognises talent and delights in nurturing it. Our pre-tertiary theatre programs continue to produce wonderful young performers, engaging them from prep to adulthood. Below are the term dates for 2022. All classes are delivered on campus at the Central Queensland Conservatorium of Music.

TERM 1	TERM 2	TERM 3
Week 1 19 February	Week 1 23 April	Week 1 16 July
Week 2 26 February	Week 2 30 April (no classes)	Week 2 23 July
Week 3 05 March	Week 3 07 May	Week 3 30 July
Week 4 12 March	Week 4 14 May	Week 4 06 August
Week 5 19 March	Week 5 21 May	Week 5 13 August
Week 6 26 March	Week 6 28 May	Week 6 20 August
Week 7 02 April	Week 7 04 June	Week 7 27 August
	Week 8 11 June	Week 8 03 September
	Week 9 18 June	Week 9 10 September
		Concert Day 11 September

PERFORMANCE INFO

TERM 2: OPEN CLASS

In Week 8 of Term 2 (11 June), students will present an Open Class for parents, family and friends at the CQCM Theatre. Students are expected to wear their Con Academy uniform and class times are as per normal. Concert & costume information will be distributed at this class.

TERM 3: PUBLIC CONCERT

Week 9 of Term 3 (10 & 11 September), the students will present an end of term concert for the Conservatorium Academy. Dress rehearsal for all students will be on Saturday 10 September from 9.00am to 3.00pm in the CQCM Theatre. There will be two public performances on Sunday 11 September in the CQCM Theatre at 1pm and 4pm. Costs and booking information will be provided at the beginning of Semester 2. All further concert information will be conveyed at the Open Class in Term 2.

UNIFORM

All students will be required to wear the Conservatorium Academy uniform. This consists of:

- Conservatorium Academy Polo Shirt
- Girls: Black jazz pants, leggings or shorts
- Boys: Black shorts or comfortable long pants
- Girls and boys: Black Elasta booties

Shoes are available at any dance wear shop

MAKE-UP

Parents are required to purchase stage make-up for their child. This is usually a one-off purchase and can be used for several years. If your child already owns make-up for drama or dance, then this will be suitable for Conservatorium Academy performances. Most students will be able to wear heavy day make-up. Students in Senior Theatre may need to wear false eyelashes. False eyelashes are not required for students of Junior or Intermediate Theatre.

COSTUMES

Parents are responsible for the cost of their child's costume. While every effort is made to source costumes at an affordable rate, it is expected that this will not exceed \$100. Some costumes may be sourced much more cheaply this, or there may be a hire fee.

SHOES & HOSIERY

Students will mostly wear their usual class shoes for performances. Parents will be required to provide appropriate socks or tights for class and performance

PROPS FOR PERFORMANCE

The end of year concert will require a small amount of stage and personal props. Parents are asked to help source these props and students will need to use these during the year as required.

HAIR

During class, please ensure your child's hair is tied back off the face.

GENERAL INFORMATION

COMMUNICATION

Our preferred means of communicating with you is via email. Further correspondence from Con Academy administration will be delivered through our Facebook page.

For urgent matters, we will contact you by telephone. If you prefer to be contacted in other ways, please let us know.

Enquiries and questions about the academy should be directed to the CQCM reception in the first instance.

Telephone: 07 4940 7800

Email: academy@cqu.edu.au

REGISTRATION (Musical Theatre)

All students who attend the Conservatorium Academy must complete a *Registration Form and Talent Release Form* and students will not be permitted to commence classes until the form has been received. This form requires contact information, general medical information that staff need to be aware of, and requires parents/guardians to agree to adhere to the University policies and procedures regarding the use of University facilities.

FEES (Musical Theatre only)

Payment of fees can be made online. An email containing the link to pay fees will be emailed to applicants once the registration form has been received by the CQCM office.

There are no weekly rates available.

Students who have outstanding fees on Friday 25 March 2022 (Term 1), Friday 20 May 2022 (Term 2) or Friday 12 August 2022 (Term 3) will not be permitted to attend class until the fees are paid in full and will incur a \$55 late fee.

PLEASE NOTE:

Fees cannot be paid through the CQCM office. Refunds are not available for change of mind or change of circumstances.

If you have any concerns about the payment of fees, please email academy@cqu.edu.au or phone 07 4940 7800.

ABSENCE FROM CLASS

If your child is going to be absent from class, we ask you to email academy@cqu.edu.au or phone the CQCM office on 07 4940 7800. There will be no refund or transfer of fees for absences.

PARENT VIEWING

To enable the delivery of the most effective lessons, parents are not permitted to watch any classes from inside the studio. During performances, unauthorised taking of photos or videos is not permitted.

DUTY OF CARE / SAFETY

In accordance with University policies and procedures, minors MUST be supervised at all times while they are on campus.

THIS IS THE RESPONSIBILITY OF PARENTS AND GUARDIANS.

Conservatorium Academy teachers are responsible for the students while they are in their classes, however University or Academy staff are not responsible for students who are dropped off at the Conservatorium well before the class begins or well after the class has finished.

While classes are in progress, parents are welcome to wait in their vehicle or to leave the campus in the interim.

Please ensure your child is collected immediately after their class has finished from the entrance of the Conservatorium.

