



Mind Games – important announcement

Dear parents, students and families,

We have some important news to share about this year's whole school production, '*Mind Games*'.

From the start of this year, we knew that running a production around COVID would require flexibility and many contingency plans. From an early stage, we have made plans to perform either in front of a large live audience, a limited live audience, recorded in video format and a number of other scenarios.

With the increasing lockdowns and restrictions, a traditional performance in a theatre is becoming more uncertain and out of our control. It is becoming more and more likely that theatres will not be able to operate in the near future, or will have significant capacity limits, leading to heart-breaking decisions as to who can attend performances.

As such, as of today, we are pleased to announce that we are now making '*Mind Games*' as a movie.

This will not be a video recording of a performance on stage. Rather, '*Mind Games*' is going to be shot as a feature length movie, with deliberate camera angles, lighting, effects and editing.

There are many advantages to this, including:

- Our own control over time frames and requirements, without having to work to a fixed performance date. The performance will be released in the second half of Term 4.
- Flexibility as to when and how performances will be recorded, in case of further lockdowns.
- Guarantee that every member of the community will have the opportunity to see the performance.
- Giving students the opportunity to explore a new medium of performance.

Despite lockdowns and restrictions we have still been able to maintain regular rehearsals and other preparations. Work is progressing well and students will be ready to film their performance when the time comes.

Please note that we will still require assistance from all families in providing costume items, as previously advised. The time line for these items will be extended (details yet to be decided), but we do urge families to do what they can to provide these items in the near future, so that costumes can be finalised ready for filming.

As a movie, it is only fitting that '*Mind Games*' has its own 'trailer'. Please click on the following links to view either the 'Night 1' or 'Night 2' trailer videos:

Night 1: <https://vimeo.com/591327834/c7f977ad1f>

Night 2: <https://vimeo.com/591327954/a495ab6e50>

It must be said and acknowledged that the experience for the students of performing live, on stage, will be missed, as will the opportunity for parents and families to see the students performing live. However, to persist with the

hope of such a performance being a possibility includes the serious risk of all the students being unable to perform at all.

We are excited that, despite COVID and all the delays and disappointments that it has brought, that we are able to forge ahead and celebrate our student's creativity, expression and energy with this project.

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