

geelong arts centre

CREATIVE LEARNING 2027

SCHOOLS & EDUCATION PROGRAM

STEP INTO A YEAR OF IMAGINATION, INNOVATION, AND INSPIRATION.



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Creative Learning is Geelong Arts Centre's dedicated program for educators and students, designed to bring the curriculum to life through the transformative power of the arts. Complementing classroom learning, the program combines engaging performances and hands-on workshops that support Victorian Curriculum outcomes while inspiring creativity and curiosity.

By connecting students with meaningful artistic experiences, Creative Learning encourages deeper engagement, fresh perspectives, and lasting learning outcomes.

WHY CREATIVE LEARNING?

Aligned with Curriculum
Supports and enhances your existing class work by clearly aligning with curriculum requirements, making integration seamless and purposeful.

Fosters Creativity
Encourages innovation, creative thinking, and problem-solving, giving students opportunities to explore ideas beyond the textbook.

Deepens Learning
Moves beyond surface-level understanding by promoting reflection, critical thinking, and stronger knowledge retention.



HOW TO BOOK

STEP 1

Head to
geelongartscentre.org.au/creative-learning/
or scan the QR code below

STEP 2

Complete the Creative Learning Booking Form with details such as your preferred date, class size and access requirements.

STEP 3

You will receive an email confirmation from our Creative Learning team, and they will organise an invoice once your booking is confirmed.

If you have any questions about the booking process or about any of the performances or workshops, get in touch with our friendly Creative Learning team by emailing **creativelearning@geelongartscentre.org.au**

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

We respectfully acknowledge the Traditional Custodians of the land on which Geelong Arts Centre stands, the Wadawurrung People of the Kulin Nation. We pay our respects to Elders past and to Elders present, recognising their continuing connection to land, water, culture and community.

CALENDAR

Kinder · Primary · Secondary · Teacher Professional Development · Workshop · Performance

	PROGRAM NAME	PAGE	DATES	VENUE	COST per person
	MICF Comedy Crash Course	7	Mon 1 – Fri 5 March	Church	$25 per student
	MICF Class Clowns	7	Thu 11 March: workshop 4pm – 6pm Thu 11 March: performance 7pm – 8pm	Church	Free
	Teacher PD: Cheeky Opera with Deborah Cheetham Fraillon AO	8	Wed 17 March, 9.30am – 4pm	The Open House	$150 per teacher
	VCAA Season of Excellence: Top Screen Regional	9	Mon 22 March, 10am	The Story House	$45 per student
	VCAA Season of Excellence: Top Class Regional	9	Wed 5 May, 10:30am	The Story House	$45 per student
	The 13-Storey Treehouse	10	Fri 7 May, 12pm	The Story House	$15 per student
	Twenty Million Thousand Leagues Under the Sea	10	Fri 14 May, 1pm	The Open House	$25 per student
	Never Always Ever Was	11	Tue 18 May, 1pm Wed 19 May, 10am	The Open House	$25 per student
	Feathers	11	Fri 21 May, 10am & 1pm	The Open House	$12 per student
	Here, There & Everywhere	12	Fri 25 June, 1pm	The Story House	$25 per student
	VCE Drama Workshop	13	Tue 27 & Wed 28 July, 9:30am – 2:30pm	The Open House	$45 per student
	VCE Theatre Studies Workshop	13	Thu 29 July, 9:30am – 2:30pm	The Open House	$45 per student
	Ngarreemeelee-ngitj (To Dance Together)	14	Throughout August, to suit your school	The Open House	$12 per student
	Exploring Culture	14	Mon 13 – Wed 15 September	The Open House	Free
	The Box Show	15	Friday 29 October, 10am & 1pm	The Story House	$15 per student
	Artistry Unleashed: Puppetry with Georgie Rose	15	On demand during term: Mon – Fri, 9:30am – 2:30pm	Geelong Arts Centre or in school	$450 per workshop
	Venue Tours for Schools	16	On request, Terms 1–4: Mon – Wed, 9:30am – 2:30pm	Geelong Arts Centre	$50 per class group
	Wonder Schools Showcase	17	Mon 13 – Wed 15 September	The Play House	$5 per student

ACCESSIBILITY

Creative Learning programs can be catered to suit student and educator's additional needs.

This can include:

- Wheelchair & Accessible Seating
- Hearing Loops
- Auslan Interpretation
- Relaxed Performances

Please reach out to **creativelearning@geelongartscentre.org.au** if you or your students require additional support.

EVERY CHILD DESERVES ACCESS TO THE ARTS

Subsidised tickets and travel support available for eligible schools.

Geelong Arts Centre sees the arts as essential for children's education.

The **Schools Access Program** offers subsidised tickets and travel to schools with an ICSEA Rating of 1030 or below, prioritising those in the G21 region.

If your school qualifies, you can apply to be a part of the Creative Learning Schools Access Program by scanning the QR code below.



TERM 1



SECONDARY | GRADES 8–12

COMEDY CRASH COURSE

Melbourne International Comedy Festival

Comedy Crash Course gives students the opportunity to work with professional comedians, developing skills in comedy writing, improvisation and performance.

CURRICULUM LINKS:

Learning Areas: The Arts – Drama, English

Capabilities: Critical and Creative Thinking, Intercultural Capability, Personal and Social Capability.

$25 PER STUDENT

1–5 MAR

WORKSHOP



SECONDARY | GRADES 8–12

CLASS CLOWNS

Melbourne International Comedy Festival

Melbourne International Comedy Festival is on the hunt for Australia's next teen comedy sensation, and its national competition *Class Clowns* is back to inspire, engage and elevate teenagers aged 14-18, with heats held across the country.

CURRICULUM LINKS:

Learning Areas: The Arts – Drama, English

Capabilities: Personal and Social Capability, Ethical Capability, Critical and Creative Thinking Capability

FREE

WORKSHOP
4:00PM – 6:00PM
PERFORMANCE
7:00PM – 8:00PM
THU 11 MARCH

WORKSHOP & PERFORMANCE

TEACHERS

TEACHER PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT:

9:30AM - 4:00PM
WED 17 MAR

Cheeky Opera with Deborah Cheetham Fraillon AO

Learn vital tools for empowering students to learn through song, story, culture and performance.

Discover the Cheeky Opera model and learn how music and performance can become a powerful vehicle for teaching First Nations cultures, language and storytelling.

In this immersive professional development workshop, Deborah Cheetham Fraillon AO will share practical strategies for embedding First Nations perspectives into music and performing arts programs. Inspired by Go Home, Cheeky Animals, Cheeky Opera provides a framework for engaging students through singing, creative expression and collaborative performance while deepening their understanding of Aboriginal culture and ways of knowing.

Leave with practical classroom ideas, increased confidence and new approaches to creating culturally rich learning experiences through the arts.

CURRICULUM LINKS:

Learning areas: The Arts – Drama, Music & Visual Arts

Cross Curricular Priority Area: First Nations Cultures and Histories

$150 PER TEACHER



WORKSHOP

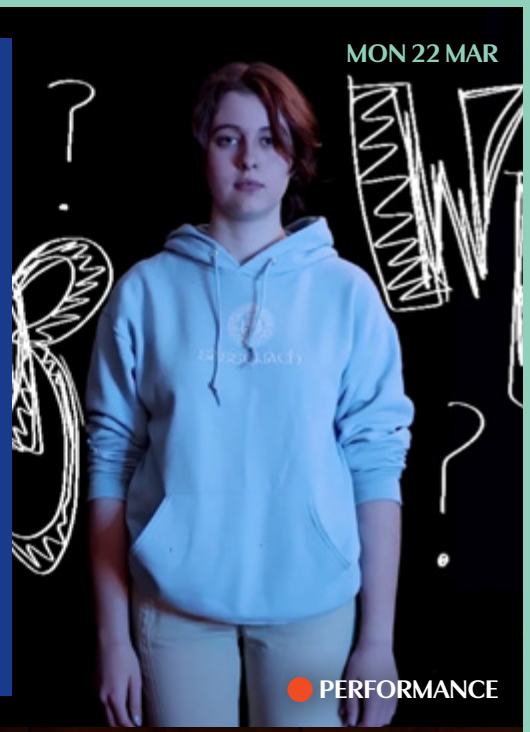
SECONDARY | YEARS 8–12

TOP SCREEN GEELONG: SCREENING AND MEET THE FILMMAKERS

The Victorian Curriculum and Assessment Authority (VCAA)

Enjoy the films of *Top Screen 2027*, followed by insights from the filmmakers of *Top Screen 2027* in conversation with a curriculum expert. Part of the *2027 VCE Season of Excellence.*

$45 PER STUDENT



MON 22 MAR

PERFORMANCE

SECONDARY | YEARS 8–12

TOP CLASS GEELONG

The Victorian Curriculum and Assessment Authority (VCAA)

Experience a selection of performances from VCE and VET Music, VCE and VET Dance, VCE Drama and VCE Theatre Studies. Part of the *2027 VCE Season of Excellence.*

$45 PER STUDENT



WED 5 MAY

PERFORMANCE

PRIMARY | GRADE 1–6

THE 13-STOREY TREEHOUSE

CDP Kids

Based on the beloved book by Andy Griffiths and Terry Denton, *The 13-Storey Treehouse* is a laugh-out-loud live stage adventure where wildly imaginative worlds come to life, complete with flying cats, sea monsters and monkey mayhem.

CURRICULUM LINKS:

Learning Areas: The Arts – Drama, English

Capabilities: Personal and Social Capability, Ethical Capability, Critical and Creative Thinking Capability.

$15 PER STUDENT



12:00PM
FRI 7 MAY

PERFORMANCE

SECONDARY | YEAR 9–12

TWENTY MILLION THOUSAND LEAGUES UNDER THE SEA

Pummel Squad

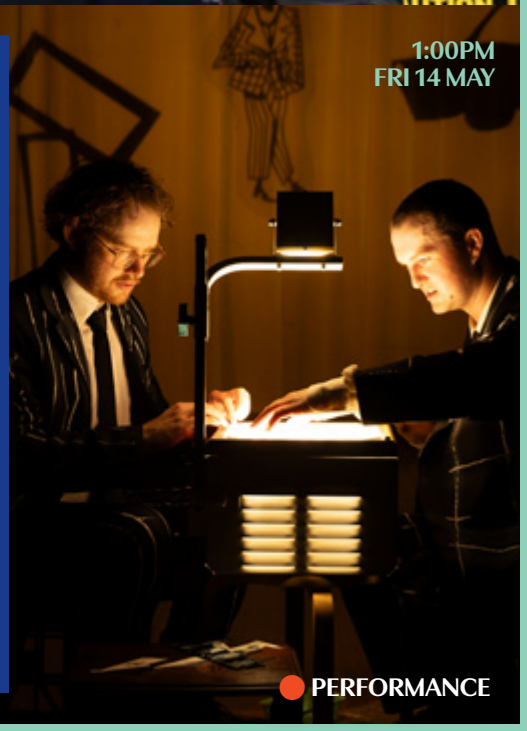
A cartoonish adventure on an overhead projector. Rasthomas Bulge is a used car salesman having a quiet crisis about his life, until he's catapulted into an impossible journey across time and space.

Told with light, paper, pipe cleaners and live illustration, this is a delightfully silly adventure celebrating imagination, and invention.

CURRICULUM LINKS:

VCE Playlist 2027 – Drama

$25 PER STUDENT



1:00PM
FRI 14 MAY

PERFORMANCE

SECONDARY | GRADES 9–12

NEVER ALWAYS EVER WAS

29 Scenes with Regional Arts Victoria

Two performers and live music bring to life Danny, a restless Belfast dreamer, and Julia, a Port Fairy conservationist, whose chance meeting on New Year's Eve 1989 echoes across generations. An intimate, hopeful story about what we inherit, what we leave behind, and home.

CURRICULUM LINKS:

VCE Playlist 2027 – Drama

$25 PER STUDENT



1:00PM
TUE 18 MAY

10:00AM
WED 19 MAY

PERFORMANCE

PRIMARY | GRADES PREP–6

FEATHERS

Terrapin

A heartfelt puppetry adventure for young audiences. Feathers is a lonesome ferret looking for his flock. Feathery-tailed and frustrated, he embarks on a quest for belonging that will take him to every corner of the country.

CURRICULUM LINKS:

Learning Areas: The Arts – Drama, Science

Capabilities: Personal and Social Capability, Ethical Capability, Critical and Creative Thinking Capability.

$12 PER STUDENT



10:00AM & 1:00PM
FRI 21 MAY

PERFORMANCE

TERM 2

PRIMARY & SECONDARY | YEAR 5 - 12

HERE, THERE & EVERYWHERE

Circus Oz

Circus Oz returns with *Here, There and Everywhere:* a fast, funny jumble of jaw-dropping acrobatics, live music and larrikin comedy. Perfect for school groups, this 60-minute show celebrates skill, silliness and teamwork.

CURRICULUM LINKS:

Learning Areas: The Arts - Drama

Capabilities: Critical and Creative Thinking

$25 PER STUDENT



1:00PM
FRI 25 JUN

PERFORMANCE



GRADUATIONS. AWARDS NIGHTS. END-OF-YEAR CONCERTS.

Got an event in mind? Let's chat.

1300 251 200
presenterservices@geelongartscentre.org.au
geelongartscentre.org.au

TERM 3

SECONDARY | YEAR 12 VCE

VCE DRAMA WORKSHOP

Presented in partnership with Drama Victoria

Set your students up for success in their VCE Drama performance exams. Led by a Drama Victoria teaching artist facilitator with assessing experience, this workshop guides students through performance and stage craft tasks for Unit 4 solos, building the skills and confidence to excel.

CURRICULUM LINKS:

VCE Unit 4 Drama

$45 PER STUDENT



9:30AM – 2:30PM
TUE 27 & WED 28 JUL

WORKSHOP

SECONDARY | YEAR 12 VCE

VCE THEATRE STUDIES WORKSHOP

Geelong Arts Centre Presents

Prepare your students for success in their VCE Theatre Studies performance exams.

Led by a Drama Victoria teaching artist facilitator with assessing experience, this workshop guides students through performance and stage craft tasks for Unit 4 solos, building the skills and confidence to excel.

CURRICULUM LINKS:

VCE Unit 4 Theatre Studies

$45 PER STUDENT



9:30AM – 2:30PM
THU 29 JUL

WORKSHOP

TERM 3

PRIMARY | KINDER–PREP

NGARREEMEELEE-NGITJ (TO DANCE TOGETHER)

Presented in partnership with Wathaurong Booln Booln Cultural Centre

Learn about Aboriginal culture, dance and ceremony from expert early learning educator and proud Wadawurrung/Wathaurong and Gunditjmara woman, Kristi Watts and her team.

CURRICULUM LINKS:

Cross Curricular priority area: Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Cultures and Histories

Learning Areas: The Arts – Drama, Dance

$12 PER STUDENT



WORKSHOPS ARE AVAILABLE THROUGHOUT AUGUST DEPENDING ON THE NEEDS OF YOUR SCHOOL.

WORKSHOP

PRIMARY | GRADES 3–6

EXPLORING CULTURE

Geelong Arts Centre, Geelong Gallery, Geelong Library Heritage Centre and Barwon Water

Take your students on an immersive journey through Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander culture as they explore First Nations culture across the Geelong Arts Precinct, learning directly from First Nations artists and cultural practitioners.

CURRICULUM LINKS:

Cross Curricular priority area: Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Cultures and Histories

Learning Areas: The Arts – Drama, Music, Dance, Visual Arts, English, Humanities – History

FREE



9:30AM – 2:30PM
TUE 19 OCT

WORKSHOP

TERM 4

PRIMARY | GRADES PREP–6

THE BOX SHOW

Junkyard Beats

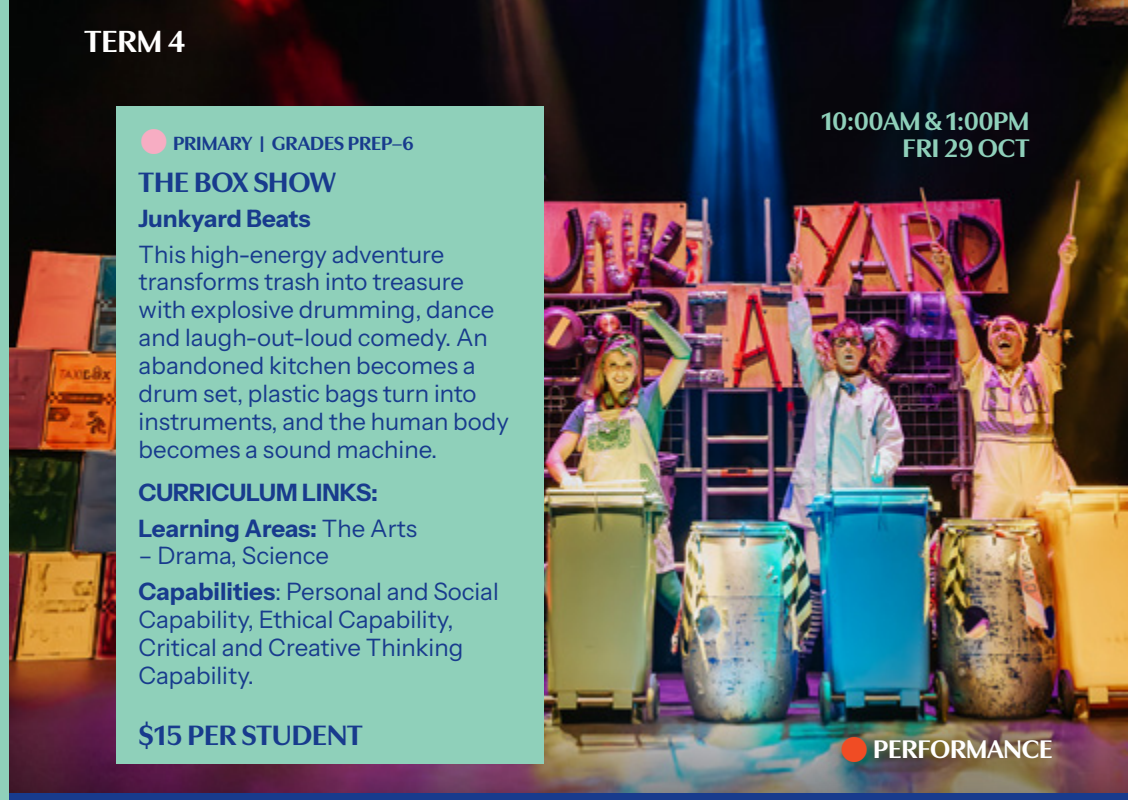
This high-energy adventure transforms trash into treasure with explosive drumming, dance and laugh-out-loud comedy. An abandoned kitchen becomes a drum set, plastic bags turn into instruments, and the human body becomes a sound machine.

CURRICULUM LINKS:

Learning Areas: The Arts – Drama, Science

Capabilities: Personal and Social Capability, Ethical Capability, Critical and Creative Thinking Capability.

$15 PER STUDENT



10:00AM & 1:00PM
FRI 29 OCT

PERFORMANCE

ARTISTRY ON-DEMAND | TERM 1, 2, 3 & 4

ALL YEAR LEVELS

ARTISTRY UNLEASHED: PUPPETRY WITH GEORGIE ROSE

Geelong Arts Centre

Bring Stories to Life Through Puppetry. From playful characters to imaginative worlds, this hands-on puppetry workshop invites students to explore the art of storytelling through creativity, performance and play.

CURRICULUM LINKS:

Learning Areas: The Arts – Drama, Theatre Studies

$450 PER WORKSHOP



WORKSHOPS ARE AVAILABLE UPON REQUEST
MON – FRI BETWEEN 9:30AM & 2:30PM

WORKSHOP

ALL YEAR LEVELS

VENUE TOURS FOR SCHOOLS

ON DEMAND
MON – WED DURING TERM,
BETWEEN 9:30AM & 2:30PM

Geelong Arts Centre

Step behind the curtain and uncover the inner workings of Australia's largest regional performing arts centre. From dressing rooms and fly towers to the backstage areas rarely seen by audiences, students will experience the magic that happens beyond the stage.

$50 PER CLASS GROUP







MON 13 – WED 15 SEP

ALL YEAR LEVELS

WONDER SCHOOLS SHOWCASE

Geelong Wonder Children's Festival

Put on your dancing shoes and warm up the marimbas, it's time for the 79th annual Wonder Schools Showcase! Register your music class, choir, dance group or other performing arts ensemble to take to The Play House stage, in this week-long, non-competitive celebration of creativity and talent across our region.

CURRICULUM LINKS:

Learning Areas: The Arts – Drama, Music, Dance

$5 PER STUDENT

TOURING PARTNERS

13 STOREY TREEHOUSE

TWENTY MILLION THOUSAND LEAGUES UNDER THE SEA

FEATHERS

This project has been assisted by the Australian Government through Creative Australia, its principal arts investment and advisory body.

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HERE THERE EVERYWHERE

CRASH COURSE

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EXPLORING CULTURE

SUPPORTERS

We achieve remarkable impact each year thanks to the support of our committed funding and philanthropic partners. We look forward to continuing to open doors to creative experience together into the future.

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