

New AbbSchool activities for Term 2 **Abbotsleigh girls**



SONGWRITING

Years 5-6 | Monday 3:30-5 pm | \$345

Roxanne and Stephen Kiely are musicians, music teachers, entertainers, award-winning songwriters and directors of ScoopFX Music.

Roxanne is a well-known vocal coach to stars such as Delta Goodrem, Bec Cartwright, Sarah Blasko, Hayley Warner (co-writer of the Katy Perry song *Never Really Over*) and Natalie Bassingthwaight. With more than 30 years of industry experience, Roxanne is a performer, vocal coach, songwriter, the president of Songsalive! Australia, and author of the *Busy Izzy* and *Friends* children's picture books and multi-media series.

Stephen is a multi-instrumentalist, songwriter, producer, performer, website designer, multi-media and digital creative director, and co-songwriter with Roxanne for the *Busy Izzy* and *Friends* series. He has written and produced film soundtracks, advertising jingles and songs covering genres as diverse as rock and country, through to swing and jazz.

Roxanne and Stephen will work with students on the following:

How to write catchy lyrics – hook lines – writing from a title – prosody – phrasing – choosing words that sing well – angles – concepts – chord progressions – styles and more.

Students will craft their original song over the ten weeks, then record it accompanied by Stephen on piano or guitar on a Zoom digital recorder for the students to keep.



CREATIVE WRITING FICTION WITH JOHN LARKIN

Years 5-6 | Wednesday 3:30-5 pm | \$345

John Larkin is the much-loved author of more than 25 published books for teens, adults and children. His books for young people include *The Shadow Girl*, *Growing Payne* and *Spaghetti Legs*. John has degrees in English Literature and Education, a Masters in Creative Writing and is the writer in residence at Knox Grammar School. His workshops allow students the opportunity to work in a supportive and encouraging environment

as they build a portfolio of original work. Students who are interested in the craft of writing will learn how to write a more sophisticated piece of work, along with receiving supportive feedback to help them develop and take more risks in their writing.



CLOWNING – THE ART OF BEING SILLY

Years 3-4 | Tuesday 3:30-4:30 pm | \$190

Students will learn comedic skills associated with clowns. They will embrace being 'silly' and identify what makes human beings laugh. Students will explore physical theatre, experiment with props and costume, devise group drama pieces for an audience and draw on aspects of Commedia dell'arte to create their own clown characters and scenarios.

Clowning is particularly challenging (and beneficial) for students whose cultures or upbringings value seriousness or where 'silliness' is frowned upon. This is also an important outlet for those girls who are 'class clowns' – they are given the opportunity to use and build on this skill in a structured environment.

It provides the opportunity for all students to loosen up, learn to laugh at themselves and others in a safe and friendly way, release themselves from fear of failure and enjoy themselves.



THEATRESPORTS

Year 6 | Wednesday 3:30-4:30 pm | \$190

Students will learn many of the Impro Australia Theatresports™ games including *Death in a Minute*, *Word at a Time Story*, *Gibberish*, *Human Puppets*, *Mime* and *Typewriter*, to name a few. Theatresports is fun, teaching valuable and essential skills for any student actor: from quick thinking, using the imagination, role play, improvisation, voice use, physicality with characters, movement, thinking outside the box, thinking on one's feet and more. Girls will form teams, learn the rules and have a friendly challenge of improvisation and Theatresports skills.

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CRIME WRITING FICTION WITH DARCY-LEE TINDALE

Years 8-11 | Tuesday 3:45-5:15 pm | \$305

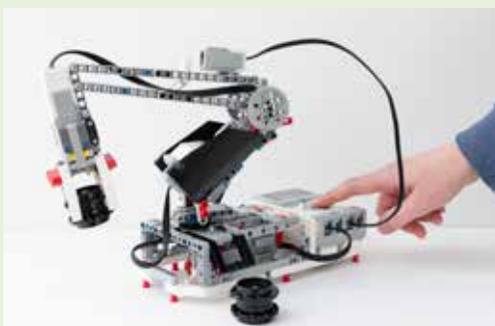
Darcy-Lee Tindale has written comedy for radio, stage, media personalities, comedians and theatre restaurants. Her plays, poems, articles and short stories have been published in the School Magazine, Celapene Press, Tincture, Clan Destine Press, ZineWest, Black & Blue Publications, Penguin Books, Bumples Magazine, Newcastle anthology, Stringybark Publications and Storm Cloud USA. Her children's books are published with McGraw Hill Education and her middle-grade reader Thumb Pickles and Other Cautionary Preserves is published with Woodslane Publishers.

Darcy's work has been nominated for and won many awards, including the Scarlett Stiletto, CBCA Frustrated Writers, Varuna Writers' House, Narda Lyn, Di Cranston National Literary Award, Monash University Undergraduate Prize, Stringybark, Newcastle Short Story Award, CA Broadribb Award, and the Writer Around the Murray Award. She

has been shortlisted three years running in the SD Harvey Short Story Australian Crime Writers Association Ned Kelly Awards.

Darcy's passion for crime writing will take students on the journey of writing a strong plot, fully rounded characters, a touch of red herrings, and twists and turns that all amount to a thrilling read of crime. Students will work on their story to polish and enter the Scarlett Stiletto Award in August, in the under 18 year old category.

The Scarlett Stiletto is a national award for short stories written by Australian women and featuring a strong female protagonist. Award winners who have gone on to have novels published include Cate Kennedy, Tara Moss, Annie Hauxwell, Angela Savage and **NEW!** Josephine Pennicott.



FIRST LEGO® LEAGUE ROBOTICS

Years 7-8 | Monday 3:30-5 pm | Free

FIRST LEGO® League (FLL) is an exciting, fun and engaging program involving designing, programming and competing with LEGO® EV3 robots.

It culminates in a competition in November where students have to program a robot, research and present a project, and show teamwork and core values. For more information, visit www.firstlegoleague.org



CONFIDENCE IN PUBLIC SPEAKING

Years 7-8 | Wednesday 3:45-4:45 pm | \$215

This workshop is ideal for students who are uncomfortable with public speaking. The aim is to build confidence in a supportive environment. Speaking in front of an audience can be a stressful and nerve-racking event, but understanding the key elements of a good speech and learning how to use those butterflies to your advantage are effective tools for life.

This course will look at the planning and preparation of a speech, content, tone and length, as well as knowing your audience, practising your speech, vocal variety and speech delivery, body language, posture and gesturing. Presentation and physical appearance,

eye contact and controlling your nerves will also be addressed. Students will develop confidence and have a better understanding of public speaking tools.



SOCCER SKILLS

Years K-1 | Friday 3-3:45 pm

Years 2-3 | Friday 3:45-4:30 pm | \$245

This program offers the unique experience of learning and developing soccer skills based on the philosophies and methodology of one of the most successful youth soccer programs in the world. Our Soccer Skills sessions are conducted by accredited coaches from the Barcelona Program, currently based at Abbotsleigh.

The program is packed with drills, skills and game-like concepts, along with conditioning and development. It will be fun while encouraging values such as effort, teamwork and respect.

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