Don’t miss Fish River Festival

Budding theatre directors

ALL Saints’ College year 12 drama students - Hannah Armstrong, Thomas Craft, Katie Horne, Roan van Heekeren and Annie Windsor have recently been studying both Alex Buzo’s Norm and David Williamson’s The Removalists as part of their study of ‘Dramatic Traditions in Australian Drama and Theatre’.

All Saints’ College teacher of drama, Mrs Zoe McGirr said that, historically, these two playwrights emerged out of the cultural theatre movement in Australia known as the ‘New Wave’ during the late 1960s and early 1970s.

“This period of Australian history is notable for a redefining of the Australian identity, which was characterised by social justice issues and protests, in response to the Vietnam War, the War’s Rights Movement, censorship and corruption,” she said.

“The era gave rise to a rejuvenation in Australian arts and theatre in particular. These senior drama students were tasked with choosing and directing their classmates in excerpts from the two ‘New Wave’ plays, which they presented in front of a live audience.

“In particular, the students had to utilise specific theatrical conventions in order to engage their audience with important themes about Australian identities, values, attitudes and cultural beliefs.”

All Saints’ College Head of Senior School, Mr Stewart Ross said the college was very proud of its drama students.

“These seniors showed amazing insight and an innovative use of theatre techniques,” he said.

“Working in creative collaboration with one another in exercises of this nature will prepare them for their HSC group performance preparations later in the HSC drama course.”

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Fish River Festival

The 3rd annual Fish River Festival at the historic O’Connell Hotel is on.

Come Sunday, December 13 the air will be alive with music. The line up includes firm favourites such as The Perthvillians, Safety of Life at Sea, folklords bluesy soul and the rocking Casey McFarlane, to list a few. All the musicians performing on the day do so free of charge in support of this community event which is free to attend.

Money raised on the day via gold coin donation for parking, raffle tickets and barbecue goes to the O’Connell Public School’s Performing Arts program.

What festival is complete without circus performers? This year Cirkus Surreal is adding colour and movement with its fabulous circus troupe who are gearing up for a sensational international tour.

So the countdown to the Fish River Festival is on, mark it in the diary! Always on the lookout for a way to make it bigger and better, the organising committee have realised the only thing they could do was extend the hours from 11am-6pm to the new improved time of 11am to 7pm. There was just too much fun to fit into the old time slot.

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