

2010 was another great year in the Performing Arts, from activities in the classroom and beyond the College.

For the previous eleven years, the College has participated in the Rock Eisteddfod Challenge. The Year 9 students participated as a single year level entry in the Premier Division, the Junior Team – Years 5 and 6, had competed for six years and the senior students had a team in their own division – RAW. This has been a very successful part of the Performing Arts program. During 2009 both the Senior and Junior teams had won their divisions in the State!

2010 did start with its dramas. During the second week of Term 1, we received a letter from the Rock Eisteddfod Foundation to let us know that due to a lack of funding, the Rock Eisteddfod Challenge would not be running. With this program imbedded into our school day, the news was quite devastating, especially to the Year 9 students who had been looking forward to this event for years. We were very fortunate that a Melbourne production company gave schools the opportunity to perform at a similar event. Both the Year 9 team, with their performance **I ♥ Melbourne** and the Senior Team, with their performance **Walk a Mile in my Shoes**, competed at the Comedy Theatre in September, in a competition called VicMoves. The Seniors won the event! With no J-Rock either, the Year 5/6 J-Rockers competed in Wakakirri, making the State Finals held at Melbourne Convention and Exhibition Centre. Their performance **Williams' Lady and the Bee** was an adaptation of Shakespeare's Romeo and Juliet.

Luckily, the rest of the year ran more to plan. The College musical **Seussical**, by Lynn Ahrens and Stephen Flaherty, was held at the Darebin Arts Centre. A cast of 75 students from Years 7 – 12 joined together to present this fantastical, magical, musical extravaganza. Another successful show in the College for 2010, was the Year 5/6 Musical **Alice in Wonderland**, book adapted and additional lyrics by David Simpatico, music adapted and arranged and additional music and lyrics by Bryan Louiselle, based on the 1951 Disney film. This performance was held at the Keilor Campus Sports and Performing Arts Building. The captive audiences were entertained by a cast of 80 youngsters.

