

PROUDLY PRESENTED BY THE WANNEROO SECONDARY COLLEGE  
SPECIALIST PERFORMING ARTS STUDENTS



# Seussical Jr.



A Musical by  
**LYNN AHRENS**  
and **STEPHEN FLAHERTY**  
Co-conceived by LYNN AHRENS,  
STEPHEN FLAHERTY and ERIC IDLE  
Based on the works of  
**DR. SEUSS**

**PROGRAM**



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A musical perfect for the whole family, Seussical JR takes us into the world of Dr. Seuss, where we revisit beloved characters including The Cat in the Hat, Horton the Elephant, Gertrude McFuzz, Lazy Mayzie, and JoJo. The Cat in the Hat guides us into The Jungle of Nool where we see Horton, the kind-hearted elephant who discovers a speck of dust containing Whoville. He meets JoJo, a Who child reprimanded for thinking too many “thinks.” Horton decides he must protect the speck of dust on a nearby clover, while at the same time protecting an abandoned egg left to his care by the lazy Mayzie la Bird. Horton tries to convince the other animals in The Jungle of the existence of the Whos, but he is ridiculed and put on trial for insanity. Only his loyal neighbor, Gertrude McFuzz, never loses faith in him and eventually, the two fall in love. Seussical JR weaves a story of friendship, loyalty, and love. Despite all odds, Horton and Gertrude band together to save the Whos, free Horton, and restore peace and unity to the Jungle of Nool. Seussical JR teaches us the power of being unique, and the importance of fighting for your beliefs.

**Music** by Stephen Flaherty

**Lyrics** by Lynn Ahrens

**Book** by Lynn Ahrens and Stephen Flaherty

**Co-Conceived** by Eric Idle

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*SEUSSICAL JR. is presented through special arrangement with Music Theatre International (MTI), which supplies all authorized performance materials*



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## CAST

Horton - Madison Gaff

Cat in the Hat - Declan Duggan

Jojo - Miss Mackay

Gertrude - Ava Page

Maizie - Leah Jerome

Mr Mayor - Alina Hussaini

Mrs Mayor - Sienna Christensen

Bird Girls - Luella Baum & Emma McCracken

Sour Kangaroo - Zoe Thompson & Chloe Norris

Vlad - Ruby Flatt

Yertle the Turtle - Chloe Williams

Wickersham Brothers - Mila Lewis & Gabriella & Zoe Butters

Wickersham Crew Members - Josie Walker & Amelia Elder

## Jungle Animals

Sophie

adele

Abbey Prebble

Jessica

Charlotte

Mia K

## Whos

Holly

Scarlett

Mia N

Daria

Amelia

Tatiana



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## CREW

Director - Mrs Piper

Choreographer - Miss MacKay

Lighting Operator - Georgia O'Brien (Yr 9) Evie Thickett (Year 10)

Mic Operator - Macey Ryniker (Year 10)

Music/Curtain Operator - Abigail Baldock (Year 10)

Scenic Projections Operator - Lacey Armstrong (Year 10)

Follow Spot Operator - Sienna Heintz (Yr 10)

**Stage manager** - Ellie McCracken (Yr 10)

### Backstage Crew

Annalise Cowpe (Yr 10)

Charlotte Fox (Yr 10)

Kendal Nicholls (Yr 8)

Aylah Schook (Yr 8)

Dwayne Superville (Yr 8)

### Front of House -

Natalia Wrigley (Yr 10)

Abigail King (Yr 10)

Rashmeet Bhambra (Yr 10)

Indianna Burgess (Yr 8)

Sienna Beale (Yr 8)

Olivia Warburton (Yr 8)



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## FROM THE DIRECTOR

Well, this has certainly been a journey... for everyone!

Firstly, I would like to say a huge, heartfelt thank you and congratulations to the entire cast for your persistence, dedication, and hard work throughout this process. It feels like this production has been part of our lives forever, yet you have continued to show up to every SPA class, rehearsal, weekend call, and after-school session with energy, enthusiasm, and commitment. Your passion and willingness to embrace the wonderful world of Seuss have made this production something truly special. Thank you for trusting the process and for giving so much of yourselves along the way.

Alysha Cheetham-Taylor

Thank you for your lighting expertise, unwavering support, and all-round fabulousness. Your willingness to jump in wherever needed has been invaluable.

Krystal Arapis

Thank you for your incredible artwork, set design, painting, and the endless stream of creative ideas that helped bring the world of Seussical to life. Your imagination and talent have added so much colour and magic to this production.

Mr Quinn

Thank you for your endless energy, lighting support, makeup artistry, elephant ear design and creation, your memorable role as the Kangaroo Joey, and for always being available as a sounding board for ideas, problems, rants, and last-minute solutions. Your positivity and solution-focused approach have helped keep everything moving forward, no matter what challenge appeared next.

Mr Bell

Thank you for approving the budget, supporting every creative idea, and allowing me to spend money in pursuit of bringing this show to life. I've never felt entirely comfortable spending other people's money—but I must admit, I enjoyed it more than I expected!

Thank you for trusting the vision and supporting the countless ideas that have transformed into what you see on stage today. Finally, thank you to everyone who has contributed their time, talents, encouragement, and support throughout this production. Theatre is never created by one person—it takes a community. This show is a reflection of every contribution, large and small, and I am incredibly grateful to have shared this journey with all of you.

Enjoy the show!

-Mrs Denise Piper-  
Director, Seussical Jr





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## SPECIAL THANKS

The Year 10 Team

A very special thank you to our incredible Year 10 team members. Quite simply, without you, there would be no show.

From lighting and sound to backstage support, scene changes, organisation, problem-solving, and all of the countless jobs that audiences never see, you have been the engine room of this production. It is often the tiny details, the last-minute fixes, the preparation, and the quiet work behind the scenes that make a performance run smoothly—and you have done all of that and more.

Your commitment, reliability, and willingness to step in whenever needed have been nothing short of amazing. You have supported the cast, the creative team, and each other with maturity, enthusiasm, and professionalism beyond your years.

You are fabulous, and I hope you know just how appreciated you are. This performance is possible because of the work you have put in behind the scenes.

Love you guys, and I cannot wait to repay the favour in bucketloads when it comes time for your forthcoming production. Consider this a promise—and perhaps a warning!

A super special thank you to Miss Mackay, who not only choreographed all of the dances and brought so much creativity, energy, and expertise to this production, but also stepped in at the very last minute to play JoJo.

Learning an entire role is no small feat. Learning the lines, songs, choreography, and blocking in such a short amount of time is extraordinary. Yet you took it all on without a sniffle, without batting an eyelid, and with the professionalism, positivity, and grace that we have all come to admire.

Your willingness to step in when we needed you most ensured that the show could go on, and for that we are incredibly grateful. Your dedication to our students and this production has been nothing short of amazing.

You are so appreciated, so valued, and so loved by all of us. Thank you for your endless support, your talent, your patience, and for giving so much of yourself to make Seussical Jr. the wonderful experience it has been.

Thank you, Miss Mackay, for absolutely everything.



## SPECIAL THANKS

A very special thank you to our Super Cupcake Heroes: Mr Lewis, the Hussaini Family, and the Johanssen Family.

I cannot even begin to tell you how many sleepless nights I spent worrying that I was going to have to make all of those cupcakes myself. The thought alone was enough to cause mild panic and a few dramatic "AHHHH!" moments!

Your generosity, kindness, and willingness to step in saved not only an enormous amount of time but also my sanity. The cupcakes were a wonderful addition to our production, and your support behind the scenes helped make the magic happen.

Thank you for taking one very large worry off my plate (and replacing it with cupcakes instead).

Your contribution is so greatly appreciated, and I am incredibly grateful for your help.

You are absolute legends!

Grace

A very special thank you to Grace, our incredible singing teacher, mentor, and cheerleader. Coming into the production when we needed support most, you brought not only your expertise and talent but

also an unwavering belief in our students. You helped them find confidence in their voices, encouraged them to take risks, and showed them that they were capable of achieving far more than they thought possible.

The growth we have seen in the students throughout this process has been remarkable. Their confidence, self-belief, and willingness to perform have improved tenfold, and that is a testament to your patience,

encouragement, and skill as a teacher.

Thank you for helping our students recognise their own potential and for giving them the tools and confidence

to shine on stage. Your impact has extended far beyond the music itself and will stay with them long after the final curtain falls.

We are incredibly grateful for everything you have done, and there is no doubt that we will be reaching out for

future productions. Your talent, expertise, and support have been invaluable, and we feel very lucky to have

had you as part of our Seussical Jr. family.

Thank you so very much.

Finally to all those reading this Program and coming to support the SPA program, we would not have a program if it were not for you, to all the SPA families, we see and appreciate all the support you give us.