



Just some of the 2800 students who will shine in Southern Stars 2014. Picture: CHRISTOPHER CHAN

# Chance to shine

THE biggest musical extravaganza in Southern NSW, Southern Stars, is back this year with the theme of #webelieve2014.

The show brings together about 2800 students from 92 schools and includes an inspiring and energetic mix of outstanding dancers, vocalists, musicians, actors and acrobats.

Most of all, the show highlights the unlimited talents and excellence in performance and creativity being nurtured in our public schools.

Just as academically gifted students and students with sporting talents are given ample opportunities to compete and excel, Southern Stars gives those with a leaning towards the creative arts the chance to shine.

Together this year, these students will create two hours of musical nirvana - a kaleidoscope of colour, sound and movement with mass dance numbers and intimate solos, taking patrons on a moving and joyful ride.

#webelieve2014 is about a child's

journey through to adulthood, believing in magic and fantasy in the early years, believing in themselves, and through education believing in a better world.

#webelieve2014 is an exploration of the development of our belief systems throughout life, the things we care about, and value as individuals, as a community, a global society and as humanity.

The show is divided into three segments and each investigates a different aspect of believing, starting with childhood then working through the turbulent teenage years through to adulthood. The segment on childhood is a beautiful and colourful exploration of themes such as magic, fairy tales, fantasy, Christmas, heroes and growing up. A highlight is a number from the musical *Matilda* entitled *When I Grow Up*, which is a delightful and joyful account of growing up as told through the eyes of young children.

The show then moves through the teenage years and takes a slightly darker turn as it explores themes such as rebellion, doubt and uncertainty.

#webelieve2014 concludes with a broader examination of the things we as people believe in including themes such as social justice, standing together and of course, love.

The end result is four outstanding performances, not to mention the skills gained, friendships made, and dreams created by students involved in the show.

Performances of Southern Stars #webelieve2014 will be held today at 10am (school's performance) and 7.30pm and two performances tomorrow at 2pm and 7.30pm.

Tickets are available for Friday night, Saturday matinee and Saturday night through Ticketmaster ([www.ticketmaster.com](http://www.ticketmaster.com)) and are priced at \$48 (adult), \$38 (pensioner and student over 12), \$27 (student/child under 12) and \$140 (family pass).

For more information and the latest updates on the Southern Stars go to <http://www.southernarts.det.nsw.edu.au/drama> and <https://www.facebook.com/www.southernarts.nsw.edu.au>

## Belief pays off for stars

THE things we believe in shape us and our world from our earliest memories and throughout our lives.

Southern Stars' #webelieve2014 explores all that we believe in - the things we cherish, defend and hold dear within our hearts.

#webelieve2014 is a two-hour musical and theatrical exploration of our belief systems, the things we care about and value as individuals, as a community, a global society, and as humanity.

To bring you the show this year, many people had to believe. Really believe.

Despite challenging economic times, the management committee at Southern Stars believed that we could put on a show in 2014.

We believe that our public school children deserve to participate in the Southern Stars experience.

We believe the performing arts are as important as participating in sports, or attaining top academic achievement.

We believe our students have a right to experience the camaraderie, the development of new skills, and the sheer exhilaration of participating in a Southern Stars show.

We believe in our schools who support Southern Stars students by fundraising for costumes, supplying relief staff at no cost, and selling tickets for our Friday matinee show.

Most importantly we believe in our teachers who recognise that education is more than what happens in the classroom and as a result give so freely of their own time so their students can learn about teamwork, commitment and excellence through Southern Stars.

We believe in our volunteers who give hours, days and weeks of their precious time so that the show goes on.

We believe in the commitment of parents who spend hours driving around dropping off and picking up their children and others during show week without complaint.

We believe in the continued support of our sponsors, many of whom have stuck with us and supported us from the first show back in 2001.

If you are reading this and have already bought tickets for one of the four great #webelieve2014 performances, then you believe too. Thank you for your support and your belief in our young students and their

ability to put on the biggest and best musical production in the Illawarra, South Coast, Southern Sydney areas.

We believe you will delight in #webelieve2014.

We believe you will love it!



**BARNEY ELLEVSEN**  
Executive producer  
Southern Stars  
#webelieve2014

## #webelieve in Albion Park High School



**Have a wonderful show!**