

Excellence on show at UCSSC

UNIVERSITY of Canberra Senior Secondary College (UCSSC) Lake Ginninderra specialises in the education of Year 11 and 12 students.

The college is located centrally in Canberra on the shores of Lake Ginninderra, situated near the facilities of the University of Canberra, Australian Institute of Sport, Australian National University and the CSIRO.

Students are drawn from high schools in the ACT and surrounding region, the Australian Institute of Sport (national scholarship athletes), international private students and overseas exchange students.

The college continues at the forefront of innovation with a pioneering and nationally significant partnership with the University of Canberra. This partnership strengthens teaching and learning initiatives at the college and allows the institutions to share resources, strategies, research and practice.

Students are able to co-enrol at the university and gain access to the library, online academic publications as well as faculty facilities, resources and equipment. Students are also able to access university courses through an accelerated academic program. Whether students intend to enter university in Australia or internationally, participate in technical and industry training, take a gap year or begin work, the college and its partners are dedicated to helping each student develop and achieve their goals.

The college provides a modern and well-resourced learning environment, offering students more than 70 courses of recognised study. Student pathways are tailored towards achievement in traditional subject areas but are complemented by a diverse



Talented: The cast and crew of UCSSC Lake Ginninderra's performance of *The Wedding Singer*.

range of other curriculum options and further opportunities for extension and enrichment.

A standout aspect of the UCSSC Lake Ginninderra curriculum is its drama program, which has developed a culture of theatre performance excellence through annual musicals.

Musicals are a major focus for the college's music and drama program, and involve students with a wide variety of talents. Performing, production and technical skills are developed in a professional setting in front of large audiences.

The college's 2012 production

of *The Wedding Singer* was brought to life through a series of performances on August 1 – 4.

Bright sets, flashing lights, mullet wigs and spectacular costumes were out in full force as UCSSC Lake Ginninderra celebrated all things 1980s in their performance of the modern musical.

Current students, alumni, staff and community members all helped to bring the production to life and the school would like to extend congratulations to all involved.

Six months of preparation has seen students progress their

acting, singing, instrumental, dancing, and technical skills to build a cohesive team of performers.

Leads Henry Paul and Natasha Nauenburg were outstanding in this romantic comedy, portraying their characters with confidence; they were complemented by fantastic character performances from a number of cast members and the enthusiastic ensemble, with many students taking on roles ranging from Cyndi Lauper and Tina Turner to the bewigged and mullet-wearing wedding singer band.

Strong performances from current and alumni musicians made this a show to remember.

UCSSC Lake Ginninderra's musical program has developed over recent years.

Beginning with a performance

of *Little Shop of Horrors*, the students have progressed to such shows as the light-hearted *The Wiz*, and the dramatic *Jekyll and Hyde*.

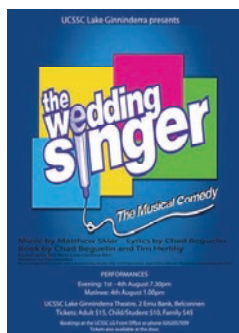
Musical productions are open to any student in the school, and many of the cast and crew successfully combine high-level studies in English, maths or science with the fun and challenge of performing in the show.

The college is looking forward to next year's production, and the chance for its students to have a fantastic time while showcasing their talent to the Canberra community.

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UC Senior Secondary College Lake Ginninderra wishes to congratulate the cast, crew and directors of the college's latest hit musical production of 'The Wedding Singer' for their dedication and professionalism.



Acceptable in the 80s: Cast members Natasha Nauenburg (left) and Emma Fish.

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