

Stage Band 2004

Performances

8 th May	Stage Band Concert	Hudson Room Brighton Secondary
15 th May	Generations in Jazz	Helpmann Theatre Mt. Gambier
31 st August	26 th Annual Band Night	Gymnasium Brighton Secondary
5 th September	Royal South Street Competition	Ballarat
17 th September	Cabaret	Spence Hall Brighton Secondary
16 th October	Senior School Concert	Elder Hall University of Adelaide

The band in 2004 was very consistent musically, with strong players in all sections. The majority of players were in Yr 11, and there were 2 Yr 9 students in the band. As has been the case for the last 6 years, the early focus was on optimum preparation for the National Stage Band Awards, an event drawing 50 of the nation's best stage bands from around Australia. We were one of the 10 bands entered in Division 1, and our preparation was good. We were playing a challenging repertoire, the ensemble was tight and the solo's excellent. The shoulder injury to the band's conductor Mr. Griffin the day before the contest is history now, but it must be said that this robbed the band of some direction and control, essential particularly for 'Caravan'. The band was quite devastated that we had performed well below our best, and as a result finished 6th, although in itself very commendable –the 2nd best-placed S.A school band. In hindsight though, circumstances such as these are an opportunity to learn some of life's bigger lessons.

Another highlight of the year was the trip to Ballarat to compete against some of the best Melbourne bands. Despite an excellent performance, and the hope and confidence of a place we missed out. Nevertheless it was great to mix it with the best Victorian bands, and meet students from other schools.

Michael Griffin

Repertoire

Caravan	arr Michael Abene
Struttin' with Some Barbecue	arr James Morrison
Rachael	Sammy Nestico
Spain	arr Victor Lopez

Here's that Rainy Day
Don't get around much anymore
Well you Needn't
It's only a paper moon
Moanin'
Blue Skies
Sidewinder

arr Dee Barton
arr Mark Taylor
arr Mark Taylor
arr Jerry Nowak
arr Sy Johnson
arr Mark Taylor
arr Mark Taylor