

# The Recipe of Us...



We proudly acknowledge the Bunurong people of the eastern Kulin Nation and the First Nations communities in the City of Casey and their rich culture.

Stories, song and dance have been shared on these lands for thousands of generations. As we share our stories here we honour and pay our respects to the first storytellers of this Country.

The VCA Pathways Program has been supported by The Victorian College of the Arts (VCA) at the University of Melbourne in partnership with Casey City Council.



## The Recipe of Us...

A sprinkle of our lives

A touch of love

A cup of creativity

The young people of the VCA Pathways Program have been given the stage and the opportunity to tell whatever stories they like; however they like. Come and explore the minds of our future creatives.

Program

Exhibition 12 pm

**Mia Dragic**

**Ilija Ercole**

**Ruby Krake**

**Arlo Hitchman**

**Acknowledgment of Country and  
collective drawing installations  
by VCA pathways participants**

Performance 1 pm

**Arlo Hitchman**

**Coby Jenkins**

**Hayley De Vries**

**Lily Hosking**

**Farhad Haidari**

**Mitchell Whyte and Coby Jenkins**

**Melissa Capogreco**

**Isabelle Macasero**

**Leona Twist**

**Xavier Phillips**

Please note, some of our artists are presenting work which deals with mental health issues and references self-harm. Our intention is not to offend but to educate and illuminate.

# Mia Dragic



What ingredients have you added to 'The Recipe of Us'?

A sprinkle of heartache and sorrow  
A touch of romance  
A cup of poetry

How would you describe what creativity means to you?

Creativity is the beautiful form of freedom.

Describe your showcase piece?

The tragedy of my love written in poems.



# Ilja Ercole



What ingredients have you added to 'The Recipe of Us'?

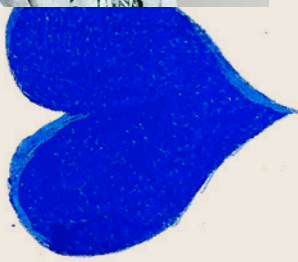
A sprinkle of quirkiness  
A touch of ordinary  
A cup of madness

How would you describe what creativity means to you?

What creativity means to me is to be bold, curious and batty.

Describe your showcase piece?

A deep dive into my mind and what it means to self analyse.



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# Ruby Krake



What ingredients have you added to 'The Recipe of Us'?

A sprinkle of classic literature

A touch of a modern twist

A cup of laughter

How would you describe what creativity means to you?

Creativity is adding your own sparkle to an idea, or bringing one of yours into the world.

Describe your showcase piece?

A montage of lines from the stage adaptation of *Animal Farm* by George Orwell.



# Arlo Hitchman



What ingredients have you added to 'The Recipe of Us'?

A sprinkle of art

A touch of song

A cup of outside of the box



How would you describe what creativity means to you?

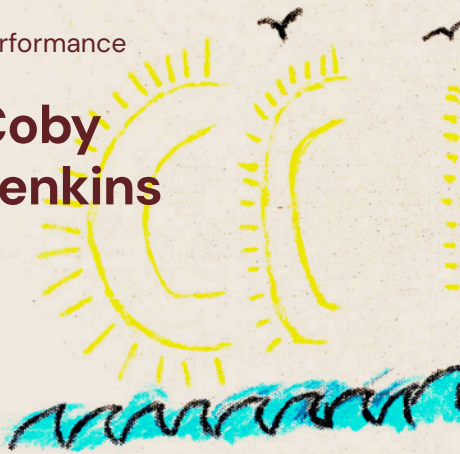
To me, creativity means imaginatively improving yourself and your world.

Describe your showcase piece?

A series of artworks with matching songs – one done live!



# Coby Jenkins



What ingredients have you added to 'The Recipe of Us'?

- A sprinkle of comedy
- A touch of love
- A cup of passion

How would you describe what creativity means to you?

Being yourself and finding that passion within your heart.

Describe your showcase piece?

Finding yourself within life's chaos.



# Hayley De Vries



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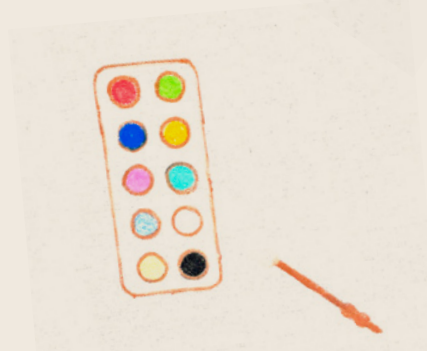
- A sprinkle of positivity
- A touch of singing
- A cup of encouragement

How would you describe what creativity means to you?

It means anything in my imagination can be possible.

Describe your showcase piece?

Heartfelt, warming song that you can shed a tear to.



# Lily Hosking



What ingredients have you added to 'The Recipe of Us'?

A sprinkle of creativity

A touch of acting

A cup of eagerness to learn

How would you describe what creativity means to you?

To make an imagined idea into something others can experience.

Describe your showcase piece?

A monologue about a breakup, through a rollercoaster of subtle emotions.



Elder of Twins"  
March 1st

# Farhad Haidari



Farhad

What ingredients have you added to 'The Recipe of Us'?

A sprinkle of hope  
A touch of storytelling  
A cup of challenges

How would you describe what creativity means to you?

My imagination taking over to create something meaningful and crazy.

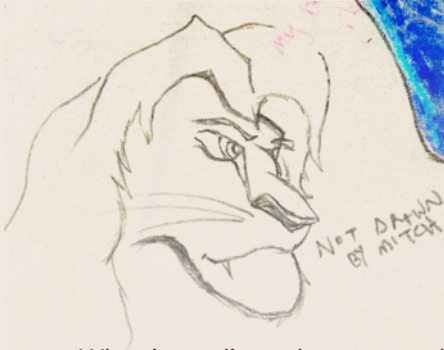
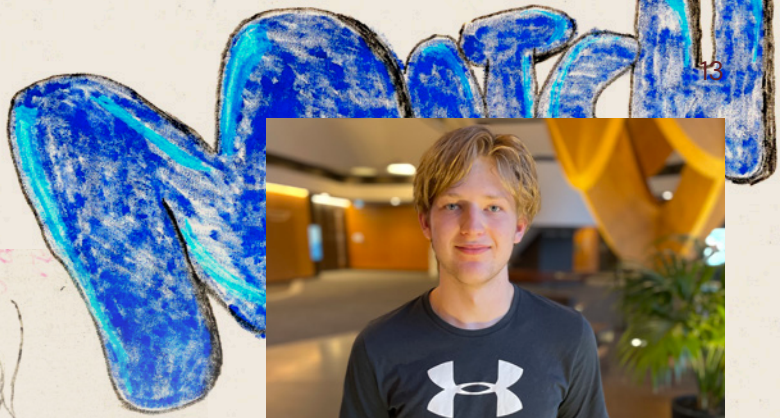
Describe your showcase piece?

Recovering through music and dance.



Performance

# Mitchell Whyte



What ingredients have you added to 'The Recipe of Us'?

- A sprinkle of self
- A touch of teamwork
- A cup of charisma



How would you describe what creativity means to you?

Creativity is what I hold most dear to my heart. Without it, life becomes bland and uninteresting.

Describe your showcase piece?

My showcase piece is a short play where two astronauts find themselves trapped in space, helplessly watching on as humanity destroys itself.

# Melissa Capogreco



What ingredients have you added to 'The Recipe of Us'?

A sprinkle of life  
A touch of perfection  
A cup of dreams

How would you describe what creativity means to you?

Letting my imagination take over creating a beautiful meaningful performance.

Describe your showcase piece?

Determination to achieve a dream, be perfect and overthink everything.

# Isabelle Macasero



What ingredients have you added to 'The Recipe of Us'?

A sprinkle of love  
A touch of imagination  
And a cup of All That Jazz

How would you describe what creativity means to you?

Creativity is how I express my soul with the world.

Describe your showcase piece?

Chicago's vaudevillian performance showcasing a catchy, jazzy and rhythmic tune.

# Leona Twist



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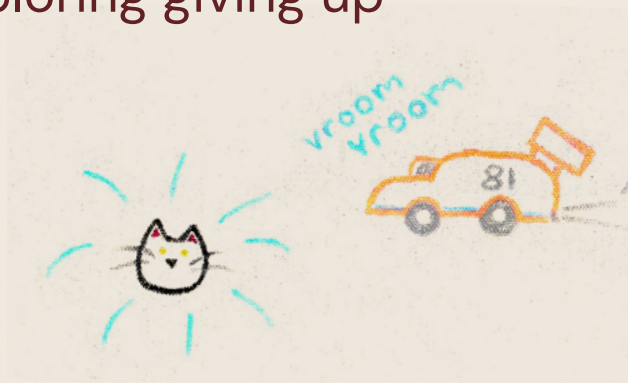
- A sprinkle of dancing
- A touch of vulnerability
- A cup of acting

How would you describe what creativity means to you?

Giving our minds freedom to do weird and wonderful things.

Describe your showcase piece?

A monologue exploring giving up on a dream.





# Xavier Phillips



What ingredients have you added to 'The Recipe of Us'?

A sprinkle of singing  
A touch of piano  
A cup of musical theatre

How would you describe what creativity means to you?

Creativity is a way to express ourselves externally as we are internally.

Describe your showcase piece?

Performance of an original song, written about a queer romance.

# Thank You

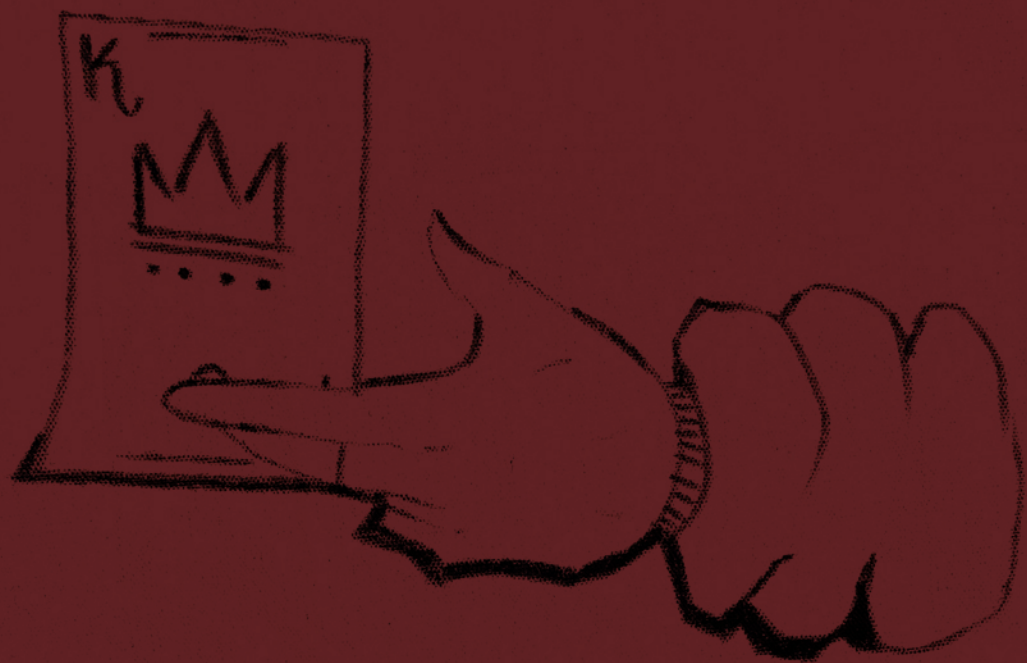


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