



Monday, November 8, 2021.

## **Merimbula's Got Talent – 2021 Talent Quest Cancellation**

Dear Parents, Grandparents, Caregivers and Students,

2021 has again been another challenging year for performers and artists world-wide. This has been the same for our talented creative students, when it comes to having had limited opportunities to rehearse and perform. Despite this, we continued to pivot and adjust our planning to ensure maximum participation in and access to the arts where permitted.

With Graduations and Presentations being permitted after December 3, we were hoping that our Talent Quest would be able to go ahead too, even if only within smaller cohorts. Unfortunately, updated restrictions will not permit this.

Updated Restrictions state that *"From 8 November, all schools will operate on updated Level 3 settings for the remainder of Term 4"*.

### **Term 4 COVID Safe restrictions from today, until the year's end, include:**

- *"Dancing will be allowed indoors and outdoors in class cohorts.*
- *Bands, ensembles, music classes and music tuition will be allowed within cohorts and only for instruments that do not rely on breath, as these pose a higher transmission risk.*
- *Masks must be worn if playing instruments indoors. Masks are not required if playing instruments outdoors. Physical distancing must be maintained at all times.*
- *Singing, chanting, group repetition and choirs are not permitted (except for HSC preparation and assessment purposes).*
- *School performances, productions and concerts are not permitted".*

These recent updates were shared at 5pm on Friday, November 5. As a result, we are not permitted to host a Talent Quest performance or concert.

We hope that as restrictions ease within the community, we will be able to host our Talent Quest again in 2022.

Regards,

Michelle Hulme  
Principal