



TOWNSVILLE CIVIC THEATRE  
JUNE 13\*14\*15  
KIRWAN STATE HIGH SCHOOL

## PRINCIPAL'S NOTE

Kirwan High continues its tradition of outstanding musical entertainment with this year's production of *Disco Inferno*. Last year's performance of *All Shook Up* was so enthusiastically received. I hope this year's production with its lively singing and dancing will be just as successful.

When Murray Hill started this tradition with *O What a Lovely War* in 1984 he would only have dreamed that twenty-five musicals later Kirwan High would have established such an outstanding record and provided so much entertainment to the Townsville community.

And of course Andrew Higgins has played a key role in sixteen of them. He heads a huge team of talented, hard working people who have committed themselves to producing Kirwan High excellence at the Civic Theatre.

Thousands of hours of work have gone into this production. The talent, creativity and hard work have been rewarded by a fantastic show.

Every student will contribute their piece of magic. You will all be well entertained and we will be proud.

Best wishes and good luck for a great show!

**John Livingston**  
Executive Principal

## DIRECTORS' NOTE

Have you ever heard the saying, "Be careful what you wish for"? The meaning of this saying is truly revealed for our main character, Jack, as he dreams of a life of fame and fortune. Set in the 1970s disco era you better be prepared to 'Burn Baby Burn' in *Disco Inferno*.

The process began in late February when auditions were called for all interested Kirwan High students to demonstrate their acting, dancing and singing skills in order to impress the production team in the race for lead roles. There were a vast number of students who brought exciting energy and passion to the stage. After careful deliberation, the lead actors and understudies were chosen for the main characters of the musical.

The production team then went to work every Sunday choreographing dances and rehearsing the songs from the psychedelic 70's. The cast has put in a tireless effort these last few months and we are very proud to call this a Kirwan High musical.

### The Directing Team





## SYNOPSIS

It's the summer of 1976. Outside the weather is as hot as the fashion and passion are on the dance floor and Jack is about to celebrate a 21st birthday he'll never forget.

Working late in a dance club, "Disco Inferno", Jack meets Lady Marmalade - the devil's right hand lady. Dreaming of becoming successful, he makes a pact with her, trading his soul to fulfil his wildest fantasies. Sounds like an ideal bargain? Think again.

He becomes an instant international success (even making an appearance on "Countdown" with Molly Meldrum). However, he soon learns that success can be hollow. Jack has gained fame and fortune but begins to lose his girlfriend Jane.

If only he could turn back time and make one more trade - trading all he has for something far more important... Love.

## PAST PRODUCTIONS

1984	<i>O What A Lovely War</i>	2000	<i>Viva Mexico</i>
1985	<i>Oliver</i>	2001	<i>Pirates of Penzance</i>
1986	<i>West Side Story</i>	2002	<i>Back to the 80s!</i>
1987	<i>The Boyfriend</i>	2003	<i>Annie</i>
1988	<i>King and I</i>	2004	<i>Grease</i>
1989	<i>Oklahoma</i>	2005	<i>Oliver</i>
1990	<i>Evita</i>	2006	<i>Disco Inferno</i>
1991	<i>Puttin' on the Ritz</i>	2007	<i>Joseph and the Amazing Technicolour Dreamcoat</i>
1992	<i>Joseph and the Amazing Technicolour Dreamcoat</i>	2008	<i>The Sound of Music</i>
1994	<i>Bugsy Malone</i>	2009	<i>Grease</i>
1997	<i>Oliver</i>	2010	<i>Pirates of Penzance</i>
1998	<i>Dazzle</i>	2011	<i>Back to the 80s</i>
1999	<i>Wizard of Oz</i>	2012	<i>All Shook Up</i>





**Zac Parkes – Jack**

Zac is a talented Year 11 student who has a long performance history in musical theatre. Zac believes that the school musical is one of the best experiences you can have, and he holds the musicals very close to his heart. Zac hopes to make a career out of performing. He hopes you enjoy the show and he wants to thank his two sisters for flying home to see him perform.

**Michelle Liu – Jane**

This is Michelle's fourth time performing as a lead role in a Kirwan High musical. Not only is Michelle one of our Year 12 school captains, she is also heavily involved in our music programs. Her talent is recognized state wide, as she has been a recruit at auspicious events such as Creative Generation and MOST. She hopes you enjoy the show and boogie your hearts out!

**Emma McDougall – Kathy**

Having performed in the past four Kirwan High musicals, Emma believes that the musical is the best part of the school year. In Year 12, Emma is also very busy with her commitments to our school's instrumental and voice programs. Emma says that she hopes you enjoy the show and wants to say thank you to the cast, crew and staff for their wonderful efforts in making her last Kirwan High show so amazing.

**Matao Atutahi – Lady Marmalade**

Matao, In Year 12, has always loved performing and has been involved in musicals and rock mime shows for a number of years. Matao loves the fact that through performing she becomes a totally different person, and can entertain and bring audiences a fun experience. She hopes you enjoy the show as she believes it has been the best musical experience she has ever had.

**Aydin Hammond – Nick Diablo**

Year 12 student Aydin Hammond has performed in several musicals, both on stage and in the musical pit. He is a talented trumpet player, and has also been playing guitar and studying singing for the last 3 years. Aydin says that the musical is one of the best times of the year, and he hopes you enjoy this exciting flashback to the 70s.

**Ashley Gregori – Maggie**

Year 12 student and school Vice Captain Ashley has been in Kirwan High musicals since Year 8. Her involvement in our school's music program is extensive, and she believes that the musical is a key highlight of the school year. Ashley says "Disco Inferno" is going to be a great show and hopes it brings back memories for people who were young in the 70s! She hopes you laugh and have a good time.

**Brandon Arthur – Heathcliffe**

Brandon has been playing music for as long as he can remember. A new recruit to musical theatre, he says he is now hooked! Brandon, in Year 12, has really enjoyed the atmosphere of musical rehearsals and meeting so many great people. He thinks you will love the talent of the students in this show, and believes it will truly be a highlight of the school's 2013 calendar.





# PRINCIPALS



**Jaydn Pay – Tom**  
Jaydn is in Year 12 and got the musical bug after performing in the local community production of “Happy Days”. Jaydn thinks that “Disco Inferno” is amazing due to the great songs and dance routines. He’d like to thank everybody for putting in their all to make this a fabulous experience for all involved, and the audience too!



**Marcus Foreman – Duke**  
In Year 12, this is Marcus’ first show for Kirwan High, well, first show at all for that matter. He has found it to be a really awesome experience, although it has been a real challenge for him to overcome his shy nature. Marcus is usually found on the sporting field as a Kirwan High Bear and he has a particular passion for Rugby League. He hopes the audience can appreciate the huge effort put into this performance and that you find it entertaining... #toodeadly



**Rachel Pritchard – young Jane**  
Year 8 student Rachel takes to the stage in her first high school musical. She has previously performed as the narrator in Kirwan SS’s “Aladdin”. Rachel has found the Kirwan High musical experience to be lots of fun, and she has enjoyed acting like a different person. She hopes you get up and dance to the 70s tunes.



**Shannon Perkins – young Maggie**  
Shannon joins the Kirwan High musical cast in this her first high school musical. She was inspired after seeing “All Shook Up” last year. A Year 11 student, Shannon has really enjoyed working with her friends to help create a fantastic “Disco Inferno” for you the audience to enjoy. She says you won’t be disappointed!



**Sam Taylor – young Tom**  
Previously being a lead role in Kirwan SS’s production of “Cinderella”, Year 8 student Sam treads the boards this year in his first high school musical. Sam has enjoyed being a part of such a large production and has relished the chance to bring out the ‘inner actor’ in him. He says “Disco Inferno” is funny, devious, stylish and exciting and it will be an experience of a lifetime to watch!



**Jack Gleeson – young Terry**  
Jack’s decision to audition for “Disco Inferno” has paid off as he won a lead role in his first ever musical experience. Jack, in Year 8, is really excited to be performing for you all and can’t wait to get to the Civic Theatre to perform on the stage. He thinks “Disco Inferno” is both funny and exciting for you to watch.



**Gabriel Williams – young Jack**  
Year 9 student Gabriel sings in our school choir, but this is his first role in a school musical. He has really enjoyed the fact that the musical cast is full of so many friendly people, and he has found the rehearsal process lots of fun. Gabriel says you will be sure to love the show, as you will be able to see all of the hard work he and the rest of the cast have put in.



## Character

Heathcliffe  
Lady Marmalade  
Duke  
Young Terry  
Maggie  
Terry  
Nick Diablo  
Jane  
Kathy  
Molly Meldrum  
Jack  
Tom  
Young Maggie  
Young Tom  
Young Jack  
Young Jane

## Leads

Brandon Arthur  
Matao Atutahi  
Marcus Foreman  
Jack Gleeson  
Ashley Gregori  
Daniel Hales  
Aydin Hammond  
Michelle Liu  
Emma McDougall  
Bradley Moore  
Zac Parkes  
Jaydn Pay  
Shannon Perkins  
Samuel Taylor  
Gabe Williams  
Rachel Pritchard

## Understudies

Letitia Cummins  
Mitchell Nicholson  
Tristan Brooker  
Ainsley Sloman

## Travoltas

Taylor Andrews  
Jackson Arthy  
Ainslie Berghoef  
Lauren Carvolth  
Letitia Cummins  
Kyron Day  
Bianca Folbigg  
Shannon Gillard  
Rory Hawkins  
Jaimi- Rose Huggan

Savanah Hulet  
Rebecca Hutchinson  
Alex Lynam  
Daniella Mario  
Stephanie Mee  
Brayden Miller  
Bradley Moore  
Hannah Royle  
Grace Royle  
Aira Salvador  
Keliena Seaton  
Callan Smith  
Nina Barnes  
Jordie Zahner







### Jacksons

Miriam Agita  
Sally Althaus  
Tristan Brooker  
Jessie Bowyer  
Alex Ryan  
Kayley Broad  
Keren Bunungam  
Danielle Chappel  
Ashleigh Clancy  
Melissa Fazel  
Acacia Fell  
Ashley Fielding  
Michaela Grant  
Aydin Hammond  
Brianna Martin  
Shaye McArthur

Shane Murphy  
Mitchell Nicholson  
Brooke Pearce  
Shannon Perkins  
Zoe Reck  
Alex Roberts  
Scott Simmons  
Ainsley Sloman  
Connor Smith  
Toni Spencer  
Eloise Thompson  
Taylor Travers-Jones  
Mitchell Vaughan  
Caitlin Wall  
Camryn Warmington  
Tegan Wilken  
Wolfram Mayr

### Bee Gees

Sean Bateson  
Jack Camp  
Kiara Clay  
Ashley Fien  
Jack Gleeson  
Katie Gowans  
Acacia Griffiths  
Bianca Hall  
Katie Hoffman  
Jan Huettmann  
Reanna Jones  
Lauren Kellie  
Alex McDougall  
Mariah Oxenburgh  
Mackenzie Parsons  
Hanna Perkins

Rachel Pritchard  
Stephanie Reid  
Yvonne Roda  
Courtney Searston  
Nicole Sheehan  
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Imogen Tate  
Sam Taylor  
Ashleigh Tenuyl  
Rhiana Vaughn  
Gabe Williams  
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Julia Smith





# BEHIND THE SCENES

**Producer**

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Julie-Ann Scull

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Suellen Johns

**Assistant Vocal Director**

Malcolm Hume

**Musical Director**

Dale Hosking

**Saxophone**

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Marissa Bonnell

Ashleigh Porter

**Flute**

Kia Orro

Carra Barry

Sarah Robertshaw

**Trombone**

Brett Northeast

**Keyboard**

Malcolm Hume

Nancy Nicholson

**Guitar**

Paddy Higgins

Deklan Howden

**Bass**

Brad Quantrill

**Drums**

Paul Neilson

**Percussion**

James Gilbert

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Kate Hennelly

**Set Painting**

Kate Hennelly

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Julie-Ann Scull

Shannon Irons

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Sandy Marsh

Eli Thaiday

Ev Aguilera

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Townsville Choral Society

Bob Marsh

Rick Stevens

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Caitlin Brown

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Caitlin Brown

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**Please enjoy the show!**

**See you next year.**