

Teachers on the beat

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SPECIALIST music teachers from across the Sandhurst Diocese gathered in Shepparton on Monday, February 21, for an Arts Network Day.

Teachers participated in workshops with a3-Australian Arts Alive, a branch of the Australian School of Performing Arts for a day of song, dance and drama!

Sandhurst teachers have been working with a3 tutors for the past two years after a partnership between Catholic Education Sandhurst and the Australian School of Performing Arts was established in 2009.

The focus of the program is to enable specialist music teachers to come together and share their knowledge and expertise whilst learning new ways to enhance music and

dramatic programs in their own school settings.

The Festival of the Sacred was created in 2009 as part of the collaboration between Catholic Education Sandhurst and a3-Australian Arts Alive, since its inception the specialist music teachers have played an integral part in ensuring the festivals success.

The festival involves over 800 grades five and six students from Catholic schools in each deanery who come together after weeks of workshops with a3 tutors.

Sandhurst teachers are involved in preparing students for the performance and have participated in conducting and introductory roles during the festival.

The program for the 2011 Festival of the Sacred was introduced during the Arts Network Day and teachers were invited to have input into developing the program further. Ms

Jenni Heinrich from St Peter's Primary School, North Bendigo said the workshops enabled teachers to start preparing for the festival.

"The importance of the Arts Network Day is twofold; it's a wonderful opportunity to connect with other specialist music teachers in the diocese and a chance to find out what's ahead in this year's festival program," said Jenni.

Teachers travelled from as far as Kerang and Wodonga to take part in the program which involved physical and vocal warm ups, conducting, festival repertoire as well as dance routines and games.

The high energy of the tutors was matched equally by the Sandhurst teachers who seemed, at least on this occasion, more than happy to be students for the day!



Specialist music teachers from the Sandhurst Diocese learn dance moves which students will perform at the 2011 Festival of the Sacred.



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