

REDFOOT YOUTH THEATRE  
PRESENTS

# KICKER THOMPSON

WITH SPECIAL PERFORMANCES  
FROM THE  
BRINE HOUSE BAND  
AND THE  
SENIOR BOARDERS' BAND

**SATURDAY 13 MAY, 6PM**  
John Inverarity Music & Drama Centre



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St Mary's  
ANGLICAN GIRLS' SCHOOL



# FROM THE DIRECTOR

*Kicker Thompson*, the stage play, was originally written and mounted in 2018 and was created to fulfil a need for a drama project designed specifically for boarding students. On entry to boarding, students often have a great deal of sporting experience but less experience with the dramatic arts. They can therefore understandably be reticent to participate in school theatre productions which are consequently primarily made up of day students. It was felt that creating a play specifically for boarders and about boarders would go some way to redressing that imbalance.

*Kicker Thompson* is about football, the wheatbelt and anxiety. It reflects the joy and sense of belonging that country living can bring and also considers the mental health issues wrought by both rural isolation and displacement.

This year, a cast of largely inexperienced but enthusiastic Year 7 and Year 8 boarding students from Hale School and St Mary's embraced the country mindset of 'giving it a good go' and auditioned for the 2023 touring production.

After 8 weeks of rehearsal, our performers take to the stage tonight in the Hale Auditorium for a special performance which kicks off National Boarding Week and celebrates Mother's Day. We are also pleased to have performances by the magnificent Brine House and Senior Boarders bands tonight.

Next week we take to the road and travel to Narrogin and Beverley to perform *Kicker Thompson* for and with our connected rural communities. A local footy legend and a 'Young Kicker' from each town will join us on stage for these performances and a community gathering will be held after each event.

No production of this nature can ever happen without the creative and logistical support of a huge team behind the scenes. Thank you to all the boarding, technical, creative and events teams for your wonderful input.

I would also like to make special mention of Christopher Ryan, a Year 9 day-boy who is our Lighting and Sound Technician who is accompanying us on tour.

I have thoroughly enjoyed working on this challenging work with such a committed and enthusiastic young group of women and men from St Mary's (my old school!) and Hale School and would like to thank them all most sincerely.

Please join us after the show to connect with and congratulate these young actors who have worked as a team to create a beautiful, meaningful and timely piece of theatre.

**JULIA JAREL**  
Director / Writer



## CAST

LUKIS BAGLEY  
SHANARA BOROVINA  
NICHOLAS BREHENY  
CRUIZ CAMPBELL  
ALYSSA CANNON  
TOM CLAYTON  
HANJO FERREIRA  
HARRY HAWKSLEY  
JADE HELLIWELL  
JAKE KIRCHNER  
HAMISH MCGUIRE  
TIA MUDGE  
ELIZA MURDOCH  
RUBY PIGRAM  
MIA RAMM  
PEYTON ROSE  
JACK SCOTT  
TARQUIN STANLEY  
ALBY STANTON  
JETT WALKER  
RHYS WARR  
AMELIA WRIGHT

**ALSO FEATURING**  
HARRISON HAY, Yr 1...LITTLE KICKER  
MR ANDREW RICH...BLUEY PHILLIPS

### WITH GUEST PERFORMERS BRINE HOUSE BAND

LUKIS BAGLEY  
WEST BELLOTTI  
CRUIZ CAMPBELL  
SAM CULLEN  
BOSTON PETCHELL  
HENRY RIGGALL

### SENIOR BOARDERS' BAND

ADAM JESPERSEN  
JACK JOHNSON  
ELIJAH JOSE  
RYAN OBST  
JORDAN PETCHELL  
SHAUN ROBINSON  
CADEN WARD

**UNDER THE DIRECTION OF**  
DAN MIJAT

**CHRISTOPHER RYAN**  
LIGHTING & SOUND TECHNICIAN





**REDFOOT  
PRODUCTION TEAM**

SU-LYN CHONG

MARCO GODI

JULIA JAREL

KINGSLEY MATHESON

HOLLY SANSALONE

ELETHEA SARTORELLI

BEN HARRIS

**BOARDING HOUSE**

**TOURING TEAM**

KELLIE DOUGLAS

JULIE GARNETT

PAULA SANTOS

TJ STEENEKAMP

EMMA TAYLOR

Redfoot Youth Theatre with the  
Performing and Creative Arts  
Department  
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All of our  
Hale School colleagues;

All staff for our female cast  
members from  
St Mary's Anglican Girls' School; and

All parents and guardians of our  
Kicker Thompson company.

We thank you all for your support  
and contributions to this production.

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