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Hartley School of Performing Arts

Stage Make-Up

With our productions, we request that all of our performers have a **basic make-up that can be applied at home by parents (or the students themselves if they wish to begin the learning process).** **The students are then sent along with their kit (Or parts of it) for touch ups.** This includes boys who can begin with just some blush, eyeshadow and eyebrow pencil to define their features.

Here is a guide for what you could have in your basic kit:

Basic Stage Make-up Kit:

- Foundation in a matching skin tone.
- Translucent/fixing powder & large brush applicator
- Brown or beige eye-shadow
- Warm brown, apricot or peach blusher
- Bright Lip-colour to suit skin tone - for boys stick to soft browns.
- Black or brown Mascara and eye-liner.
- At least 2 make-up brushes - medium shadow brush for eyes & contour etc. (Used dry)
- Large brush for translucent powder and blush. (Used dry)
- Hairspray or other product to control hair and maintain styles.
- Plain coloured hair ties & bobby pins etc. for long hair to be pulled back. This applies to boys also, if you have any length in your hair at all and/or need to wear a hat or wig.
- Baby wipes to remove and adjust make-up. – esp. for quick changes!! (Huggies fragrance free are great)
- Safety pins in case you need them on your costume or to secure costumes to leotard straps etc.
- A case to contain all of these items. *May I suggest plastic fishing tackle boxes make a cheap and handy stage-make-up carry-case.*

Do not share your make-up (especially, lipstick, mascara and eyeliner), with other cast members.

For hygiene reasons this year we will not be providing any basic make-up or group specialty make up.

Students will all wear their own make up with costume accessories and head gear etc to define character rather than the shared specialty make up we would usually use. ***Certain classes may provide special touches to suit their characters as listed below here.***

Special character makeup to be used in addition to your basic make up.

Dryads, Nymphs and Sprites – Green eyeshadow and green eyeshadow as cheek contour.

Junior & upper Junior Glee – silver eyeshadow just under the eyebrow and/or silver glitter on cheeks.

Nightmare dancers and Brethren – super black eyeshadow both on eyelids as well as under eyes. Black lipstick or lip liner (you can just use eyebrow pencil here)

Santa's helpers, Elves, Int Glee & Junior & Int. Tap – red rosy cheek circles.

Mon, Wed & Thurs Int Drama – gold eyeshadow on cheekbones for mini lions.

All Junior & Upper Junior Drama and Junior Hip Hop – black or brown eye pencil nose and whiskers as required for your good animal face.

Hench wolves – Charcoal eyeshadow as contour on cheeks, very dark black eyeliner around eyes and eyebrows. Black nose and whiskers

Please note – if you have several changes you may simply remain in regular stage make-up throughout if the changes are too difficult to manage.

Everyone else just wear regular stage makeup please.

Leading Specialty characters:

HSPA provides make-up, for selected specialty characters. This will be available at rehearsals from Sunday 27th Sept onwards and our make-up people will apply this.

Our specialty make-up is all high quality stage make-up from Minifies Make Up specialists online, and suits most sensitive skins.

For those of you who wish to carry on in the theatre, a good basic kit with a few fun colours or hi-lights will always serve you well. You can purchase these anywhere you like, but if you want to check out

<https://minifies.co.nz/> you will see a great range of amazing stage make up.

Here are a couple of lovely tutorials on basic stage make up. Have a watch if you will be doing your kid's make up before they arrive at the theatre. Have them watch it also if they want to try it themselves. Don't be too hung up on the number of different brushes or the specific make up brands, just use it as a guide.

Females: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HGF6dJ0H4Go&feature=share>

Males: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MqbHpl3C6qo&t=10s>

Makeup and Dressing Room Helpers Meeting:

If you would like to know more about what make-up to use or would like to help out with students applying their make-up in the show, then please be in Dressing Room One behind the stage at **6-7pm Wednesday 23rd Sept** as we will have a **Q&A and demonstration meeting** for helpers, students and parents alike.

Thanks, Dale