



# NEWSLETTER

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**The ASCA Newsletter**

**January - March, 2022**

**Keeping you up to date, and in the loop, with ASCA goings on.**

Congratulations to all ASCA members on a very successful 2021.  
Welcome to new members Alissa Warren and Rebecca Lee Bates.

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**Membership reminder: *the membership fees are the same as 2021***

Just a reminder for anyone yet to send their 2022 membership form and fees - they are now overdue. The forms were sent out last year and need to be completed, particularly if your details have changed from 2021.

The membership forms can also be downloaded from the website.

**Membership annual fees are:**

|                              |      |
|------------------------------|------|
| Student Associate Membership | \$20 |
| Individual Membership        | \$40 |
| Corporate Membership         | \$50 |

Please be advised that Corporate Membership fees will increase in 2023

Please make cheques payable to ASCA and send with completed form to Mrs Susanne Harrison, ASCA Membership Secretary, PO Box 322, Manly, NSW 1655. Please also include a stamped addressed envelope for your receipt.

Membership can also be paid by Direct debit. ASCA BSB 222906 Account 00131200. *Please identify exam date and school/teacher on the description on bank deposit. Eg Smith Dec 28*

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**The ASCA Annual General Meeting was held on zoom** on 5 February 2022 and the following members were elected:

**Office Bearers**

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| President                                    | Sandra Carter    |
| Vice- President                              | Jillian Burgess  |
| Secretary                                    | Paul March       |
| Treasurer                                    | Carolyn McKenzie |
| Assistant Secretary/<br>Membership Secretary | Susanne Harrison |

**Committee**

|                        |                  |
|------------------------|------------------|
| Minutes Secretary      | Jillian Burgess  |
| Newsletter Editor      | Susanne Harrison |
| Publicity Officer      | Samantha Luck    |
| Social Secretary       | Elizabeth Walsh  |
| QLD Co-ordinator       | Anita Eldridge   |
| Victorian Co-ordinator | Robyn Schiller   |

**Ordinary Committee Members** –Therese Bennetts, Andrea Crawford, Jill Tucker, Jacqui Field, Rachel Hennessy, Tahlia Morrissey.

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**A Reminder of Syllabus changes made in February 2020.**

**Please add the following changes to your Syllabuses:**

**Dip Comm Communication through Performance**

**Section 2** Add “or the candidate is to introduce and present two contrasting pieces as for an audition – prose, poetry or drama since 1950 to the present. (Time 7 minutes)”

**Junior Grade 2 Communication**

**Section 4** Add “The chosen book must be different from the book chosen for the book review”

**Dip Comm Written**

Radio and TV media is from the point of view of the interviewee.

## Senior Grade 1 Communication

Section 3 Add “or a lyric or a narrative poem.”

### Cert Comm

*Welcome / Acknowledgement of Country*

### The ASCA Awards Ceremony 2022

The ASCA Awards Ceremony has been cancelled again this year due to Covid. Instead of having the usual ceremony in Sydney, we are encouraging individual schools and studios to present certificates and medals within their own context.

In past years we have had some schools holding their own presentation ceremonies. These have been very successful for several reasons - all awardees have been able to be present and the occasion has been excellent in promoting ASCA within the school context.

Nomination forms have already been sent out and certificate and medals are being prepared. If you did not send in your nominations, it is assumed that awards are not needed.

**ASCA is pleased to announce the following Awards based on 2021 Examinations:**

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| <b>National Scholarship Award for Excellence:</b> | <b>Maeve Cox</b> – Manly NSW                          |
| <b>Director’s Awards for Excellence:</b>          | <b>Kayleigh Li</b> – Ravenswood School for Girls, NSW |
|   | <b>Aidan Annis-Wade</b> – Ipswich, QLD                |

Congratulations to these students, who achieved almost perfect results in their exams

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### **Important Information for Teachers about Examination Entries**

A reminder that Examination entries (complete with fees) must reach ASCA at least 6 weeks before the proposed examinations.

Please note that the **Examination fees remain the same as 2021**

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### **Important dates for ASCA Examinations**

If an ASCA teacher has at least 3 hours of Examinations, an ASCA Examiner can be appointed to attend the teacher's school or studio. Examinations will also be available via Zoom.

If fewer than 3 hours of examining, exam candidates can be examined at the **Open Days. There are 2 Open days each year.**

**Examination Venue: Ravenswood School for Girls, Henry Street, Gordon.**

**Examination Dates:**

**Saturday 25 June 2022      Practical Examinations and Written Examinations**

*Entries must be received by ASCA on or before 14<sup>th</sup>  
May 2022 (6 weeks prior to the Open Day)*

**Saturday 3 Dec 2022      Practical Examinations and Written Examinations**

*Entries must be received by ASCA on or before 22<sup>nd</sup>  
October 2022 (6 weeks prior to the Open Day)*

## **More Important Information about Diplomas**

### **Diploma of Communication**

*Teachers are to send Dr March a copy of when Diploma students have passed both the written and the practical section of the Diploma along with the dates and result of the pre-requisite grades. The name of the examiner, the venue and the teacher's name must be added.*

Teachers are reminded that it is essential to keep a copy of the Diploma reports both Practical and Written. Future employers may ask for the reports as well as the Certificate.

Teachers are also reminded to **send the full legal name of student** for the *Certificate of Communication* and *Diploma of Communications* and the *Diploma of ASCA*, as well as our other Diplomas!

A replacement Certificate of Communication or Diploma charge is \$100. A replacement Grade Certificate charge is \$35.

**\*\*\*Special note for the Written Papers**

Could teachers please include a copy of the **Paper** as well as an **Examination Result Form** with student's names when sending in Written Papers.

Also, could students be reminded to **clearly** print their name on their Paper.

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**Information for teachers on the new way (since 2020) to receive Examination report forms:** *Teachers are asked to pre- order their Examination report forms for the entire year as soon as possible.*

***The order form is on the following page below for you to print out, complete, and submit.***

**ASCA EXAMINATION REPORT FORM ORDER 2022**

| <b>COMMUNICATION SYLLABUS AND DIPLOMAS</b> |              |
|--|--------------|
| <b>Grade</b>                               | <b>Total</b> |
| Junior Grades J Pre to J 4                 |              |
| J G C C                                    |              |
| Senior Grades 1 to 4                       |              |
| S 5  |              |
| S 6  |              |
| S 7  |              |
| S 8  |              |
| S G C C                                    |              |
| Progress C                                 |              |
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| C O C                                      |              |
| C C C                                      |              |
| S C A                                      |              |
| Intro P C                                  |              |
| J P C                                      |              |
| Inter P C                                  |              |
| S P C                                      |              |
| Cert Comm                                  |              |
| Dip Comm                                   |              |
| Dip ASCA                                   |              |
| M T Dip                                    |              |
| Dip Perf                                   |              |

| <b>PERFORMANCE SYLLABUS</b> |              |
|-----------------------------|--------------|
| <b>Grade</b>                | <b>Total</b> |
| I J P D Pre to I J P D 4    |              |
| J G D Pre to J G D 4        |              |
| I S P D 1 to I S P D 8      |              |
| S G P D                     |              |

| <b>MUSICAL THEATRE SYLLABUS</b> |              |
|---------------------------------|--------------|
| <b>Grade</b>                    | <b>Total</b> |
| M T J Pre to M T J 4            |              |
| M T S 1 to M T S 8              |              |

Please send to    **Name**            .....

**Address**            .....

**State**                 ..... **Post Code** .....

**Date**                 .....

Return to [exams.asca@gmail.com](mailto:exams.asca@gmail.com) or PO Box 4570 North Rocks NSW 2151



## ***Check List for ASCA Exam days – for Teachers or Organisers***

- Arrange the exam room with a table and chair for the examiner and chairs for audience members. (Chairs should be spaced 1.5m apart in line with The Department of Health’s COVID-19 guidelines)
- Make-up some signs for the entrance and around the room to remind audience members to:  
“BE QUIET. EXAMS IN PROGRESS”  
“PLACE PHONES ON SILENT”  
“NO PHOTOS OR VIDEOS”
- Have a bottle of water, glass and tissues on the examiner’s table. Make sure there is ample light for the examiner.
- Ensure that 2 copies of the **Examination Results Form** are on the examiner’s desk with candidates’ names (neatly printed or written) in order of their exams.
- Ensure you or your students’ have neatly completed their details on the **Examiner’s Report Form** prior to their exams so they are ready to be handed to the examiner or in order, on the examiner’s table.
- Have spare copies of your student’s memorised selections on hand in case they forget them on the day!
- Schedule a break for the examiner every 2 hours – a morning and afternoon break should be approximately 15 minutes so that the examiner has time for a light refreshment and bathroom break.
- Schedule a 45-minute lunch break for the examiner – please ensure you provide a simple lunch and check with the examiner beforehand if there are any dietary requirements.
- Students and audience members should not be in the room whilst the examiner is having lunch.
- Remember to introduce the examiner to the audience, reminding them that there are strictly NO photos or videos to be taken during the exams, and to turn their phones to silent

ENJOY!

Sandra Carter recommends the follow website:

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*write-out-loud.com*

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The website contains lots of valuable information about writing speeches and presenting speeches. It is composed by an experienced teacher called Susan Dugdale.

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There is an ebook, written by Susan Dugdale , called “ **Public Speaking Games** “ available for purchase for \$27.95 from the website.

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There is also a detailed section on using **Cue Cards/Palm Cards** which many students could find useful. Cue cards can be found under Preparation on Susan Dugdales’s homepage.

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“The greatest danger for most of us is not that our aim is too high and we miss it. It’s that we aim too low and reach it.” Michelangelo.

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### Queries

If you have any queries about ASCA, the syllabus or examinations, please contact us by email, or write and they will be handed to the committee for an answer.

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