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Roseville Drama presents 'Small Poppies'

22 Roseville College Year 11 Drama students will present David Holman's 'Small Poppies' play in the College's Drama Studio from 12-14 August.

After months of rehearsals, Year 11 Drama students are preparing for Opening Night of 'Small Poppies', a tale about a young boy's first day of school written, in 1986.

Roseville's Head of Drama, Ms Kelly Young, said the girls journeyed from 'page to stage' after studying the play for their HSC preliminary course in Drama.

"The girls are doing very well directing the play and its ensemble, as well as fulfilling its various production roles such as costume, set and lighting design," she says. "Excitingly, with over a dozen roles, Holman's play also provides students with the opportunity to perform."

'Small Poppies' cleverly interweaves serious themes of friendship, cultural differences and bullying with engaging and humorous scenes about the first day of Kindergarten. Holman's lovable characters include 5 year old Clint, who faces the challenges of his best friend moving and a troublesome class bully, and Cambodian refugee Lep, who has lost his mother and now encounters racial challenges such as language, appearance and culture.

"In their acting roles, it is wonderful to see how deeply my students have grasped both humorous and serious sides of their young characters' experiences. The audience will share the struggles these Kindergarten children face as they learn to accept themselves and each other," Ms Young says.

'Small Poppies' opens at Roseville College on Wednesday 12 August in the Drama Studio at 7pm. Tickets are currently on sale to families and their guests via the school.

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Photographs: Year 11 Drama students Grace Farrell (left) and Zoe Kouros (right) recruit the help of Roseville Kindergarten girls in creating an appropriately themed set for "Small Poppies".



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