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TICKETS NOW ON SALE FOR MAC MUSICAL 'LEGALLY BLONDE JR.'

Te Kura o Tititea Mount Aspiring College students will have Wānaka thinking pink when they present their production of 'Legally Blonde JR.' opening Thursday 16 May at the Lake Wānaka Centre.

Directed by MAC Drama teacher Lisa Clough, the musical is a fun, comedic show that follows Elle Wood's journey from Malibu party girl to 'serious' Harvard law graduate, while not compromising who she is and what she stands for.

Lisa said it was exciting for the cast and crew to have an opportunity to showcase their learning to the wider community.

"This musical brings together 87 akonga (students) from across the school and it is magic seeing them working collaboratively towards a common goal.

"It's a privilege to witness these young people growing and flourishing while courageously performing in a way they may not have done before.

"This show is one of many co-curricular learning experiences we offer to help students develop skills they can use in the performing arts and also in life. This production is funny, fast-paced and poignant, and our akonga are doing a superb job of bringing it to life for the stage."

Year 13 student Suki Leigh who plays Paulette in the production said performing in 'Legally Blonde JR.' was an amazing experience that had pushed her out of her comfort zone.

"I feel so grateful for the opportunity to work on a project that brings together so many areas of the arts, and so many different people. I can't wait to be able to share it with the rest of the community."

Year 8 student Alice Chaly who plays Sabrina said she was looking forward to the live performances.

"I can't wait to be on stage with my friends and see all our hard work come together when we perform in front of a live audience."

Fellow cast member Year 8 student Ford Mills who plays Grandmaster Chad said he loved the mood of the rehearsals.

"It's been great to meet new people and get tips from the experts and I can't wait to feel the buzz of being on stage at the Lake Wānaka Centre."

MAC will present 'Legally Blonde JR.' from Thursday 16 May to Saturday 18 May at 7.30pm at the Lake Wānaka Centre and at a matinee performance on Saturday at 2.30pm. Tickets are \$30 per adult, \$15 per student, and a family ticket (2 adults and 2 children) is \$80. Tickets are on sale at: <https://www.eventfinda.co.nz>.

MAC's production of 'Legally Blonde JR.' (book by Heather Hach, music and lyrics by Laurence O'Keefe and Nell Benjamin) is generously sponsored by Fyfe Karamaena Law.

'Legally Blonde JR.' is based on the book by Amanda Brown and the hit Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer motion picture starring Reese Witherspoon.

More information: Please contact producer Emily McRae at: mcraee@mtaspiring.school.nz

Images provided

Cast members: salon gals *(includes Alice Chaly who is quoted in the media release)*

Back Row L to R: Niamh Groenen (15), Kaitlyn Tooley(15), Emma Head(14), Camilla Foskett(12), Merryn Foster(13)

Middle L to R: Anoushka Brahmin(15), Ivy Craig(13), Sophie Hawkins(14), Mia Gemmell(14), Lottie King(14), Alice Chaly(12)

Front Row L to R: Charlotte Sheppard(13), Maxene Ursua(15), Gemma Cragg(12)

Cast members: frat boys *(includes Ford Mills quoted in media release)*

Back L to R: Lottie King (14) Phoebe Unwin (14) Camilla Foskett (12) Kaitlyn Tooley (15) Mia Tooley (12) Jordan Joachim (14)

Front: Ford Mills (12)

Cast member: Paulette *(Suzi Leigh is quoted in the media release)*

Suki Leigh (17)