

# WAKAKIRRI

**Does your school have a story to tell? The search is on!**

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## **Wakakirri in Victoria continues to grow thanks to Government Support**

Wakakirri is happy to announce that Victorian Coalition Government will be providing \$200,000 towards the Wakakirri Secondary School Challenge for the next two years.

Minister for Youth Affairs Ryan Smith said *"It's important that students in Victoria with a passion for the performing arts have an outlet and by investing in Wakakirri we are ensuring young people can showcase their talents."*

The Wakakirri Secondary School Challenge is the search for the best Story Dance created by an Australian Secondary School.

The Wakakirri Secondary School Challenge was created in 2013 after the Rock Eisteddfod Challenge was cancelled. Festival Director Adam Loxley said; *"Its been fantastic to see so many schools coming back. The new format is working really well and we are seeing some amazing productions. I think the next two years are going to be something special"*

Each year schools in Victoria create Story Dances to perform in Professional Theatres for audiences of family, friends and the official National Panel searching for 'Story of the Year'.

The Wakakirri Secondary School Challenge is an opportunity for students to explore career pathways in performing and creative arts, design, and event management. At the beginning of the rehearsal process, representatives from every participating school attend ['Industry Day' workshops](#) run by Industry Professionals where students learn what it takes to produce a professional event.

Wakakirri Festival Director Adam Loxley said; " Two years of funding from the Victorian State Government creates an amazing opportunity for *young Victorians to participate in a unique creative and performing arts initiative. We are grateful Minister Ryan Smith has a passion for the arts and education"*