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Stars align for Ipswich's aspiring actors, producers

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ACTING UP: Patrick Dwyer, an instructor for the Australian School of Performing Arts, Film and Television to be established in Ipswich with Ipswich Grammar School drama captain John Massey.

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IPSWICH'S up-and-coming actors and producers will soon be able to pursue their passion in their own backyard.

The Australian School of Performing Arts, Film and Television is expanding its operations into the city as a result of a large number of requests from students who have been through the school since it was established in 2009.

Over the past four years, the school has expanded from its humble beginnings in Brisbane, to now include nine different centres spread across south-east Queensland.

Co-founding director Renata Einhaus said the decision to set up classes at the Ipswich Grammar School was an easy one.

"It was clearly evident that there was a demand in the community for a new approach to kids' acting classes," Ms Einhaus said.

"We thought we should take the plunge, and it turned out to be good timing because our acting tutor, Patrick Dwyer, was joining us and he is an Ipswich guy."

Mr Dwyer, a former St Edmund's College student and USQ bachelor of creative arts graduate, will be taking the Actor Training course every Wednesday from 5-5pm at IGS from the beginning of Term 4.

The class can accommodate 15 students and will aim to cater to individual aspirations.

"I have discovered that I really enjoy training young people - there weren't many opportunities like this when I was younger," he said.

"I am excited to see what Ipswich kids can bring."

Ms Einhaus said the classes were suited to young people aged 7-17 years.

Each term goes for 10 weeks, although many students return to do repeat terms.

The Ipswich acting course will cover topics including: ability to interact and react, verbal dynamics, projection, stage presence, confidence, articulation, ability to shape the scene, ability to create character, ability to work 'in the moment'.

Classes from across the region unite for a public performance at QPAC at the end of each year.

For information on how to enrol, visit aspafv.com.au or phone 1300 FILM TV (1800 345 688).

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