



COMPANY STATEMENT

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BELL SHAKESPEARE WELCOMES RENEWED AUSTRALIAN GOVERNMENT FUNDING TO SUPPORT EDUCATION PROGRAM

Bell Shakespeare has welcomed the recent announcement by the Australian Government of continued funding of its national education program, with \$1.5 million being committed over the next four years.

Gill Perkins, Bell Shakespeare's Executive Director, said that the company was thrilled to receive the Government's continued support for its wide-ranging education programs, which include live performances, professional development opportunities for teachers, and digital resources to support classroom learning.

"The cost of reaching schools across the country continues to grow, and government support is crucial for us to maintain this live experience connection. We are committed to ensuring that we reach and support students and teachers across Australia, particularly those whose geographic location isolates them from opportunities and training available to their metropolitan peers," she said.

Joanna Erskine, Bell Shakespeare's Head of Education, said that Australian teachers need support now more than ever before.

"Our education programs empower students and upskill teachers by providing live performances, workshops, training, scholarships, innovative resources, and specialist artists to deliver them. Our renowned Regional Teacher Mentorship program transforms classroom practice through active learning principles and specialist training, mentoring, and creating strong support networks, for 30 teachers annually.

"We thank the Australian Government for their continued support," she said.

Bell Shakespeare's education program reaches over 80,000 students and teachers face-to-face each year, bringing unique experiences to schools across Australia. For more information on Bell Shakespeare's education programs and initiatives, visit

<https://www.bellshakespeare.com.au/education>

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