

JADE CUSKELLY BIOGRAPHY

Jade Cuskelly is 19 years old and lives in Bendigo. For as long as she can remember, she has been very passionate about singing. Singing has helped her navigate many hardships and has inspired her to be the person she is today.

Jade is interested in many genres of music and has a particular fondness for musical theatre. She holds a Certificate III in VET Music Industries and has completed the Certificate of Performance in the AMEB exams.

Jade has volunteered with ESTIA aged care, Bendigo Tech School, Rotary Club of Bendigo South Changeover Dinner (twice), Bendigo Health, and for the "I Can network" – a support group for the Autistic community.

In 2023, she worked as a Singing Teacher for Kristie Woodward Singing Studio and interned with Arena Theatre Company for one term. This year, Jade has commenced a Bachelor of Performing Arts degree at Ballarat's Federation University.

Performance highlights include:

- *Peter Pan Jr.* (Wendy) St. Joseph's Primary School, 2016
- *Grease* (ensemble) Tribe Youth Theatre, 2018
- *Les Miserables* (Fantine) Nexus Youth Theatre, 2019
- Kids' Christmas Concert (lead vocalist) Bendigo Theatre Company, 2019
- *Me and My Girl* (singing chef) Bendigo South East College, 2019
- *Red Riding Hood the pantomime* (Red Riding Hood) Bendigo Theatre Company, 2020
- "Will you be there" Local Theatre Bendigo Covid Collaboration (2020)
- Bendigo Health Christmas Appeal, 2020
- *Cats* (Demeter) Tribe Youth Theatre, 2021
- *Robot Song* (Juniper understudy) Arena Theatre Company 2020
- *Shrek* (Fiona) Nexus Bendigo Youth Theatre, 2022
- *Twelfth Night* (Malvolio) Uncertain Curtain, 2023

Awards:

- Bendigo Competition Society Annual Eisteddfod Musical Theatre 14-16 years division winner, 2019
- RAW Arts winner, 2021
- In 2023, Jade won in all 5 categories of the Bendigo Competition Society Annual Eisteddfod 18+ years division