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Miramonte High School principal shares his support of the arts

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In the face of some social media speculation that Miramonte High School will be dropping musical theater classes next year, Principal Ben Campopiano spoke to the Lamorinda Weekly about his whole-hearted support for the arts as part of the high school curriculum. Every student who wants a choral music/musical theater class will be able to get one, he affirmed, but he noted that declining enrollment coupled with fewer students who want to take these classes may mean that there are fewer total classes in the area.

"Every kid who wants musical theater will be in a class," Campopiano said. "We have got to have a strong arts program; it's critically important. Even with ebbs and flows of enrollment. In a comprehensive high school I am committed to that, and I will dedicate funds to that," he added. "I really support the arts and it is critically important for every student to have what they need. If they want it, they are going to get it," was Campopiano's bottom line.

The principal did acknowledge that there is a lot of pressure on students to take the classes they believe will get them into the high-achieving colleges they seek. "Competition is so great to get into these colleges," he said, "I have to fill my schedule with top level classes."

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