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In character: Declan Ryan, Grady Swithenbank and Vincent Sala-Tenna take to the stage.

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## Medley of the Bard as never seen before

THREE Mazenod College students have turned the works of William Shakespeare into a fast-paced, action-packed production.

Originally written and performed by The Reduced Shakespeare Company at the Edinburgh Fringe Festival in 1987, *The Complete Works of William Shakespeare (Abridged)* has been given a teenage makeover with a few jokes tweaked to update it for a tech-savvy audience.

Ambitious Year 12 Drama students Declan Ryan, Grady Swithenbank and Vincent Sala-Tenna, who have been rehearsing their new version of the production since February, will attempt the incredible feat of performing all of Shakespeare's 137 plays in a little over an hour and a half.

Audiences can expect sword fights, star-crossed lovers, tragic heroes, mistaken identities, a gruesome cooking class, a little bit of rapping and a lot of cross-dressing.

### FACT BOX

**WHAT:** *The Complete Works of William Shakespeare (Abridged)*

**WHEN:** Wednesday, April 10 - Saturday, April, 13

**WHERE:** Mazenod College Performing Arts Centre, 55 Gladys Road, Lesmurdie

**TICKETS:** Tickets \$5, from Mazenod College administration in person or call 9291 6500