

Academy of Dance Newsletter

2017 Concert Date- Saturday November 11, Hume Ridge Church of Christ @ 6.30 pm

All students in the school will have the opportunity to perform in the concert. We find that this display of items is really helpful in giving each student the confidence and pride in their achievements. It is also helpful to give parents a guide as to what their child is learning at their dance classes. The attendance of family and friends is also important to allow each student a moment of feeling special, and is a great milestone particularly for dancers who have never performed in public before.

A professionally run concert is costly to produce, but it is well worth the effort for the experience and joy it gives our children to perform on a real stage with a real audience. With your support as the audience, we can cover these expenses and continue to run our end of year concerts, with a minimum cost to family's. We do understand the financial commitment that parents make, in allowing students to enjoy this experience. We are constantly reminded of the importance of confidence and the ability to dream and be involved, whilst enjoying the participation of friends in a class situation. Dance is a great way to begin formal classes, but also to reinforce the skills required for school, friendships and life in the future.



Kindy Prep Class - Term 1

Georgia Williams, Scarlett Kennedy, Parker Bidgood, Sophie Enders, Ruby Bellingham.



Concert Costumes

Each year our costumes are ordered and purchased by the teachers through a dance costume wholesaler. This ensures that each costume fits and is exactly the same as the group and that quality is ensured. The budget is under \$90/ costume.

We charge a \$50 deposit when we order in Term 3 and the balance in Term 4 before collection. This is added to your regular term invoice for tuition.

Please let your teacher know if you do not want to be involved in the concert or you are unavailable.

Ballet Students Progress and Exams

All ballet students are working their way through the Royal Academy of Dance Syllabus grades. Exams are available to students completing two classes per week. Many of our students are happy with one class, and I appreciate that fitting in school activities is a balance for some family's.

Debbie can discuss with you, your own child's plans or desires for the future with exams or class awards. We will once again have our end of term 2 demonstration class for parents to sit in on Tuesday 20 and Wednesday 21 June.

Hip Hop/ Jazz/ Contemporary

The Thursday groups will be beginning concert choreography this term, as it is a lengthy process, especially for the younger group. Bek will announce the theme and each group's song for the performance during the first week back.

Now, more than ever, we desperately ask that attendance is good for this term. Once students fall behind, and miss the teaching of choreography, we find they struggle and will ultimately lose interest. A quick text for one lesson missed is fine [Bek - 0439600949] but for multiple classes please check in with us to arrange a catch up plan.

Winter Uniforms

We have uniform leggings & zip up jackets available from a tiny size 4 up to adult. These are especially for dancers in a light weight hardwearing lycra that can be worn in class. These are available from your teacher for \$60 per piece.

Fleecy is not a good idea for classes but fine to put on after. When the body heats up usually the students get too hot and strip off, this can then be a problem going out into the cold. Leaving too many clothes on because it's cold or they have a cold, actually can cause them more problems if they overheat.

In the cold whether we do have heating in the classroom, so not too much extra clothing for during classes should be needed. They will need a jacket to put on after, especially late in the afternoon.

Public Holiday dates this term...

We do not have classes on Public holidays, ANZAC DAY Tuesday 25th April is the only one for us this term.

