

Main Concert Info Email

Hi All,

This email includes a lot of information regarding concert day & associated rehearsals. Please read through carefully & make note of times relevant to your child/ren.

Spacing Rehearsal - Sunday 25th November - CCA Hall at Firbank (entrance via Middle Crescent - gate 7) **COMPULSORY EVENT**

During this rehearsal, dances will be spaced out in an area the size of the stage. Students will also have a chance to practise entrances & exits. This is a very important rehearsal to ensure students are standing in the correct place on stage to ensure everyone can be seen. During this rehearsal, we have the opportunity to stop & adjust, whereas during the Dress Rehearsal we run straight through with no stops.

Students may wear any dance/active wear to this rehearsal as long as they are wearing their correct dance shoes. Hair can be styled as it is for class. Makeup is **not** required at this rehearsal.

All students must be signed in & out with a parent/guardian at the entrance to the CCA Hall at the times outlined in the attached schedule. Only pre-arranged adult volunteers will be allowed into the venue with performers.

Photo Day - Friday 30th November and Saturday 1st December - 104 Bay St

Students will have the opportunity to have professional photos taken of them in each of their concert costumes.

Please note your child must come for their allocated time slot if they wish to have a photo and will not be able to join another group. This is to ensure all children have the option to have their photo taken with the days' timetable being carefully planned around lessons.

Students should attend with their hair styled as per the concert requirements. Makeup is optional, however, if your child does wear make-up, we recommend natural/light makeup as opposed to heavy stage makeup. Tights & shoes should also be worn as per concert requirements.

Photos will be taken at Brighton Dance Academy's Bay St studios. The bathroom & meeting room downstairs will be available for students to change in. If your child needs assistance changing costume/hair, we request that an adult stay with them to assist.

Students should pre-plan poses before coming to the photo day to maximise their individual time in front of the camera, students can ask their teachers for help in the coming weeks if they are struggling to think of poses. Pre-Junior classes will practise some poses in their lesson after their concert so they are prepared.

Classes will run on Friday & Saturday as normal (except for Troupes and Advanced Foundation Ballet) so students may need to go between photos & classes. Please study the schedule carefully to know how and when to prepare your children for photos & classes.

Dress Rehearsal - Sunday 9th December - Alexander Theatre (48 Exhibition

Walk, Clayton) - COMPULSORY EVENT

The dress rehearsal will run exactly as the concert will run with 3 shows - morning, afternoon and evening. The concert cast split document which outlines which classes are performing in which concert/s. You will also find the arrival times and concert run times.

The running order of all 3 shows is still to come so you know which costume your child should arrive in, if they are performing in more than one item. Once this has been confirmed and sent out, you will also be able to determine whether your child will need to quick change during the show. This is when they have 1-2 dances between 2 of their own performances (and therefore need to change quickly). Students are required to wear costumes, tights, shoes, accessories, hair & makeup as per concert requirements so these changes can be practised & so teachers can get proper idea of what each number will look like.

Entrance to the theatre at Monash University Clayton campus is on Wellington Rd (continuation of North Rd). When you enter, turn left at the first round about. There is a multi-level carpark which is free of charge on weekends. Here's a link to their website for more detailed information: <https://mapa.monash.edu/your-visit/getting-to-the-venue/alexander-theatre/>

All students must be signed in/out at stage door by a parent/guardian at the times outlined for each performance on the attached schedule. Only pre-arranged backstage volunteers will be allowed through the stage door with performers. Please note there will be **no supervision** for students between concerts. This means if your child is performing in 2 shows, they must be signed out at the completion of the first, and signed back in at the start of the second. This is because

staff will be busy resetting the stage & dressing rooms between performances. 1 adult may sign out multiple students.

Concert Day - Sunday 16th December - Alexander Theatre (48 Exhibition Walk, Clayton)

On concert day the foyer, box office & candy bar will be open 1 hour before each show commences.

All other concert day information is as per the dress rehearsal section above.

Backstage Volunteers

If you would like to volunteer for any of our rehearsals/concerts, please let us know by return email, specifying which rehearsal/concert you are available to assist with by Friday 9th November. We rely heavily on our parent volunteers to ensure our adult to student ratios are high enough & really appreciate any time you can give.

- Spacing rehearsal - Junior & Pre-Inter age group
- Spacing rehearsal - Concert 2 Ballet run
- Spacing rehearsal - Inter, Bronze & Silver age group
- Spacing rehearsal - Pre-Senior & Senior age group
- Dress rehearsal - Concert 1
- Dress rehearsal - Concert 2
- Dress rehearsal - Concert 3
- Concert 1
- Concert 2
- Concert 3

Please note all adult volunteers will require a valid Working With Children's Check which are free for volunteers & easy to obtain. We are happy to assist you with the process.

Costumes

Some of you will have already received concert costumes. Please label & hang up costumes at home, ensuring they are away from food & pets. Costumes can **not** be ironed as the fabric is too delicate. Costumes that are not in the condition they were when handed to you, will not be allowed on stage. You will receive a costume notice with your costumes that will have details on hair, tights, shoes and accessories.

Make Up

Attached is an image of the makeup required for girls. The only make up not on this image is foundation which should be your first layer before the rest is applied.

Make up for boys is more basic, with bronzer along cheek bones, dark brown lipstick, eyebrows pencilled in if naturally light, and dark brown eye shadow.

A reminder that make should be applied heavily & look unnatural close up. We use stage make up so when the harsh stage lights are on the dancers faces, as audience members we can see their facial features & they appear natural.

How To Workshops

If the above seems daunting, we will be having our annual hair, makeup & quick-change workshops on Friday November 9th where we will be teaching either parents or students how to style concert hair, apply stage makeup & efficiently change costumes. All workshops will be held at 104 Bay St.

Makeup Workshop: 4-5pm

Hair Workshop: 5-6pm

Quick Change Workshop: 6-7pm

Makeup & hair sessions cost \$5 each, while the quick-change workshop is free, as it is compulsory for all students with quick changes. All sessions can be booked through your parent

portal: <https://app3.jackrabbitclass.com/portal/ppLogin.asp?id=529297>

Concert DVD

The concert will be filmed by Costello and available for purchase. We should be receiving order forms in the coming weeks & will let you know once they have arrived. DVDs cost \$45 for 1 or 2 concerts, \$65 for 3 concerts and \$85 for 4 concerts (this includes the Pre-Junior show).

Tickets

You will receive information shortly on how to purchase tickets for the concert.

Congratulations for making it to the end of this email. We appreciate there is a lot of information here but all important & relevant to your child's upcoming performance. Please let us know if you have any questions about the above information.

Many thanks,
The Admin Team