

## **2019 SENIOR CONCERT**

<b>Theatre Performances: Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> - Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> December 2019</b>
<b>Show A – Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> December 6:00pm</b>
<b>Show B - Friday 13<sup>th</sup> December 6:00pm</b>
<b>Show C – Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> December 10:00am</b>
<b>Show D - Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> December 3:00pm</b>
<b>Show E – Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> December 10:00am</b>
<b>Show F – Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> December 3:00pm</b>
<b><i>See “Rehearsal &amp; Performance Schedule” for show allocations for each class.</i></b>

<b>Theatre Rehearsals: Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> - Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> December</b>
<b><i>See “Rehearsal &amp; Performance Schedule” for times for each class.</i></b>

**We are giving you as much information in advance to enable you to make an informed decision as to whether your child will be able to participate. Students are supervised by Premier Dance staff throughout all rehearsals and performances.**

**Performing is FUN and builds self-confidence both in class and on stage. Performances are an exciting event, giving students the opportunity to perform on stage in a professional theatre.**

**The concert is OPTIONAL for all students.**

In a first for Premier Dance this year, we will hold both a Junior Concert (in September) and a Senior Concert (in December). These will be held in the beautiful Performing Arts Centre at St Peter’s Lutheran College, Indooroopilly.

### **SENIOR CONCERT**

The Senior Concert will include any students in Grade 1 at school and upwards. ABC Dance, Toddler Dance, Creative Dance, Prep Dance, Mini Jazz & Tap & Creative Jazz & Tap will not be participating in the Senior Concert this year, as they will perform in the Junior Concert in September.

- Theatre Rehearsals: Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> - Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> December
- Theatre Performances: Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> - Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> December 2019  
(Please see schedule attached for individual class rehearsal & performance times)
- All students will perform two different dances (two different costumes) in one show (excluding CSTD Jazz, Contemporary and Company Classes who perform in one item).

Please understand that, regretfully, we cannot always get siblings classes in the same shows. However, you will be eligible for TWO complimentary tickets to one show if you are in this situation. Refer to the Rehearsal & Performance Schedule, which is accompanying this email and is also available for viewing on our website, for your child’s rehearsal and performance details.

Performing in the concert is optional. We will need you to confirm your child’s participation so that we can allocate costumes and choreography appropriately. If your child cannot take part in the performance, they can still participate in all classes and will learn the concert dance like everyone else. This enables them to all learn many important performance skills, develop their ability to retain choreography and have the very important role of being a rehearsal understudy, which is very helpful to their classmates and teachers.

Please refer to the **Rehearsal & Performance Schedule** and note the times for both **rehearsals and performances** before committing to the concert. Check the class name, time and teacher to ensure you have your child's correct group. Please check your Term 3 invoice if you are unsure.

**If your child WILL be performing in the concert:**

To confirm your child's participation, you will need to make payment for your **Concert Performers Levy**. The invoice for this is attached to this email. We will consider you fully committed upon payment of your costume levy, which is **NON-REFUNDABLE**. This must be received by 12pm, Friday 16<sup>th</sup> August or we will assume you are not participating, and your child will not be assigned a costume.

**If your child will not be performing in the concert:**

Please send an email to [staff@thepremierdance.com](mailto:staff@thepremierdance.com) to advise that your child is not performing by 12pm, Friday 16<sup>th</sup> August. If this is not received by us, we will continue to send you email reminders about your Concert Performers Levy.

### **CONCERT PERFORMERS LEVY**

The Concert Levy is required for all performers and covers the following:

- Hire of all costumes - supplied by Premier Dance
- Two costumes per class (except for CSTD Jazz, Contemporary and Company Classes who perform in one item). Coordination and supervision by our teachers and staff for all rehearsals and performances that each student is scheduled for (approx. 4 hours in total over the two dates)
- Access to digital viewing & download of every concert which will be filmed and produced by a professional video company – Paramount Video Productions.
- A Premier Dance Senior Concert t-shirt

The Concert Levy per student is \$150 for one style of dance (e.g. ballet), \$200 for two styles (e.g. ballet & jazz), \$250 for three or more styles. In most cases, this levy covers two costumes per student per dance style. *For example - A student who does ballet will perform in two dances and have two different costumes. Their costume levy will be \$150.*

**You have been emailed an invoice with the correct Concert Performers Levy for your child/children depending on their current enrolment. The Concert Performers Levy is non-refundable and must be finalized by 12pm, Friday 16<sup>th</sup> August.**

### **COSTUMES**

There is **NO costume making or buying required**, as we supply all costumes. Most dance schools require you to purchase all of your costumes outright, which can cost \$150 per item and add up to hundreds of dollars. Other schools may ask you to purchase the materials and sew all of your costumes. The Premier Dance Academy owns an extensive costume wardrobe and purchase brand new, professionally made dance costumes of the highest quality, every year. Hire of your child's costumes is included in the Concert Performers Levy. This levy will go towards new costumes, replacement of damaged costumes, repairs and cleaning of costumes after the concerts. We cannot sell the costumes individually as each belongs to a complete group.

## **REHEARSALS**

We will be starting in-class rehearsals during classes in Term 3 from August 17th. If you commit to performing in the concert, it is essential that your child is only absent when they are contagious, otherwise we will expect them at every class. Students can still learn by watching. If your child is absent without explanation or for multiple classes in a row it may be necessary to exclude them from some of the choreography. From August 17<sup>th</sup>, we require 100 percent attendance in classes to ensure that your child feels very at ease with the dancing and costuming, along with their classmates, to create a happy confident performance by all. There is only one rehearsal per class at the theatre. This rehearsal is to ensure that your child and their classmates are all familiar with working with the whole production rather than just their class as we have multiple classes and soloists in each show.

## **ITEMS IN MULTIPLE SHOWS**

If your child is in more than one show doing the same items, we ask that you will be available to help in the dressing rooms during one of the shows you are not watching or with bump in or bump out of costumes and sets. If you are unable to do so we ask that you pay a \$30 dressing room levy, which will be used to employ extra staff. Applicable families will be emailed regarding this during Term 4.

## **VIDEO RECORDINGS**

A professional company will film all shows. Personal video recording of any kind including videoing on your phone is not allowed into the auditorium due to music copyright laws. We no longer provide the concert video as a DVD or USB. This was previously an expensive and tedious process (additional \$70+ per family), but we have now sourced an alternative method which will allow all performers to access video recordings for every show which will be available for viewing online and digital download. This is included in each student's Concert Performers Levy and the videos will be made available to you online as soon as the editing has been completed. This will be a much more time and cost-effective solution which we are so pleased to be able to provide. This proved to be very successful for last year's concerts.

## **PHOTOGRAPHS**

We will be having professional photographers take individual and group photos of one of your child's two costumes during your child's class time in our Photo Weeks. These will be available for ordering directly through Ranald Simmonds but there is no obligation to purchase these (more information to come in Term 4).

Senior Concert Photos (Milton): Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> - Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> December

Senior Concert Photos (Clayfield): Monday 25<sup>th</sup> - Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> November

## **TICKETS**

Will be sold online (more information to come in Term 4) - Adults - \$45 & Children - \$25

Performing students will NOT require a ticket - If you have siblings in different shows, we will provide you with two complimentary tickets to one show when tickets to the other show have been purchased (more information to come in Term 4).

## OTHER PERFORMER REQUIREMENTS

Available from our Milton Uniform Shop (Bulk order for tights & flesh leotards in Term 4)

- All ballet students need clean ballet shoes & ballet tights.
- Jazz, Tap & Musical Theatre students need tan coloured jazz/tap shoes and jazz tights.
- Hip Hop students need to provide their own footwear (runners or sneakers).
- Singing students will be required to wear tan coloured jazz shoes and jazz tights.
- We highly recommend that all students have a flesh leotard/undergarment to wear underneath their costumes.
- If your child would like to wear briefs, please ensure these are plain nude or pale pink. No bright colours, patterns or images as these will be seen under costumes. An appropriate style from Bonds - <https://www.bonds.com.au/girls-bikini-4pk-uzr14a-a36.html>

## HAIR & MAKEUP

- Makeup is highly recommended for all performers but not compulsory.
- Please understand that the students are performing in a professional theatre with strong stage lighting and without makeup, their faces will appear very washed out to the audience and on the video.
- All performers must wear their hair in a neat ballet bun, secured at the centre back of the head with a strong hair elastic, hair net, bun pins and hairspray.
- Boys and girls with short hair styles should have hair styled neatly of the face with hairspray/gel.
- Bun Tutorials - [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8Loypr\\_bsFo](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8Loypr_bsFo)
- Makeup Tutorial - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7MyCmS6lZcA>

## SCHEDULE & CONCERT REGISTRATION

Please consult Rehearsal & Performance Schedule along with this letter to decide if your child will perform in this year's Junior Concert. We ask you to either confirm your child's participation by payment of the Concert Performers Levy (invoice attached) OR advise us via email if your child will not be performing this year. **Response due by 12pm, Friday 16<sup>th</sup> August.**

### **Important – please read carefully:**

Performing in the concert is a team commitment and involves lots of hard work from students and teachers to put together an entertaining performance for family and friends. It requires additional cost to parents, as outlined above, as well as the extra rehearsal time and attendance at all regular classes throughout the term. Please consider if you can meet these requirements before committing to the concert as the Concert Performers Levy is non-refundable. By payment of your Concert Performers Levy you are committing to the following conditions:

- Attendance to 90% of regular classes
- Attendance at the scheduled additional Theatre Rehearsal
- The Concert Performers Levy is non-refundable

**If your child is available and would like to perform, we strongly recommend the experience. Concerts are a young dancer's dream fulfilled and will be a highlight of your family's year.**