

CONCERT HANDBOOK

Get ready to be a part of the show!



It's Concert Time

The highlight of every student's dancing year is the EPA DANCE Concert. For those who are new to our studio, our concert is a massive showcase that all students get the opportunity to perform in.

Each and every event in preparation to concert day is an exciting and memorable experience for our students and we love seeing their faces light up when they finally get their chance to put on their costume and perform on stage.

All of the **Concert Need To Know** is listed throughout this Concert Handbook, so have a read through and join our level of excitement for the months ahead!

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Keep these dates in your diaries free

DATE	WHAT'S ON	WHO IS REQUIRED
20th Nov	Dress Rehearsal	All Bungendore Students
27th Nov	Dress Rehearsal	All Googong & Queanbeyan Students
9th Dec	Senior Tech Rehearsal	All Senior Students <i>See Below</i>
10th Dec	Concert Day Bungendore	All Bungendore Students **Preschool Students NOT required (RSD/RSB, Preschool Jazz, Acro and Ballet)
11th Dec morning	Preschool Concert Bungendore & Googong/QBN	All Preschool Students (RSD, RSB, Tiny Tots, Preschool Acro, Preschool Ballet, Preschool Jazz)
11th Dec	Concert Day Googong & QBN	All Googong & Queanbeyan Students

Senior Students

The following classes are classified as senior:

Bungendore: Open Jazz, Inter Found Ballet, Senior Contemporary, Heels, Level 6 Tap

Googong/QBN: Level 2 Ballet, Open Jazz, Senior Lyrical, Adv Acro, Adv Tumbling, Level 4 Tap

***This information will be re-confirmed once the full rehearsal schedule is set

WHY DO WE DO A CONCERT?

The value of our concert goes far deeper than the performance you see on stage.

This is your child's chance to **shine on stage**. To perform for their friends and family, and show how much they have improved over the year.

Every dancer needs an audience and the EPA Dance Concert provides a truly memorable and special stage experience that **celebrates the dedication, talent and achievements of every single student**.



There is no feeling quite like taking your first steps onto the stage, seeing the bright lights, an audience full of familiar faces, hearing your music and performing to the loud cheers and applause of everyone around you.



Not only does the concert provide an opportunity to perform onstage it also gives students an opportunity to **build their confidence** and experience the feeling of **accomplishment and pride**.

DRESS REHEARSAL AND PHOTO DAY

Dress Rehearsal and Photo Day is a busy and exciting event for all of our students. We love seeing the friendships formed throughout the dress rehearsal as students spend the day rehearsing routines and watching and supporting each other.

What's involved in the Dress Rehearsal?

Our Dress Rehearsal day is super fun and exciting for all of our students. It is the first time they are able to put their costume on and practice their dance routine. On Dress Rehearsal day students will need to be dropped off with their hair and makeup done and plenty of snacks packed. Students will then get changed into their costume, rehearse their dance routine and have professional photos taken that make the perfect Christmas gift!

How do I purchase Photos?

After all the photos have been edited and uploaded a link will be sent to all families. You will then be able to select and order your portrait images online. We always make sure to get a close up, group shot and action shot of every student so there is never a shortage of images to choose from!



Can I stay with my child during Dress Rehearsal?

Parents are permitted to stay at the Dress Rehearsal for our Preschool Level classes (RSD/RSB, Preschool Acro, Preschool Ballet and Preschool Jazz). All other students must be dropped off at the door and picked up at the end of the day. We have plenty of parent helpers and class teachers at our Dress Rehearsal so there is never a shortage of people supervising the kids.

CONCERT DAY

Our **Favorite** day of the year, where all the hard work comes together and our students truly shine on stage.



What happens on Concert Day?

Concert Day is jam packed with rehearsals for every class, lighting and sound checks, awards and excitement from all the students.

Students will need to be dropped off at the theatre (Erindale Theatre, Wanniasa) wearing their Concert T-shirt and with their hair and makeup done.

From there students will be accompanied backstage by their parent helpers and class teacher to get dressed in their costume for their stage rehearsal.

After running their dance on the stage, students are able to wait backstage or sit in the audience and watch other groups rehearse until it is time to open the doors and start the show!

Concert Day is a long day, do students stay at the theatre the whole time?

Once dropped off students stay inside the theatre for the whole day, up until the final show when they are picked up and head home.

Although the day starts at 7am for our teachers, students do not need to arrive until their allocated rehearsal time (our youngest students arrive the latest so that their day is reasonably short)

There is quite a bit of 'free time' during the day where students can watch the other groups rehearse or spend time back stage with their class mates preparing for the evening show!



CONCERT COSTS

The costs associated with the concert are outlined below.

Concert Pack \$75

(all students in the show will require a Concert pack)

We are so excited to be bringing back the concert pack this year, to give our students the ultimate memories of the show whilst also making all the costs straightforward and clear for our parents.

What's Included

- Concert T-shirt
 - HD Download of Concert Movie
 - Every photo from the Live Performances
 - Cost for all extra rehearsals/additional classes to prepare for the concert
- **Families with multiple children will pay \$75 for the first child and \$40 for each additional child

Concert Costumes \$85 each

- Each class will require a costume
- If a child is in multiple classes they will require multiple costumes

For troupe and ballet exam classes we offer a hire costume (\$30) however hire costumes aren't available for our standard classes due to the ever-changing class numbers and sizes of students.

Tickets to the Show

- Tickets range in price from \$25-\$40
- There is a limit of 20 tickets per family for each of our shows!
- Students do not require a ticket as they will be supervised backstage throughout the concert.

Additional Items

Shoes/Tights

Students will also require the correct shoes and tights for the concert. Most students will have these items already as this is what they wear to class each week!

END OF YEAR AWARDS

How could we not celebrate these kids and all the accomplishments they have made!

We know that so many of our students truly live and breathe dance, they are dedicated, hard working and passionate about their classes and we are big believers in recognizing and awarding the immense amount of effort these students put in each and every week.

With so many amazing students it is an incredibly hard job selecting just a handful of award winners however we know how special it is to have your name called out and your achievements highlighted on stage in front of your peers, teachers, family and friends.



EACH YEAR WE RECOGNISE THE FOLLOWING

Dancer of The Year Awards

Junior Dancer of the Year
Senior Dance of the Year
Overall Dance of the Year

Specialist Awards

The One to Watch
Spirit of the Studio
Most Improved



FAQ's

Am I allowed to come backstage?

Only students, staff and designated parent helpers are permitted to be backstage during the Concert and Dress Rehearsal.

There are always multiple parent helpers allocated to each class group to ensure plenty of supervision at all times and we also have updated emergency contact lists for all students so that if a child does need the support of their parent we will be able to quickly reach out to you.

If you think your child will need some additional support backstage we recommend signing up as a parent helper :)

Why does my child need makeup?

All students in our show will require stage makeup, each concert includes bright stage lights that wash out facial features when on stage.

We use basic stage makeup to highlight students features and ensure that their smiles shine brightly on stage.

Preschool students only require red lipstick so that we can see their gorgeous smiles from the audience.

What shoes does my child need to wear?

Each class will have specific shoe requirements, the shoes required for concert will be the same shoes required for weekly classes.

To see what shoes each class requires please visit our website here or have a chat to your child's class teacher!

When are Concert Fees due?

Concert Invoices are sent out at the end of Term 3, Parents can opt to pay their invoices in installments throughout Term 4 with the full amount needing to be paid prior to your child's Dress Rehearsal (20th and 27th November).



THE COUNTDOWN IS ON

We know the excitement will start to build over the next few months whilst we work on Concert Routines, try on our Costumes, and start inviting our friends and family to the show.

So place the dates in your diary because the
Countdown is ON!

**9th, 10th and 11th December
@ Erindale Theatre**



GET IN TOUCH

Find Us



Googong

Cnr Gorman Drive &
McPhail Way
The Googong
Community Centre



Queanbeyan

13 Rutledge Street
Queanbeyan
Uniting Church Hall
Directly across from
Queanbeyan Library



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