



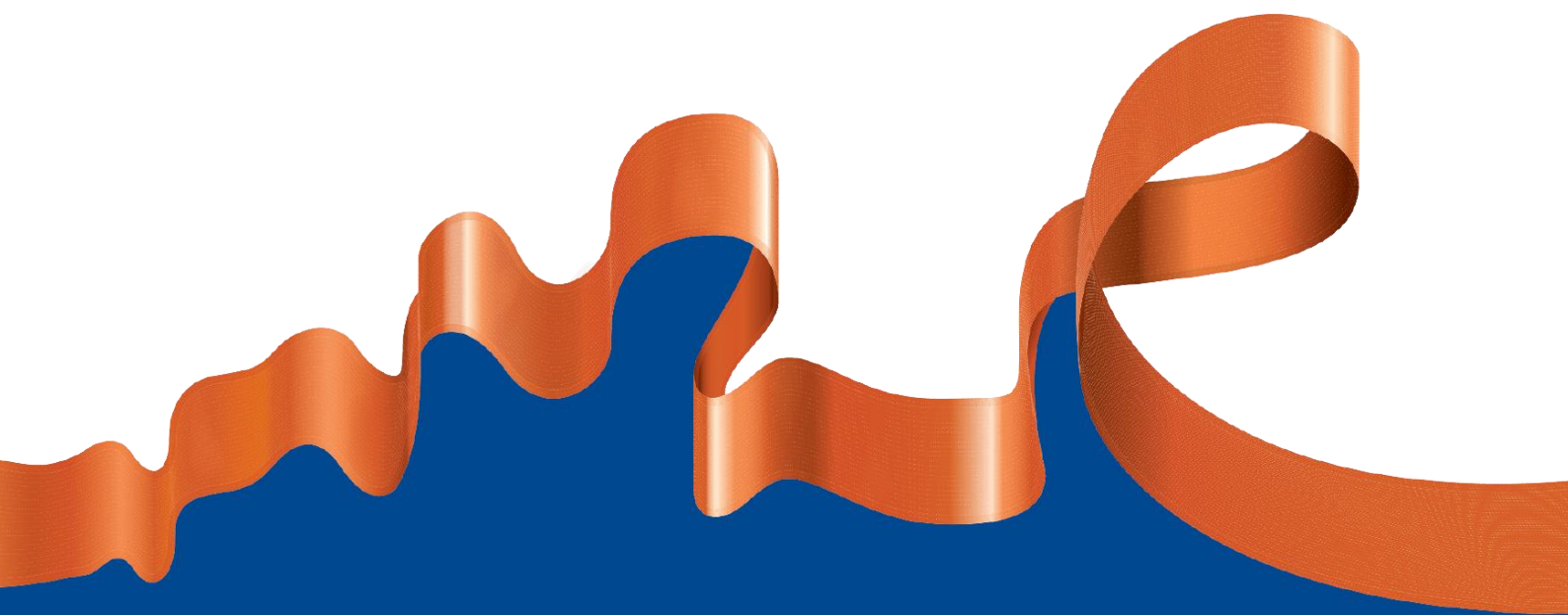
Saint Stephen's College

Extracurricular Handbook

Performing Arts

Prep to Year 12

2022



Developing character,
inspiring hope

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There are a wide range of activities organised and run by the College, as well as a number of external providers who offer activities. Activities offered by these providers are run and supervised by external staff, who are covered by their own insurance and bound to their Risk Management.

Activities not directly supervised by College staff are marked as ****External Providers*** beside the title. Any College staff named in these activities act as a contact between students and the provider.

Performing Arts - Music

Instrumental and Vocal Tuition

General Information

A wide variety of music tuition is available to all students. From its commencement, the Music Program has played a vital role in the life of the College. Learning to speak the language of music is a very important part of a broad education, and a large proportion of students take the opportunity of tuition in voice or on their chosen instrument. Music is a very 'social sport' and students are always encouraged to actively participate in the many ensembles offered by the Performing Arts Department. This not only improves their skills, but also provides a sense of belonging, satisfaction and achievement.

Lesson Times

Most tuition takes place during the school day. Before or after school lessons are usually reserved for Years 11 and 12 students, and additional places during these times are negotiated with the Director of Performing Arts, the tutor and the parents/guardians.

Individual lessons are strongly recommended to gain the most benefit and value from music tuition; however, some areas offer paired or group tuition. This is at the discretion of the relevant tutor.

Fee Schedule: Please refer to the Extracurricular Fee Schedule for details.

Accounts are generated by the tutors at the beginning of each term and fees are expected to be paid in advance, directly to the tutor. If tuition fees are not paid lessons may be cancelled (at the discretion of the tutor).

Practice

For students to gain the most benefit from music tuition it is expected that they practise for 20-30 minutes each day. Regular home practice is important for the revision of new concepts, and is vital for continual instrumental improvement.

Examinations

Most music examinations are run through the Australian Music Examination Board (AMEB), Trinity College, Australian Guild of Music and Speech and Con Brio. Exams take place twice annually in May and October, in both practical and theoretical skills. Music examinations are not compulsory. However, students are encouraged to prepare for and undertake examinations to further develop their skills and musical ability.

Examinations count towards College Colours and may form part of alternate pathways to higher education. Examination fees are not included in tuition fees, and are an extra cost. Students may also require an accompanist for exams, and these may be hired through the Performing Arts Department or externally.

Participation in Musical Groups

All students who learn an instrument or study voice are encouraged to participate in the following groups:

Choral Program

At Saint Stephen's College every student is encouraged to sing. Enthusiasm and regular attendance are the ingredients for success and enjoyment. Our choirs perform at College concerts and regularly enter the Gold Coast Eisteddfod. The following groups are available to students:

Junior College Choirs

- All students in Prep to Year 6 participate in the **Year Level Choirs**. Rehearsals take place in music class time and they perform at Grandparent's and Special Friends Day, and College events (eg; Easter Hat Parade, Christmas Concert, etc).
- All students in Prep to 1 and Years 2-3 respectively who enjoy singing are welcome to join **The Piccolo** and **Treblemakers Choirs**. These young choirs perform at Assemblies, P-12 Choral Celebration and other special College events throughout the year.
- All Years 4 to 6 students who enjoy singing are welcome to join the **The Vox Choir**. The Vox Choir perform at Assemblies, Speech Night, the P-12 Choral Celebration and other special events throughout the year.

The Saint Stephen's College Voices

(Nominal Pennant Points: 2 Pennant Points per year)

The Saint Stephen's College Voices is the core choral ensemble for students in Years 7 to 12. This group performs regularly at College functions, chapel services and community events. It specialises in repertoire that is fun, as well as suited to train voices and develop musicianship. This group is open to all students who enjoy creating music in harmony with their friends.

Band Program

Saint Stephen's College has a high achieving Band Program with groups and ensembles to cater for all ages and experiences. Each year our bands perform at many College events and functions, as well as at the Gold Coast Eisteddfod.

Year 4 Pre-Band Program

Students in Year 4 are invited to join band preparation programs. They are able to take part in group lessons for Clarinéo (junior clarinet), jFlute (junior flute) and p-Bone (junior trombone) at a reduced lesson rate.

Year 5 and 6 Band Program

Students in Years 5 and 6 are invited to join the Junior College Band Programs. As part of these programs, students receive one group lesson and attend a band rehearsal during the school week charged at a reduced lesson rate. Instruments available in the Year 5 and 6 Band Programs cover the full range of wind, brass and percussion and lessons are taught by our expert and experienced tutors.

Symphonic Band

(Nominal Pennant Points: 2 Pennant Points per year)

This large ensemble is for woodwind, brass and percussion players who can read music fluently and performs a variety of styles from classical to film to pop music. Students are invited by the conductor or may audition for a place in the Symphonic Band. Rehearsals take place weekly, and the band performs at College functions, Eisteddfods and community events. The Symphonic Band is for students in approximately Years 7 to 12.

Percussion Ensemble

(Nominal Pennant Points: 2 Pennant Points per year if performing at College events or Eisteddfod)

Young percussionists from Year 6 upwards may join this ensemble which focuses on fun and technique across the entire range of percussion instruments.

Those students who have private tuition and are members of good standing in the Symphonic Band or Percussion Ensemble may audition or be invited for membership in the following groups:

Each group rehearses weekly and performs regularly at College events and functions.

Intermediate Stage Band

(Nominal Pennant Points: 2 Pennant Points per year)

The Intermediate Stage Band is an ensemble which allows students to learn jazz styles and hone their improvisation skills via appropriately paced repertoire. This band may include auditioned vocalists from members of the Saint Stephen's College Voices.

Senior Stage Band

(Nominal Pennant Points: 2 Pennant Points per year)

The Senior Stage Band performs a wide range of repertoire including jazz, rock, funk and blues and is for advanced brass, saxophone, percussion, bass guitar, electric guitar and keyboard players. This band may also include auditioned vocalists from members of the Saint Stephen's College Voices.

Funk Band

(Nominal Pennant Points: 2 Pennant Points per year)

Playing mainly popular soul and funk music, the Funk Band involves guitars, bass guitars, keyboards, drums, brass, woodwind and auditioned vocalists from within the Saint Stephen's Voices. Members must be part of a core ensemble (Orchestra/Symphonic Band/Percussion Ensemble) to be eligible for Funk Band.

Drumlines

(Nominal Pennant Points: 2 Pennant Points per year)

The College features both a Senior and Junior Drumline. Percussionists taking individual lessons may audition to become part of the College Drumlines. Students must contribute towards a core ensemble (Symphonic Band, Percussion Ensemble, Guitar Orchestra, College Orchestra) to become members of the Senior Drumline.

Strings Program

Saint Stephen's College has a high achieving Strings Program with groups and ensembles to cater for all ages and experiences. Each year our strings ensembles perform at many College events and functions, as well as at the Gold Coast Eisteddfod.

Year 3 Strings

As part of the music curriculum, all Year 3 students learn either the violin, viola, cello or double bass. Lessons and rehearsals take place during timetabled music classes. This is a great first taste of music making for many students.

Andante Strings

This ensemble caters for our youngest string players. There are two intakes for membership; one at the beginning of the academic year and one at the beginning of Semester Two. Those students who are enjoying their Year 3 Strings and those who have graduated from our Suzuki Foundation Strings Program will continue to extend their skills in this ensemble.

Allegro Strings

(Nominal Pennant Points: 2 Pennant Points per year for students in Years 6 and above)

Allegro is the intermediate training ensemble for our young string players. Students learning a string instrument at an eligible standard from Years 4 to 7 are encouraged to join this ensemble to help with the development of their musicianship skills.

Vivace Strings

(Nominal Pennant Points: 2 Pennant Points per year)

Vivace Strings is the premier senior strings ensemble consisting of violin, viola, cello and double bass. Students in Years 7 to 12 are eligible to join by audition.

Saint Stephen's College Orchestra
(Nominal Pennant Points: 1 Pennant Point per year)

The College Orchestra is open to members in good standing of a band or string ensemble by audition. String players who wish to be members of the premier string ensemble Vivace must also be a member of the Orchestra.

Guitar Orchestra
(Nominal Pennant Points: 2 Pennant Points per year if performing at College events or Eisteddfod)

Guitarists taking individual lessons may audition to become part of the College's Guitar Orchestra.

Chamber Music Excellence and Emerging Chamber Music Programs
(Nominal Pennant Points: 1 Pennant Point per year)

Saint Stephen's College is fortunate to have a professional association with renowned violinist, Sam Konise, who coaches a number of talented and dedicated students in a variety of chamber groups.

Membership in the Chamber Music Programs is by invitation. A small fee is charged to cover the costs involved with extra rehearsals and individual coaching. Membership is renewed each year by invitation.

Performing Arts - Theatre

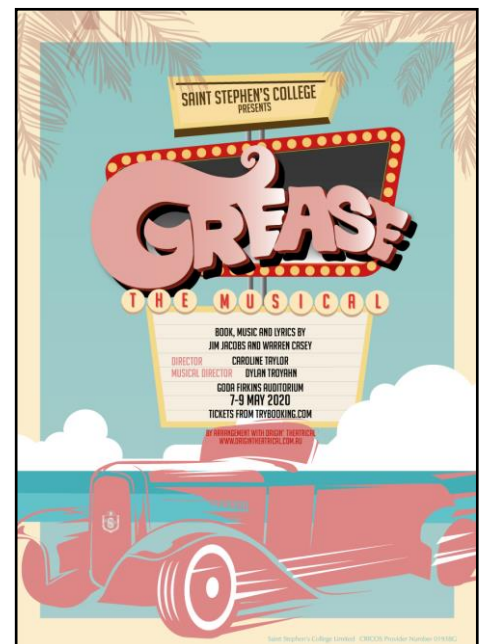
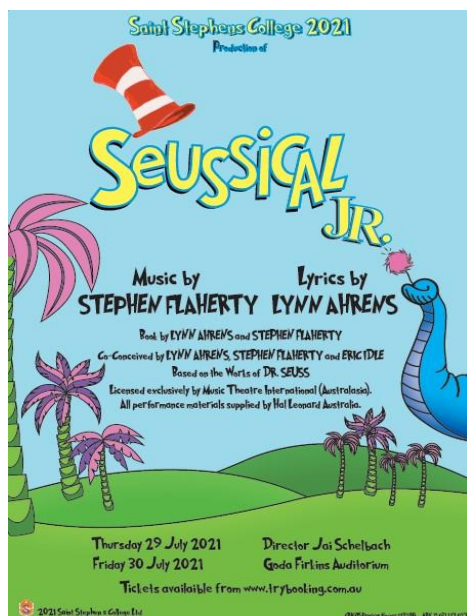
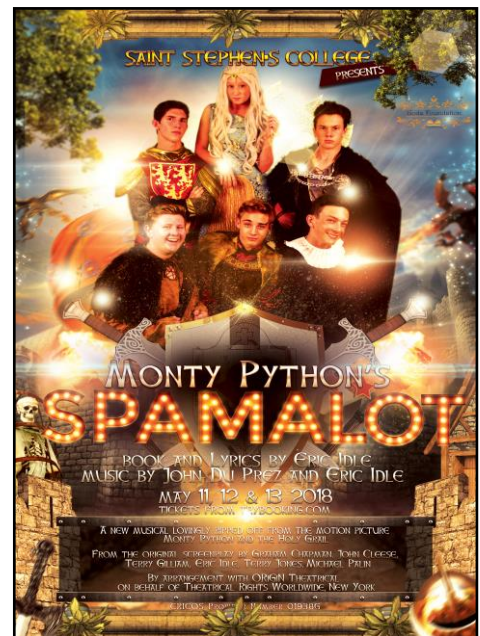
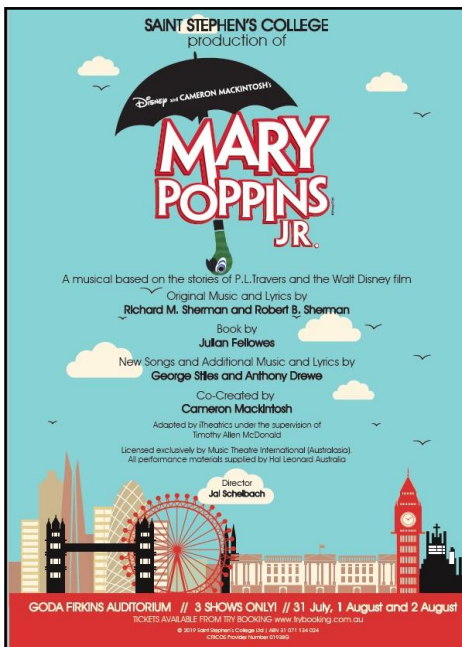
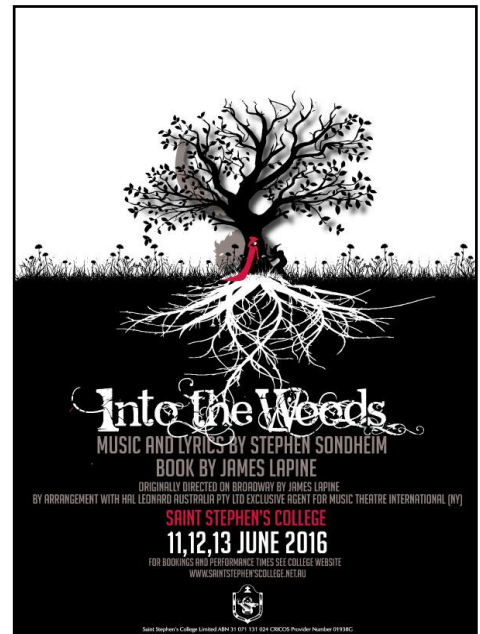
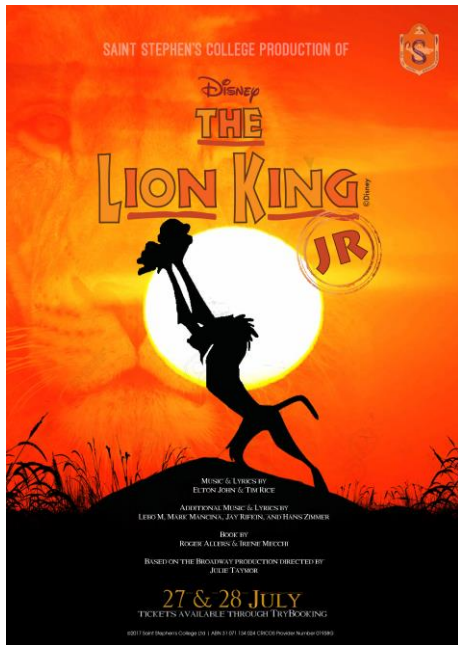
College Musical

(Nominal Pennant Points: 2 Pennant Points per musical)

The College produces junior and senior musicals in alternate years – Consolidations (Years 4 to 6) and Senior (Years 7 to 12). Musicals allow students to participate in a variety of ways, including cast, orchestra, backstage crew, make-up, technical crew and front of house. Those who wish to perform on stage must audition and all students regardless of experience have the opportunity to do so. Rehearsals for musicals will take place at lunchtimes and after school. There will also be some weekend rehearsals increasing closer to the performance. A levy (announced each year) per student is incurred (which includes a production shirt) and is required for all involved. Musical shirts are worn during rehearsals as part of the production uniform.

Past College Musical Productions

1996	Oliver (abridged)	2015	The SSC Factor – Junior College
1997	Bugsy Malone	2016	Into the Woods – Senior College
1998	Cats ‘n’ Crossbones – Senior College	2017	The Lion King Jnr – Junior College
	Assignment Earth – Junior College		
1999	Joseph and the Amazing Technicolour Dreamcoat – Senior College	2018	Monty Python’s Spamalot – Senior College
2000	Oklahoma! – Senior College	2019	Mary Poppins Jnr – Junior College
	Rocky Monster Show – Junior College		
2001	Fiddler on the Roof – Senior College	2020	Grease – Senior College
	Man of Steel – Junior College		
2002	Godspell – Senior College	2021	Seussical Jnr – Junior College
	Gel – Junior College		
2003	Barnum – Senior College	2022.....	Mamma Mia! – Senior College
	Hanging Ten – Junior College		
2004	The Wizard of Oz – Senior College		
	Monkey Business – Junior College		
2006	Back to the 80’s – Senior College		
	Sheik, Rattle and Roll – Junior College		
2007	Musical Magic 3 – Junior College		
	Greece is the Word – Junior/Senior College		
2008.....	High School Musical – Senior College		
2009.....	Conundrum – Junior College		
2010.....	Guys and Dolls – Senior College		
2011.....	No Strings Attached – Junior College		
2012.....	Footloose – Senior College		
2013.....	The Magic Photoalbum – Junior College		
2014.....	Disney’s Beauty and the Beast – Senior College		



Speech and Drama Tuition

Tuition in Speech and Drama gives students greater confidence in communication. Students will be given the opportunity to boost their self-esteem, develop their imagination, improve their vocabulary and general knowledge and gain greater artistic awareness.

There are two focuses: *Speech and Drama* incorporates mime, movement, poetry, characterisation, improvisation, speech, drama, theory and plays. The strand of *Effective Communication* encourages students to develop their communicative skills, gain confidence and clarity of expression, which will stand them in good stead in a wide range of educational contexts and professional circumstances. The program assists students to achieve the speaking and listening targets set by most national curricular bodies and to conduct themselves effectively in interviews and when speaking publicly.

Examinations

Speech and Drama and *Effective Communication* examinations are taken through Trinity Guildhall (London) or Australian Speech and Communication Association (ASCA). Students who wish to prepare for examinations may do so, but it is not compulsory. Students will also be encouraged to enter various performing arts festivals throughout the year; however, entry is not compulsory. Our tutors will also advise and encourage students on how to enrol where necessary, and will provide relevant information to students and parents.

Drama Festival (Terms Two and Three: Years 7 to 12) (Nominal Pennant Points: 1 Pennant Point per year)

The Gold Coast Secondary Schools Drama Festival is the major event on the calendar for all Gold Coast Drama departments. The festival has three divisions; Junior (Years 7 and 8), Intermediate (Years 9 and 10) and Senior (Years 11 and 12). Each school is invited to enter one play per division.

Each year, the festival is hosted by three schools over the three separate divisions. Due to the large number of entrants, each division is usually hosted over 3-4 days. Each school competes for the coveted 'Best Play' trophy, which is hotly contested every year. There are also awards for individual performances and 'Best Student Devised Play'.

Performing Arts - Extra Information

Performance Uniforms

Students are expected to wear performance uniform for all events, both at the College and in the wider community. Performance uniform can change between grades and for different ensembles, so please ensure that you have the correct attire.

Junior Ensembles: Day Uniform for both boys and girls

Senior Ensembles:

Girls

- College Day blouse (Years 11 and 12 to wear formal blouse) or navy College trousers
- Navy College skirt
- Sheer black stockings
- Clean black school shoes
- Blazer (Year 11 and 12)

Boys

- Formal shirt
- Navy trousers
- Belt
- Black socks and formal shoes
- Blazer (Year 11 and 12)

Senior Drumline

- Drumline uniform and hat (available for hire from the Performing Arts Department)
- Black socks
- Black flat formal shoes

Extracurricular Fee Schedule

Our tuition fee structure is based on recommendations from the Queensland Music Teacher's Association. Current fees are published on the tuition enrolment form. Tutors provide accounts at the beginning of each term and fees are charged in advance by the term.

Instrumental, Vocal and Speech and Drama Lessons

Individual Lessons: \$38 per half hour

Group Lessons: \$28 per half hour

Terms and Conditions

1. Fee Payment

- (i) All fees are to be paid directly to your child's tutor. Please refer to the Tutor's invoice for methods and times for payment, and please notify your child's tutor when payment has been made. **Lessons may be terminated if payment is not made by the due date.**

2. Student and Tutor Absences

- (i) If your child's tutor is absent from any lesson, the lesson will be rescheduled and made up.
- (ii) If your child is unable to attend a lesson due to illness or absence, **please contact the tutor directly, not via the school offices.** Tutors are available to be contacted via the phone number they have provided (between the hours of 7am to 5pm) or email. A minimum of 24 hours' notice of absence must be given before the scheduled lesson otherwise lesson fees will apply, and the tutor is not obliged to reschedule. Emergency absences may be made up at the discretion of the tutor. Lessons missed due to holidays taken during term time will not be credited nor re-scheduled.

3. Discontinuing lessons

- (i) Students are to remain committed to their studies for the full year unless otherwise advised in writing. Written notice of your wish to withdraw from lessons must be received four weeks in advance. Otherwise, you will be charged a total of four weeks from receipt of your notice.

4. Continuing lessons

- (i) Enrolments are *automatically transferred* over to the next term/year and it is not necessary to fill out another form.

5. Exam Enrolment and Accompaniment Fees

- (i) Students may be enrolled for practical and/or theoretical Music examinations through organisations such as AMEB or Trinity College London by their tutor. Tutors will suggest an accompanist, and fees must be paid directly by parents to the accompanist.

Performing Arts - Dance

Dance (External Provider)

Dare 2 Dance offers classical ballet, jazz, tap, hip hop, contemporary, aerobics, cheer, musical theatre, acrobatics and stretch and tech. Under the direction of Principal Ms Leigh Elliot, Dare 2 Dance has been an integral part of the College life since its inception back in 1997. Dare 2 Dance has grown from just a handful of students to now include eleven dynamic teachers and over 250 students on a weekly basis.

Dare 2 Dance is committed to providing a solid foundation in dance training in a fun, supportive and nurturing environment. Each class aims to encourage personal development, growth and confidence in each individual dancer whether they choose to dance recreationally or strive to pursue a professional dancing career.

The art of dance not only fosters respect, discipline and musicality in a student, but enlivens a passion for artistic expression and creativity that fuels the soul of a dancer.

Uniforms

As dance is a disciplined art form, it is imperative that students wear correct dance attire to every lesson and are appropriately groomed. Please visit the Dare2Dance website (<http://www.dare2dance.com.au/uniforms>) for more details or visit the Dance Studio.

Examinations

Dare 2 Dance provides students with the opportunity to participate in annual Cecchetti Ballet.

“Showtime” Dance Concert

Held in Term Four, this concert is a showcase of the Dare 2 Dance year and features all students from Prep to Year 12. There is a matinée and evening performance and all students are required to perform in both shows.

Activity Organiser: Leigh Elliot

Year Levels Available to: Child Care/Prep to Year 12

Cost: Please refer to the Dare 2 Dance Fee Schedule for details

Enrolments: Please contact Leigh Elliot on 0419 669 773 or via admin@dare2dance.com.au
www.dare2dance.com.au

Dance Tuition Lessons

Lessons	Junior (per term)	Senior (per term)
Prep and Kindy 1 Lesson per week	\$ 171	
1 Lesson per week	\$ 186	\$ 196
2 Lessons per week	\$ 346	\$ 366
3 Lessons per week	\$ 497	\$ 522
4 Lessons per week	\$ 622	\$ 657
5 Lessons per week	\$ 738	\$ 778
Unlimited Lessons per week	\$ 833	\$ 863
Competition Teams	\$ 125	\$ 125

*All dance fees are inclusive of GST

* Junior – Prep to Year 6

*Senior – Year 7 to Year 12

Please note the following:

- An annual sign-on fee of \$75 per student / \$125 per family is payable with Term 1 fees;
- Fees are payable per term in advance and are due before the end of week 3 (unless an arranged Payment Plan has been arranged with the Principal of Dare 2 Dance)
- Any fees still outstanding at the end of the third week of each term will incur a \$50 administration fee;
- Any fees still outstanding at the end of the seventh week of each term will incur a \$100 administration fee.



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