

October 2023

Dear Parents ☐ Carers ☐

Canterbury has a rich and thriving co-curricular dance program on offer to **ELC** students. This letter outlines the dance opportunities for students in Canterbury's Junior School **ELC**. Information about each ensemble and auditions is detailed on the following pages, including costs and requirements.

### Dance Ensemble Information

**ELC (Early Learning Centre) ☐ Prep: Little Groovers Dance Class** is a **RD** **GLWLRHG** dance class providing an opportunity for students in **ELC** and Prep to participate in dancing for enjoyment with the College. The goal of this team is to build a love of music, dance and movement in a safe and fun environment.

**Years 1-2: Rise Dance Class** is a **RD** **GLWLRHG** dance class providing an opportunity for students in Years 1-2 to participate in dancing for enjoyment with the College. The goal of this group is to develop musicality, coordination, confidence and stage presence while learning skills in the jazz dance style. Students will perform at school events throughout the year.

**Years 3-6: Boyzone** is a **RD** **GLWLRHG** dance class taught with a focus on boys' dance choreography and general enjoyment of dancing.

**Years 2-3: Shine Dance Company** is an **DGLWLRHG** dance team providing an opportunity for students in Years 2-3 to participate in competitive dancing with the College. The goal of this team is to build on existing skills in musicality, coordination, confidence and stage presence while developing skills in the jazz and lyrical dance styles. Students will compete in eisteddfods and perform at school events throughout the year.

**Years 3-6: Flame Dance Class** is a **non-auditioned** dance class providing an opportunity for students in Years 3-6 to participate in dancing for enjoyment with the College. The goal of this group is to develop musicality, coordination, confidence and stage presence while learning skills in the jazz dance style. Students will perform at school events throughout the year.

**Years 4-6: Ignite Dance Company** is an **auditioned** dance team providing an opportunity for students in Years 4-6 to participate in competitive dancing with the College. The goal of this team is to build on existing skills in musicality, coordination, confidence and stage presence while developing skills in the jazz and lyrical dance styles. Students will compete in eisteddfods and perform at school events throughout the year.

**Years 4-6: Blaze Crew** is an **auditioned** dance team providing an opportunity for students in Years 4-6 to participate in competitive dancing with the College. The goal of this team is to build on skills in the hip hop style. Students will compete in eisteddfods and perform at school events throughout the year. Students in the Blaze Crew are permitted to also participate in either the Flame Dance Class or Ignite Dance Company if they wish.



# Canterbury

## Junior Dance Ensembles – Group Information

	Little Groovers	Rise Dance Class	Boyzone	Shine Dance Company	Flame Dance Class	Ignite Dance Company	Blaze Crew
<b>Ages</b>	ELC - Prep	Years 1-2	Years 3-6	Years 2-3	Years 3-6	Years 4-6	Years 4-6
<b>Entry</b>	Clipboard	Clipboard	Clipboard	Audition	Online Form	Audition	Audition
<b>Entries Close</b>	January 2024 or at capacity	January 2024 or at capacity	January 2024 or at capacity	1 November 2023	January 2024 or at capacity	1 November 2023	1 November 2023
<b>Audition</b>	Nil	Nil	Nil	Thursday 26 October 2023	Nil	Friday 27 October 2023	Friday 27 October 2023
<b>Ensemble Fee</b>	\$250 per year	\$300 per year	\$300 per year	\$350 per year	\$300 per year	\$350 per year	\$350 per year
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>There is a 4-week trial period at the beginning of each year. After this time, refunds will not be available.</li> </ul>							
<b>Class Times</b>	Friday Prep: 3:30pm – 4:00pm ELC: 4:00pm – 4:30pm	Thursday 7:00am – 8:00am	Monday 3:30pm – 4:30pm	Thursday 3:30pm – 5:00pm	Friday 7:00am – 8:00am	Monday 3:30pm – 5:30pm	Wednesday 7:00am – 8:00am
<b>Expected Performances</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Possible School Assemblies &amp; Events</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>School Assemblies</li> <li>Dance Spectacular</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>School Assemblies</li> <li>Dance Spectacular</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Eisteddfods</li> <li>Dance Spectacular</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>School Assemblies</li> <li>Dance Spectacular</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Eisteddfods</li> <li>Dance Spectacular</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Eisteddfods</li> <li>Dance Spectacular</li> </ul>
<b>Uniform Requirements Order Before Sat 11 Nov</b>	Regular School Uniform	Regular School Uniform	Canterbury Sport Uniform Sports Shoes	Canterbury Dance Uniform White Sneakers	Canterbury Dance Uniform OR Canterbury Sport Uniform	Canterbury Dance Uniform White Sneakers	Canterbury Dance Uniform White Sneakers
<b>Additional Items Required</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Hair supplies</li> <li>Stage make-up (Prep Only)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Black, elastic-sided jazz shoes</li> <li>Tan dance stockings (convertible)</li> <li>Hair supplies</li> </ul>	White sneakers and black cotton shorts for performances	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Black, elastic-sided jazz shoes</li> <li>Tan dance stockings (convertible)</li> <li>Hair supplies</li> <li>Stage make-up</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Black, elastic-sided jazz shoes</li> <li>Tan dance stockings (convertible)</li> <li>Hair supplies</li> <li>Stage make-up</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Black, elastic-sided jazz shoes</li> <li>Tan dance stockings (convertible)</li> <li>Hair supplies</li> <li>Stage make-up</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Hair supplies</li> <li>Stage make-up</li> </ul>

## Expectations and Requirements of Dancers and Families

Participation in Canterbury Dance requires a full-year commitment; dancers are expected to maintain a 90% attendance rate at classes and rehearsals as well as attend all performances and competitions. Students must wear their full correct uniform (including listed footwear), as outlined in the uniform guide, to all classes and performances. Hair must always be neatly tied back as per the College hair policy. For the safety of all dancers and staff, high behaviour expectations, as per the College behaviour policy, exist for all lessons.

## Dance Uniforms

Uniform, jazz shoe and stocking orders for 2024 will open on **Friday 3 November** and close on **Monday 13 November 2023** in order for us to receive our shipment in a timely manner. The link to the order form will be released on MyCC and sent via email to new students to the college.

## Audition Information

### Audition details – Shine Dance Company

- Open to students currently in Year 1 - 2, 2023 (Years 2-3 2024)
- Date and Time: **Thursday 26 October at 3.30 – 4.45pm**
- Location: Performing Arts Theatre
- Current students must meet a teacher at the Junior School Green area to be walked over to the CEC.
- [\(CLICK HERE\)](#) to register.

### Audition details – Ignite Dance Company

- Open to students currently in Years 3-5, 2023 (Years 4-6 2024)
- Date and Time: **Friday 27 October at 3:30pm-4:30pm**
- Location: Performing Arts Theatre
- Students must meet a teacher at the Junior School Green area to be walked over to the CEC.
- [\(CLICK HERE\)](#) to register.

### Audition details – Blaze Crew

- Open to students currently in Years 3-5, 2023 (Years 4-6 2024)
- Date and Time: **Friday 27 October at 4:30pm-5:15pm** (optional supervision provided between 3:30pm and 4:30pm).
- Location: Performing Arts Theatre
- Current students must meet a teacher at the Junior School Green area to be walked over to the CEC.
- [\(CLICK HERE\)](#) to register.

### What to bring/wear:

- Clothing: Canterbury Dance uniform OR Canterbury College sport uniform. If new to the college in 2024, comfortable clothes to dance in.
- Footwear: jazz shoes or bare feet for Ignite/Shine, sneakers for Blaze.
- Drink bottle and healthy snack
- Students are to be collected from the Performing Arts Theatre at the conclusion of their audition.

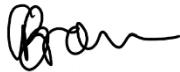
Out of respect for all dancers, family members are **not permitted** in the room during the auditions.

### **Important Notice**


Auditions are always competitive, with many students attending each year. As there are limited places available, we unfortunately cannot accommodate everyone, and decisions made by staff are final. Please also note that acceptance into a team for one year does not guarantee acceptance in subsequent years. All auditioning students' parents will receive an email by Friday 3 November to inform them of whether their child has been offered a place in an auditioned team. If unsuccessful at gaining a place, students will still be able to enrol in a non-audition ensemble before the end of the year for 2024. Students do not need to audition if they would only like to be in Little Groovers, Rise, Flame or Boyzone Dance Class. Registrations will open on **Clipboard on 30 October 2023**. New students to the college can enrol by contacting [arts@canterbury.qld.edu.au](mailto:arts@canterbury.qld.edu.au).

If you have any questions, please contact Mrs Cathy Brown on [ca.brown@canterbury.qld.edu.au](mailto:ca.brown@canterbury.qld.edu.au)

Kind regards



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