

Tuesday 3 October 2023

Dear Parents & Carers,

Canterbury has a rich and thriving co-curricular Dance Program on offer to ALL students. This letter outlines the dance opportunities for students in Canterbury's Junior School for 2024. Information about each ensemble and auditions is detailed on the following pages, including costs and requirements.

### Dance Ensembles Information

**ELC (Early Learning Centre) & Prep: Little Groovers Dance Class** is a **non-auditioned** dance class providing an opportunity for students in the 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 **non-auditioned** 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 **non-auditioned** dance class taught with a focus on boys' dance choreography and general enjoyment of dancing.

**Years 2-3: Shine Dance Company** is an **auditioned** 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   |
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| <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  | 24 October 2023  | January 2024 or at capacity  | 24 October 2023  | 24 October 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<br>Prep: 3:30pm – 4:00pm<br>ELC: 4:00pm – 4:30pm  | Thursday<br>7:00am – 8:00am   | Monday<br>3:30pm – 4:30pm  | Thursday<br>3:30pm – 5:00pm  | Friday<br>7:00am – 8:00am  | Monday<br>3:30pm – 5:30pm  | Wednesday<br>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<br>Sports Shoes   | Canterbury Dance Uniform<br>White Sneakers   | Canterbury Dance Uniform OR<br>Canterbury Sport Uniform  | Canterbury Dance Uniform<br>White Sneakers   | Canterbury Dance Uniform<br>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 & Requirements Of Dancers & 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 attending all performances and competitions.

Students **must** wear their full correct uniform - including the 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

Uniforms, jazz shoes and stockings orders for 2024 will open on **Friday 3 November 2023** and close **Monday 13 November 2023** 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 Years 1-2, 2023 (Years 2-3, 2024).
- Date & Time: **Thursday 26 October 2023 at 3:30pm – 4:45pm.**
- Location: Performing Arts Theatre, Canterbury College.
- Current students must meet a teacher at the Junior School Green Area to be walked over to the Performing Arts Theatre.
- [PLEASE CLICK HERE](#) to register.

### Audition Details – Ignite Dance Company

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

### Audition Details – Blaze Crew

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

## What To Bring / Wear

- Clothing: Canterbury Dance Uniform OR Canterbury Sport Uniform.  
If new to the College in 2024, then comfortable clothes to dance in.
- Footwear: Jazz shoes or bare feet for Ignite or Shine, and 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** inside 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.

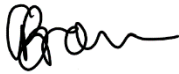
**Please also note that acceptance into an ensemble for one year does NOT guarantee acceptance in subsequent years.** All auditioning students' parents or carers will receive an email by **Friday 3 November 2023** to inform them whether their child has been offered a place in an auditioned team.

If unsuccessful at gaining a place, students will still be able to enrol in a non-auditioned 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 the Boyzone Dance Classes.

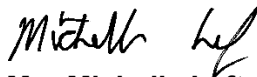
Registrations will open on **Clipboard on Monday 30 October 2023**. New students to the College can enrol by emailing us - [arts@canterbury.qld.edu.au](mailto:arts@canterbury.qld.edu.au)

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

Kind regards



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