

3 October 2024



Dear Parents and 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 in 2025. Information about each ensemble and auditions is detailed on the following pages, including costs and requirements.

Dance Ensemble Information

ELC (Early Learning Centre) and Prep: Little Groovers Dance Class is a non-auditioned 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. Little Groover Prep will perform at Dance Spectacular in September.

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 whilst learning skills in the jazz dance style. Students will perform at Dance Spectacular in September.

Years 3-6: BoyZone is a non-auditioned dance class taught with a focus on boys' dance choreography and general enjoyment of dancing. Students will perform at Dance Spectacular in September.

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 whilst developing skills in the jazz and lyrical dance style. 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 whilst learning skills in the jazz dance style. Students will perform at Dance Spectacular in September.

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 whilst developing skills in the jazz and lyrical dance style. 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 Flame Dance Class or Ignite Dance Company if they wish.

Southern Federation of Dance Technique (Year 4 and above)

This is a jazz technique class where students study the Southern Federation of Dance exam syllabus and prepare for an optional exam at the end of the year. These skills further enhance dance technical and expressive abilities to support excellence across all ensembles.

Junior Dance – Group Information

	Little Groovers	Rise Dance Class	Boyzone	Shine Dance Company	Flame Dance Class	Ignite Dance Company	Blaze Crew	SFD Technique Class	
Ages	ELC-Prep	Years 1-2	Years 3-6	Years 2-3	Years 3-6	Years 4-6	Years 4-6	Year 4 - 10	
Entry	Clipboard – Jan 2025	Clipboard – Nov 2024	Clipboard	Audition	Clipboard – Nov 2024	Audition	Audition	Clipboard – Nov 2024	
Entries close	February 2025 or at capacity	February 2025 or at capacity	February 2025 or at capacity	-	February 2025 or at capacity	-	-	Remains open unless full	
Audition	Nil	Nil	Nil	Thursday 24 October	Nil	Monday 21 October	Monday 21 October	Nil	
Ensemble Fee	\$250 / year	\$300 / year	\$300 / year	\$350 / year	\$300 / year	\$350 / year	\$350 / year	\$100/per term \$50 T4	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> There is a 4-week trial period at the beginning of each year. After this time, refunds will not be available 								
Class times	Friday Prep: 3:30-4:00pm ELC: 4.00 – 4.30pm	Thursday 7.00 – 8.00am	TBC	Thursday 3:30-5:00pm	Friday 7.00 – 8.00am	Monday 3:30-5:30pm	Wednesday 7:00-8:00am	Monday 7.00 – 8.00am	
Expected performances	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Possible school assemblies/ events 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> School assemblies Dance Spectacular 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> School assemblies Dance Spectacular 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Eisteddfods Dance Spectacular 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> School assemblies Dance Spectacular 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Eisteddfods Dance Spectacular 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Eisteddfods Dance Spectacular 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dance Exams in Term 4 	
Uniform requirements (order before Nov 11)	Regular school uniform	Regular school uniform	Canterbury Sport uniform Sports shoes	Canterbury Dance uniform School sport shoes	Canterbury Dance uniform OR Canterbury Sport uniform	Canterbury Dance uniform White sneakers	Canterbury Dance uniform White sneakers	Canterbury Dance uniform	
Additional items required	(PREP only) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Hair supplies Stage makeup Black, elastic-sided jazz shoes Tan dance stockings (convertible) Hair supplies Basic stage makeup. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Black, elastic-sided jazz shoes Tan dance stockings (convertible) Hair supplies Basic stage makeup. 	White sneakers and black cotton shorts for performances	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Black, elastic-sided jazz shoes Tan dance stockings (convertible) Hair supplies Stage makeup 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Black, elastic-sided jazz shoes Tan dance stockings (convertible) Hair supplies Stage makeup 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Black, elastic-sided jazz shoes Tan dance stockings (convertible) Hair supplies Stage makeup 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Black, elastic-sided jazz shoes Tan dance stockings (convertible) Hair supplies Stage makeup 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Hair supplies Stage makeup 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Black, elastic-sided jazz shoes Tan dance stockings (convertible)

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 2025 will open on **Friday 1 November** and close on **Monday 11 November 2024** 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.

[2025 Dance Uniform Guide.pdf](#)

Audition information

Audition details – Shine Dance Company

- Open to students currently in Year 1 - 2, 2024 (Years 2-3 2025)
- Date and Time: **Thursday 24 October at 3.30 – 4.45pm**
- Location: CEC
- 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, 2024 (Years 4-6 2025)
- Date and Time: **Monday 21 October at 3:30pm-4:30pm**
- Location: CEC
- 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, 2024 (Years 4-6 2025)
- Date and Time: **Monday 21 October at 4:30pm-5:15pm** (optional supervision provided between 3:30pm and 4:30pm).
- Location: CEC
- Current students must meet a teacher at the Junior School Green area to be walked over to the CEC.
- [\(CLICK HERE\)](#) to register.

These forms will close at 8:00pm on **Thursday 17 October**.

What to bring/wear:

- Clothing: Canterbury Dance uniform OR Canterbury College sport uniform. If new to the college in 2025, 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 CEC 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.

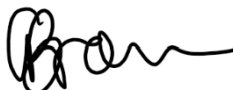
All auditioning students' parents will receive an email by Friday 1 November to inform them of whether their child has been offered a place in an auditioned team. If unsuccessful at gaining a place, students will still be able to enrol in a non-audition ensemble before the end of the year for 2025. Students 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 1 November 2024**. New students to the college can enrol by contacting arts@canterbury.qld.edu.au.

If you have any questions, please contact Mrs Cathy Brown on ca.brown@canterbury.qld.edu.au

Kind regards



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