

Information/Tips for a Happy Theatre Show

Kindy, Pre-Primary, Primary, Ballet Foundation and Grade 1 Ballet students

The following information is provided to help us to keep our concert running as smoothly as possible. It is also provided with the **safety** and security of our youngest dancers in mind. There will be approximately 120 of our junior students all arriving and departing at the SAME time for the concert, so to ease the potential chaos, we ask you to please adhere to these guidelines and add a huge dose of patience to the mix! Each student is precious to us and we want them to have a positive and happy experience. Calm, happy parents usually equate to calm, happy students!

Access to the Junior Dressing Room: SATURDAY 3rd DECEMBER

Most students will be in the "DANCE STUDIO" dressing room. To access this dressing room go through the foyer of the Newman College Theatre. The Dance Studio is opposite the Ticket Office/Bar. Please allow time for parking and to find the dressing room. Ballet Foundation & Grade 1 students will be directed to their dressing rooms behind the stage from this point.

Only one adult to accompany each student to the dressing room area.

Space is extremely limited in the dressing room. Please leave strollers/prams outside. Only the senior students and teachers who are rostered on to help for the show may stay in the dressing rooms. All other parents are respectfully asked to please sign in their child, dress them in their costume, settle them and then leave. Please check notes for arrival and departure times. Please provide a bottle of water (no cordial/fizzy drinks), a blanket to sit on and something to do e.g. book to read or colouring books and pencils (no textas please). A small 'no mess' snack e.g. crackers/sandwich would also be good (no chocolate, sticky lollies, watermelon). Please note that we do have students with severe food allergies, so please be mindful of what you pack for your child. **No nut products please.** If your child does carry medication for any reason, please label it clearly with their name on and ensure that it is given to Miss Tania or Miss Janine with instructions if necessary.

Theatre etiquette

At the Perth School of Ballet, we hope to teach students *all* the aspects of dance and this includes theatre etiquette. **Students must not arrive or leave the theatre in their costume. This includes headpieces and dance shoes.** It is also good theatre manners to only move in and out of the audience during intervals, so please encourage younger siblings to sit until the end of the show. No one should walk onto the stage at the end of the show for etiquette and safety reasons. NO parents will be allowed side stage to watch their child – this is a breach of theatre rules. It is extremely busy backstage with and helpers organising groups to get ready to be onstage, on time, so please respect all volunteers working backstage and follow their instructions.

What students should wear to the theatre

Students should please have their full make up already applied and their hair styled ready. If you are unsure please head over to our website and watch the hair and make up tutorials. They should wear their normal clothes. No earrings, jewellery, fake tattoos, sparkly hair gel or nail polish please. Please bring, in a suitable bag, their costume, headpiece and dance shoes. **Please label everything clearly** (name on the inside of the costume), as 25 Snowflake costumes all look the same! Be careful if using black permanent marker on light coloured lycra- it will show through! NO child will be allowed to leave the dressing room in their costume. They must get changed to go home.

When you bring your child backstage to the dressing room please ensure they have been to the toilet BEFORE coming. On arrival sign them in at the door, find their group, change your child into their costume, put on their ballet shoes and their headpiece and touch up their lipstick., wish them happy dancing, assure them you will return *at the end* of the show and then please leave. When you collect them, one parent only to please come back to the dressing room, change their child out of their costume and sign them out. If you talk them through this procedure well before the time, there should be very few problems. Please ensure you do sign in AND sign out your child.

For the Performance

The students will be looked after in the dressing rooms throughout the performance. They are not allowed to be in the audience with you. The dressing rooms will have the video link set up so the students can watch the dancing on stage, which is always an enjoyable experience for them.

After the show, could one parent please come and collect your child as per the routine above.

Please do not hesitate to ask your child's teacher with *any* questions you may have. We want you to feel comfortable with the procedures put in place for all junior students.

Thank you in advance for your kind cooperation and we all look forward to a wonderful show.

PSB Junior Program Teachers