

CATHY-LEA 2019 END-OF-YEAR CONCERT GENERAL INFORMATION

The End-of-Year Concert is a highlight of the Cathy-Lea curriculum, and is a wonderful experience for the students, but we understand that for parents it can be an overwhelming time when there is lots of information disseminated and irregular commitments required. We do put on a 'show' and the students interact with other classes on stage, so the rehearsal process is important. Please ask, email or phone the Cathy-Lea office staff if you have any questions at any time. Here is some information that will hopefully clarify what is involved. Please note dates in your calendars.

1. Which concert?

Twinkle Tots DO NOT participate in the End-of-Year Concert, but will perform a couple of items at Presentation Day on Sunday 8th December.

Rising Stars (RSD) and Super Stars students perform in 1 concert only. Classes are allocated to a concert, however if you wish to swap shows, you can do this, as the routine is the same for all classes and there are not set places. Allocation will be done mid term 3. Speak with your teacher if you have any questions.

Junior and Inter students as well as some recreational classes will perform in 2 concerts only (ie on 1 day).

All other students are required for all 4 shows ie 12pm and 5pm on Saturday 30th November and Sunday 1st December.

2. *Full School Rehearsal – Saturday 16th November, Berwick Secondary College PAC

ALL STUDENTS REQUIRED

This is a full run through of the show in order with all students in attendance.

No costumes are worn, but students attend in normal class uniform.

Pre-schoolers come at 9am, then all other students are required at 9.30am, then they may come and go through the day as the schedule allows.

A detailed schedule will be distributed for this day in Term 4.

**Students must attend on this occasion to be eligible to perform in the show. Rolls will be taken.*

3. Costume Week 18th-23rd November

Bring all costumes to regular classes for checking in the final week of classes before the show. This is especially important for costumes made at home or if students have not attended photo day.

4. Photo Day, Sunday 24th November

Acclaimed dance photographer, Belinda Strodder will once again take our group and individual photos at the studio. She will also attend our dress rehearsal and take action shots of students.

On the Photo Day, students attend at their group's allocated time in full costume and performance make-up and have group and individual photos taken. (It takes 15-30 minutes per group to be photographed for both group and individual photos).

This is an optional day, but we encourage you to attend so those who want class photos can have all students in them. This is also an excellent opportunity to check costumes prior to show day. There is no compulsion to buy photos. Have a look at Belinda's amazing work at <http://www.dancephotography.net.au/>

5. Rehearsal Week Mon 25th & Tuesday 26th November

No normal classes will run this week, but instead rehearsals in show order will occur at Cathy-Lea Studios.

6. Dress Rehearsal – Thursday 28th November from 4pm, Dandenong Drum Theatre

ALL STUDENTS (EXCEPT RSD & SUPER STARS) REQUIRED at 4.15pm at the Drum Theatre.

A detailed schedule will be distributed for this day in Term 4.

**Students must attend on this occasion to be eligible to perform in the show. Rolls will be taken.*

7. Concerts - 12pm & 5pm Saturday 30th November & Sunday 1st December

Dandenong Drum Theatre, corner Lonsdale and Walker Streets Dandenong.

Students will be required from 10.30am on the day of their performance/s.

The shows are approximately 3 hours long and are an entertaining dance, music and drama program.

Students are involved in one item per class they attend plus a finale item.

8. Presentation Day Sunday 8th December from 9am-1pm

Certificates and medals will be presented to all students on this occasion, so please mark this in your diaries. Pre-schoolers are presented first, then we proceed in alphabetical order.

9. Tickets

Our End of Year Concert runs as an entertaining family performance at the lovely Dandenong Drum Theatre. The venue is run by professional technicians and front-of-house staff. The seats are comfortable and the show includes theatrical lighting, scenery and effects. To help cover these costs this venue and its staff across the 4 days that we use the theatre, we have to sell tickets – and we thank you in advance for your support in this regard.

Ticket costs for 2019 are:

Adults	\$38-
Children (14 & under)	\$25-

Note that theatre regulations stipulate that all patrons, including children, must have a seat. It will be a family-friendly concert, but as it may be 3 hours long, if you have small children, you may prefer to leave them at home. Tickets will go on sale 9am-11am on Sunday 27th October. Thereafter tickets are available from the Cathy-Lea office. Tickets are only sold to families of current students whose fees have been paid in full, which is why we choose to sell on a face-to-face basis.

10. Costumes

Your concert bond will be invoiced from the costume ladies, (accounts@reckon.com) which will cover the first \$60- of your costume costs. Each class your child is enrolled in will do one item in the concert. Those doing more than one class will need to pay for additional costumes. Any further costs will need to be paid in cash or via direct debit to the costume ladies as the costumes become available. We try very hard to keep costume costs down, but as we are purchasing more costumes rather than making them, costs are expected to be between \$40- and \$60- per costume.

The costume ladies will be based in the Back Lane Studios during peak studio hours. Note that these are Mums who volunteer to help the school in this way, so treat them kindly or they may not volunteer next year – and we need their help to make sure all students look wonderful on stage in their concert!

As costumes are ready for pick-up in Term 4, you will receive invoices via email from the costume ladies. Some will need to be sewn up, so you either need to come into the Back Lane Studios and ask to get this done via the costume ladies or arrange for someone else to do it privately. Do not leave collection of costumes to the last minute.

Rising Stars (RSD) and Super Stars costumes will be given to you completely made up closer to the concert.

Please also appreciate that there are several thousand costumes required for the End-of-Year Concert. This process has started already and will keep our costume ladies busy right up until the show. As we have fewer sewers than in the past, we are sourcing items from overseas and it takes many weeks for these to be manufactured and delivered.

If you have any concerns at any time – please ask for help!

2019 is our 29th year of running Cathy-Lea Concerts. We have many staff and parents who know the concert routine well, so if you are new or uncertain at any time, please ask questions. We want this to be an enjoyable and rewarding experience for all!

I look forward to creating and sharing a wonderful concert with you in November-December 2019!

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