

March 2026 Newsletter

Dear Elite Families,

1. Class Readiness & Studio Etiquette

To ensure classes run smoothly, students are required to:

- Arrive prior to their class time, ready to begin dancing
- Have their hair neatly secured in a bun at all times
- Bring a water bottle
- Wear the correct dance uniform and shoes for their class (e.g., ballet skirt, etc.)
- Not wear any jewellery to class

Students should not arrive at or after their scheduled class time and then begin getting ready, as this delays the lesson and impacts the rest of the class.

We would also like to remind students to show their teachers the same respect and kindness that they receive in class.

2. Importance of Correct Uniform and Footwear

For the health and safety of all students, it is essential that dancers wear the correct uniform and shoes for their class. Improper footwear or clothing can increase the risk of injury during movement.

We have recently found pins left on the floor, and it is not uncommon for students to get splinters in the dance hut. Wearing the appropriate shoes and attire helps minimise these risks and ensures a safe environment for everyone.

Please take care to check that all uniforms, shoes, and accessories are safe and correctly fitted before each class.

3. Musical Theatre – Expressions of Interest

We are currently exploring the possibility of offering a Musical Theatre class in Term 2 on a Saturday at 8 AM with Mr Lachlan.

Please note that a minimum number of 6 students is required for the class to proceed. The class would be available to Intermediate, Pre-Senior, Senior, and Open dancers. If your dancer is interested in singing, acting, and dancing, we would love to hear from you.

A new and revised timetable for Term 2 will be distributed shortly.

In the meantime, we kindly ask families to enquire about the Musical Theatre class as soon as possible to assist with confirming this class prior to the commencement of Term 2.

4. 2026 Exam Dates

Our exam sessions are expected to take place on either 20th – 21st June or 27th – 28th June 2026.

These dates are determined by ATOD, and we will confirm the exact weekend as soon as we receive final notification. The classes participating in the examinations will be advised shortly with invoices to follow.

An additional class has been scheduled on Thursdays for Pre-Senior and Senior (Gold Medal) Ballet with Juliette from 4:15 PM to 5:00 PM.

If any students would benefit from additional lessons, please inform Mrs Muir so that we can explore suitable arrangements with one of our teachers.

Students are also welcome to take videos during class, if required, to assist with practice and revision outside of lessons.

5. Absences

If your child is unable to attend class, please ensure that Mrs Muir is notified. This assists us in maintaining accurate attendance records and ensuring that all students are accounted for.

6. Housekeeping Reminders

During dance breaks, students may have light refreshments. However, please refrain sending foods that create a mess, such as popcorn.

We have recently had instances where popcorn and other food items have been left outside for teachers to clean up. We kindly ask students and families to be mindful of our shared dance space by disposing of rubbish appropriately and not leaving food scraps behind.

7. Sherwood Fete

The Sherwood State School Fete will be held on Saturday, 9th May. We will provide further details and information regarding performances and schedules closer to the date. Costumes for selected performances on the day will be handed out within the next two weeks.

Fringing shorts and pants should be kept in separate bags to help maintain their condition and prevent tangling during washing by Mrs Muir.

We also have a number of outstanding costumes from the concert and previous Eisteddfod performances. Please ensure that any missing items are returned to Mrs Muir as soon as possible.

8. Concert Date

Our End-of-Year Concert will be held on Sunday, 6th December at Centenary State High School.

Further details regarding rehearsal schedules will be provided later in the year. However, please note that the venue has been booked for our full dress rehearsal on 14th November.

Thank you for your continued support. We are incredibly proud of the dedication and

enthusiasm our dancers have shown this term and look forward to an exciting and busy few months ahead.