



End of Year Concert

Please see our [calendar](#) for important dress rehearsal, concert and photo dates, times and venues.

Concert Tickets

To purchase tickets for the end of year concert. Tickets are available through the Monash website.

<https://www.monash.edu/performing-arts-centres/event/steppes/>

Dress rehearsal at Alexander Theatre

Dress rehearsal is equally as important as the performance itself, and just like the performance an immense amount of organization goes in to ensuring the students have a thorough understanding of the theatre, the theatre layout and where, and how, their item will be performed on the night.

Students can arrive dressed in their first costume, if they are covered with a dressing gown or hoodie over the top for protection.

Check In & Check Out

We would request that only 1 parent or guardian should come to the stage door for check in and check out as the area can become very congested. Students will be required to be signed "in and out" of the theatre, this is to ensure all students have attended, however, more importantly; it is for the safety and well being of each student. All students will be adequately supervised whilst at the theatre with activities provided for the younger children whilst they wait their turn.

Students from the age of 13yrs & over (Year 7 upwards) may check themselves in and out of the stage door if they have a signed note from their guardian. This is to be presented at all check in and check outs.

Students with a sibling or carpooling with another family can also check out together providing they have a note. Parents are to wait at the stage door at students selected pick up time.

Food & Water

Please pack water and snacks. If a child is there all day, then pack them a meal as you would for school. Rehearsal day the students will be given breaks at the theatre but not to leave the building. Students should cover costumes when eating.

Performances at Alexander Theatre

Students need to be at the theatre at **least 45 mins** before performance times. All students must arrive with make-up and hair already done.

We ask that everyone be seated in the theatre auditorium on time for the so the performances will commence on time. The Theatre will have a lock-out once the performance commences.

**Please note there is a small finale at the end of ballet then a finale at the end of 2nd half. Ballet students do not need to wait until the end of the night backstage if not performing again after interval.*

Students who are only performing in the ballet may be checked out at interval and join their families to watch the 2nd half. Students will need a ticket if they choose to watch.

There will be a break between the 2pm and 7pm show on the day of the Performances for students to go and eat something and get some fresh air. Parents need to check them out and drop them back.

(PLEASE NO FOOD CONTAINING NUTS)

Parents Back stage

Parents are not permitted to enter backstage unless they are official helpers. We have adults backstage to supervise and help with making the show run as smoothly as possible. Staff and helpers will be wearing a high-vis vest.

Each child will be signed in at the entrance and left with their group supervisor. Students will be kept in groups and not allowed to leave the back stage area until they are collected at the end by a parent or guardian. This is for the safety of the child. We cannot have parents coming in and out of the theatre as we need to know where everyone is at all times.

Costumes:

Purchased Costumes - Once costumes are handed out to students; they will become the property of the student.

We do not have extra costumes; students will need to take care of their own. We suggest students keep costumes in a safe place and hang them up when they are not wearing them at rehearsal or on stage. Some groups will have small accessories like hats, socks, gloves or hair ribbons with their costumes which we may keep at the theatre to save losing these; others will take all belongings home and need to keep with costume.

Costume Hire - Hired costumes will stay at Steppes and at the theatre. If a hired costume is returned damaged, then students will be charged the full amount.

Hair

Each group will have an individual style for hair. Please confirm with teacher your hairstyle if unsure.

Tip - The best way to get hair into a bun is start with dirty hair (Do not wash on the day) Make a ponytail with hair elastics in a similar colour as the hair (not bright elastics) Make hair into a bun shape and cover with a hair net the colour of hair. Once you have a good shape, place French or Fringe pins around the bun (French / Fringe pins are the wide pins) Bobby pins can be used to hold back fringes and side of hair. Short hair can still go up into buns. You will need lots of gel

Make up

It is necessary for students to wear make up on stage as the strong lighting can wash their skin colouring and features out.

All students should have their own make up, we encourage children to have their own lipsticks and not share with others. Please do not apply lipstick before they arrive but put in their bags. Our volunteers will put lipstick only on the children.

Foundation/ Base Try to match to student's skin tone, apply to face and even out in the neck.

Eye shadow Brown eye shadow at the bottom of the eyelid, then a lighter brown gradually getting lighter towards the eyebrow

Lipstick A bright red

Eyeliner / Mascara Only for students who will not rub eyes

False Eye lashes All students who are 12yrs and upwards to senior students. Younger students optional

Blush Not too much blush but enough to high light cheek
Bones do not put in circles.

Performance Kit We suggest that parents make their children a kit to have in their bag with the following items.
Water
Snack and drink
Lipstick and makeup if they have their own
Hairpins – spare both bobby and French / Fringe pins
Hair net – spare
Tissues
Hairbrush

- Jackets** Students should arrive with a jacket, gown or shirt over costumes that does not need to be pulled over their heads as this will ruin makeup and hair. Please label all belongings, especially clothing and lunch boxes.
- Ballet** All ballet students need pink ballet tights like they wear in class (Ballet salmon pink) and ballet shoes with elastics. (ribbons from level 3 upwards)
Please make sure tights are clean with no ladders or holes.
- Jazz** All jazz students need tan jazz shoes and tan tights, please make sure they are clean and no have no holes in the toes. Some students may require black jazz shoes if advised. Tan tights called Beige at Energetiks (CT30 / AT30)
- Lyrical** Foot Thongs & Footless tights (CT30 / AT30)
- Hip Hop** Black canvas runners
- No Jewellery** Students are not to wear jewellery on stage unless it is part of their costume. If a child has pierced ears and cannot take out then they must cover with small flesh toned band aids. We suggest jewellery is left at home as there is less risk in being lost back stage. No belly rings earrings or tattoos to be visible.
- No Nail Polish** Students are asked to take off all nail polish, stamps and pretend tattoos before they come to the theatre.
- No underwear** Students are not to wear bright coloured underwear under their costumes. With the strong stage lighting we don't want to see patterned underpants hanging out under white tutus. A body stocking, which looks like a nude colour leotard can be worn under costumes for girls with quick changes. Nude dance underpants can be purchased at Bloch, Energetiks & Studio 7, senior girls will need natural colour bras if they wish to wear on stage.
- Body Stocking** We suggest students all purchase a flesh colour body stocking with clear straps to wear under costumes if hiring a costume. They are useful for students with quick changes.
- Dance Wear** www.energetiks.com.au



<https://www.bloch.com.au/>
<https://www.studio7dancewear.com/>

Photos

Due to copyright laws the use of cameras and videos in the theatre is strictly prohibited. Anyone found using a camera or video may have it confiscated by a theatre or Steppes staff member. Please turn off all mobile phones before entering the theatre. If you have a child with you please leave the theatre if the child is disruptive.

Students will have professional photos taken on stage at the full dress rehearsal as well as the studio photo day. Students will be required to have their hair and makeup done for the full dress rehearsal. Photos will be available through National Photography.

<https://www.nationalphotography.com.au>

Parking at the Theatre

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