



# BENNETT SCHOOL OF BALLET & JAZZ

## End of Year Show 2019



### Information about Tickets, Helpers, Final Week Rehearsals & Performances

Please send all communication about the end of year show to Tor at [endofyearshowbennettschool@gmail.com](mailto:endofyearshowbennettschool@gmail.com)

This End of Year Show Notice is long, but it contains all the information you need to know about tickets, helpers, final week rehearsals and performances. Please keep this notice so you can refer back to it as needed over the next few weeks.

#### **TICKETS**

Tickets for "A Xmas Carol" can be purchased in the Dressing Room from 10am to 12pm on Saturday 16 November, Saturday 23 November and Saturday 30 November, in the foyer of the Kavanagh College Auditorium during the rehearsals there on Monday 2 December, Wednesday 4 December and Thursday 5 December, or by putting the correct money or a cheque in an envelope with the following details on the front - your child's name, the performance you wish to attend and the number of adult, children or family tickets required. Tickets will be then be given to your child at their next lesson.

There will be some door sales available, but it's preferable if most tickets are purchased before the show as this speeds up entry to the auditorium. **Please note that there are no eftpos facilities at the dance school or at the theatre so tickets can be purchased with cash or cheque only.**

In order to watch all or part of a show, a ticket must be purchased. Unfortunately we cannot accept IOUs and people are not allowed to just pop into the theatre to watch their child dance. The revenue from ticket sales is very important for helping to cover the costs associated with putting on the show and having people coming and going from the auditorium is very distracting for both the performers and the rest of the audience, as well as being a health and safety issue.

Ticket prices are as follows:	Adult (18 years and over)	\$16.00
	Child (5 years & over)	\$8.00
	Child (under 5 years)	Free
	Family Ticket	\$40.00 (2 adults & 2 children)

#### **HELPERS**

A very big "thank you" to those parents who have already volunteered to help out with the end of year show. More helpers are needed, though, to supervise children during the shows and assist with front of house. Some parents to help the Tiny Tots into their costumes before the Dress Rehearsal on Thursday 5 December and out of their costumes once they've finished (at 5pm) would also be much appreciated.

If you're able to help, please let Tor know via email ([endofyearshowbennettschool@gmail.com](mailto:endofyearshowbennettschool@gmail.com)) or text (027-635-1512). Thanks!

#### **FINAL WEEK REHEARSALS**

**During the week of the show (the week starting Monday 2 December), all dance classes will be replaced by rehearsals at the Kavanagh College Auditorium.**

Given the large number of students involved in the show, we're never going to be able to work in with everyone's schedules. However, it's very important that everyone is at all the rehearsals they're meant to be at and that they stay for the whole time they're meant to be there so that everyone is fully prepared for their experience on stage.

It can be very difficult if students are not at these rehearsals as your child's class is like a team and it is very hard to practise the dance with people missing and frustrating for our teachers and the dancers who are at the rehearsal.

### **Closed Rehearsals**

All the rehearsals at the Kavanagh College Auditorium will be **closed rehearsals**. This means that parents and anyone else not in the show will not be allowed into the Auditorium before or during rehearsals. This is so the students and the production team can focus completely on the rehearsal without interruptions and without people constantly coming in and out of the Auditorium.

Children can be dropped off in the foyer and either go into the Auditorium on their own or, if they're a bit younger and unsure, they will be taken into the Auditorium by a senior student who will then ensure they are seated with their class and are settled.

As teachers and parents we take the safety of your children/our students very seriously and we can reassure you that they will be perfectly safe while at these rehearsals. The children will be required to be in the Auditorium at all times (either sitting in a seat in the audience or on stage). There will be an adult in the foyer at all times who will ensure that any students who come out of the Auditorium to use the bathroom return to the Auditorium once finished and do not slip outside.

Once the children have finished their rehearsal you will be able to collect them from the foyer, or if they're older (10 years +) you can arrange to meet them outside.

### **Final Week Rehearsal Schedule**

NOTE: The Tiny Tots are only required on Thursday 5 December (the Dress Rehearsal) from 3.45pm-5pm.

Students should be ready to start rehearsals at 4pm sharp rather than just arriving at 4pm and still needing to get changed. In order to get through everything, we can't afford to waste any time.

**ATTACHED TO THIS EMAIL IS A LIST OF WHO'S WHO IN THE SHOW AND WHO'S IN EACH ACT (for rehearsals).**

**NOTE:** If your child auditioned for one of the "Children" parts and was successful, please check the lists at the end of the "Who's Who" sheet so you know exactly which group they've been put into (Boy Scrooge's Friends, Fred's Family or Cratchit Family.)

#### **Monday 2 December (Act 1 only)**

All Students in Act 1 up to and including Grade 4 Students (except Tiny Tots)	4pm-6pm
All Students in Act 1 Grade 5 and above (except Adults)	4pm-7pm
Musical Theatre & Tap Classes	4pm-7pm
Boy Scrooge's Friends & Fred's Family	4pm-7pm
All Solos & Understudies	4pm-7pm
Adults (Jazz & Ballet)	7pm-7.30pm

#### **Wednesday 4 December (Act 2 only)**

All Students in Act 2 up to and including Grade 4 Students	4pm-6pm
All Students in Act 2 Grade 5 and above (except Adults)	4pm-7pm
Character, Contemporary & Stretch Classes	4pm-7pm
Fred's Family, Cratchit Family & Fred's Party	4pm-7pm
All Solos & Understudies	4pm-7pm
Adults (Jazz & Ballet)	7pm-7.30pm

#### **Thursday 5 December (Dress Rehearsal – both Act 1 & Act 2)**

Tiny Tots (Frost, Fog, Snow, Icicles and Starlight)	3.45pm-5pm
All Students Act 1 & Act 2 (except Tiny Tots & Adults)	4pm-7pm
Adults (Jazz & Ballet)	7pm-7.30pm

If after reading the schedule above you're still unsure when your child is required to attend rehearsals at Kavanagh College, please check with Tor in advance.

**PLEASE NOTE:** For the Monday and Wednesday rehearsals, some students are only required until 6pm (as indicated above). However, this is different for the Thursday rehearsal (the Dress Rehearsal) when they are required to be at rehearsal until 7pm.

### **Dress Rehearsal**

The rehearsal on Thursday 5 December will be a Dress Rehearsal. Please make sure you arrive in time to find your costume, get changed and be ready to start at 4pm – we suggest arriving at 3.45pm.

No make-up is required for the dress rehearsal.

Tiny Tots – please go directly to the Common Room when you arrive at Kavanagh College rather than going to the Auditorium. The Common Room is the building slightly to your left as you walk up the driveway (on the corner of York Place and Tennyson Street) towards the Auditorium. There will also be signs up showing you where to go.

As with the rehearsals on Monday and Wednesday, the Dress Rehearsal will be a **closed rehearsal** and no parents or other adults will be allowed into the Auditorium. There will be plenty of senior students available to assist any younger students who need help.

All Tiny Tots will get changed in the Common Room. There will be a number of adult helpers assigned to assist and any parents who are willing to stay and give a hand will be most welcome. However, please be aware that you will be helping in the Common Room and not accompanying the children to the Auditorium. Once the Tiny Tots are all in their costumes, the senior students who have been assigned to the Tiny Tots classes will come over to the Common Room and escort their class to the Auditorium. This is what will happen for the actual shows and so it's great for the little ones to get to practise this in advance.

Once the Dress Rehearsal is finished for the Tiny Tots, the senior students will bring the Tiny Tots back to the Common Room where they will take off their costume and then they will be ready to go home. During the rehearsal, the parents of Tiny Tots can either wait in the Common Room or pop away and come back at 5pm to collect their little ones. All Tiny Tots should be picked up from the Common Room and the parents helpers will make sure that no Tiny Tots are left in the Common Room unsupervised (in the event that a parent is a little late getting back).

### **What Your Child Needs At The Rehearsals & Shows**

Please make sure that your child has the following items when they come to the final week rehearsals at the Kavanagh College Auditorium and to the performances:

- Ballet shoes and/or jazz shoes.
- Pink ballet tights (girls in ballet classes).
- White socks (boys in ballet classes).
- Full length black leggings (jazz students).
- Dance clothes (for Monday and Wednesday rehearsals).
- Water (it can get hot in the Auditorium).
- Some food to snack on.
- Things to do while not on stage – this could include homework, books to read, activity books, colouring books, electronic devices (with the sound turned off), etc.

Please make sure that your child's items, particularly dance shoes, are named. Also, if you have a younger child, it's a good idea to check their bag before leaving Kavanagh College after their rehearsal just to make sure they've picked up their dance shoes. (We had a few left behind at rehearsals in the past.)

### **PERFORMANCES**

Friday 6 December at 6.00pm, Saturday 7 December at 1.00pm, Saturday 7 December at 4.30pm

Your child will be required at Kavanagh College at 5.30pm on Friday and at 12.30pm and 4.00pm on Saturday. The children will be told which classroom they will be using as a dressing room during the final week rehearsals and this information will be posted in the foyer of the Kavanagh College Auditorium. During the performances all children will be supervised in their dressing room by adult helpers before and after they dance.

**Please do not send children along earlier than half an hour before the shows** - the dressing rooms will be not be supervised before these times and the children don't need more time than this to put on their costumes.

The concert goes for approximately 2½ hours and children may stay between the shows on Saturday. They will not be allowed to leave the area to go anywhere, so please make sure they have plenty of food and drink with them.

**Please note the following when preparing your child at home for the performances:**

- Long hair must be in a bun (fringes and any loose wisps of hair must be pinned back) and short hair must be in a ponytail or clipped back at the sides with bobby pins.
- Make-up and hair should be done at home with just final touches completed in the dressing rooms if necessary. It's simply not possible for a small number of parent helpers to do hair and make-up for large numbers of students in a short amount of time, so please do this at home beforehand. All students (even Tiny Tots) need to have their hair and make-up done in this way as this is dance etiquette.
- Nail polish is not permitted and should be removed prior to the shows please.
- NO JEWELLERY AT ALL IS TO BE WORN (except for medic alert bracelets). Please leave all valuable jewellery at home for safety reasons.
- All students need to bring their dance shoes and tights/socks/leggings as required. These will not be provided.

All costumes need to be left tidily in the dressing rooms after each show. **Please do not take the costumes home** between shows (in case something gets damaged or left at home by mistake) or after the final show (as the costumes are often re-used from year to year or sometimes hired out to other schools).

Please send your children to the shows with snacks, water and things to do quietly. It can get quite hot in the dressing rooms and so it's important that the children remain hydrated. Electronic devices may be used in the dressing rooms, but the dance school is not responsible for anything that goes missing or is damaged.

During the shows, the children are supervised in the dressing rooms and the younger children are escorted to and from the auditorium by responsible senior students so they are never left alone.

Please **DO NOT** park up the driveway at Kavanagh College or drive up there to drop off children (both on rehearsal and show days). It is extremely dangerous to have vehicles moving in and out of the driveway as there will be lots of people, including very small children, wandering around.

**PLEASE NOTE:** There will be no further dance classes after the show.

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If you have any questions at all about the Show or the Final Week Rehearsals, please don't hesitate to email Tor or stop by the Dressing Room at the dance studio on Saturday 16 November, Saturday 23 November or Saturday 30 November between 10am and 12pm and ask Tor.

Please remember that the production team has had many, many years of experience and we all want the show to be a wonderful experience for your child – and for all the proud parents, extended family members and friends in the audience. Thank you for your co-operation and for your support.

BSBJ End of Year Show Production Team ([endofyearshowbennettschool@gmail.com](mailto:endofyearshowbennettschool@gmail.com))

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**DATES TO REMEMBER:**

Saturday 16 November, Saturday 23 November & Saturday 30 November

Tor will be in the Dressing Room selling tickets and answering questions - 10am-12pm.

Saturday 23 November

Meeting for new dance school parents to go over any questions you may have and to run through how things work at the shows - 10.15am in Studio 2.

Make-up & hair session for parents - 12pm-12.30pm in Studio 2.

Monday 2 December & Wednesday 4 December

Rehearsals at the Kavanagh College Auditorium (see above for who is needed which day(s) and when).

Thursday 5 December

Dress rehearsal at the Kavanagh College Auditorium (see above for times).

Friday 6 December

Performance at the Kavanagh College Auditorium at 6pm.

Saturday 7 December

Performances at the Kavanagh College Auditorium at 1pm and 4.30pm.

