

Dear Dance Students, Family and Friends,

I hope this email finds you all in good spirits and ready for an exciting year of dance education and growth at HSPA. As we embark on this journey together, I would like to take a moment to highlight our expectations for all dance students. We strive to create an environment that fosters creativity, discipline, and mutual respect. To achieve this, it is essential that all students adhere to the following guidelines:

1. **Appropriate Dance Attire:** We expect all students to come to their dance classes dressed in appropriate dance wear. This not only ensures a professional and unified appearance but also facilitates movement and enhances safety during the classes. Girls are required to have a plain black or plain coloured leotard along with black contemporary tights. Boys are required to have a black or plain singlet with tights or shorts. Dance Tracksuits and class Dance T-Shirts are available for purchase from the Dance faculty. Please email Hayley.vimpani@det.nsw.edu.au.
2. **Active Participation:** Active participation is a fundamental aspect of any dance class. We encourage all students to engage fully in the learning process. Students will follow the instructions of our Dance Faculty staff and any guest teachers. We are fortunate to also have special guest tutors who have graciously dedicated their time and expertise to support our students' growth as dancers throughout the year. It is essential that students treat this privilege with utmost respect and appreciation.
3. **Respectful Conduct:** Respect is a core value at HSPA. We expect all students to be respectful not only to their tutors but also to their fellow peers and teachers. Encouraging a positive and supportive atmosphere in the classroom will not only enhance the learning experience but also foster a sense of belonging within our dance community.
4. **Valid Medical Reasons for Non-Participation:** We understand that there might be instances where a student cannot participate in a dance class due to valid medical reasons. In such cases, we kindly request that a written explanation, signed by a medical professional, be provided. This allows us to understand the situation better and provide appropriate accommodations.



As educators, our primary goal is to nurture the talents and potential of each student. By adhering to these expectations, we create an environment that promotes personal growth, skill development, and a lifelong passion for dance. Let us work together to ensure that every dancer at HSPA has the opportunity to thrive and flourish.

Below is a guide of upcoming dance events for the year. Please know that items can be added to this at any time as extra opportunities may arise.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding these expectations or any other dance-related matters, please do not hesitate to reach out to me or the dance faculty. Your support and cooperation in upholding these guidelines are greatly appreciated.

Let's make this year a memorable and enriching experience for all!

Warm regards,

The Dance Faculty

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TERM 1				
Month	What is the event?	Who does it involve?	When is it?	
February	Ensemble Auditions	Any students from Year 5 - 11 opting to audition for HSPA Dance Ensembles	Tuesday 6th February Contemporary (Years 8-11)	3:15pm - 6pm (See notices for specific times)
			Thursday 8th February Jazz (Years 5-11)	3:15pm - 5pm (See notices for specific times)
			Monday 12th February Contemporary (Years 5 & 6)	1:30pm - 2:30pm
			Tuesday 13th February Contemporary, (Year 7) Classical Ballet (Years 5-11)	3:15pm - 6pm (See notices for specific times)
March	Year 12 Core Composition Assessment	Year 12 Dance Students and selected HSC junior dances from year 7-11	Thursday 21st & Friday 22nd March	During school time. Students involved will be notified
	Star Struck Featured Dance Auditions	Any student Year 4 - 12 who chooses to audition. Form must be completed through Star Struck to attend.	Monday 4th	During school time. Further information will be provided soon
			Tuesday 5th	
			Sunday 10th (TBC)	Outside of school time.
			Monday 11th	During school time. Further information will be provided soon



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TERM 2				
	What is the event?	Who does it involve?	When is it?	
May	Star Struck Rehearsals	Students 7-12 involved in Star Struck Ensembles - Either HSPA, Featured or both.	Various times throughout Term 2. Please use the Star Struck Canvas page for all schedules.	During school time Some featured rehearsals may happen on the weekends. Star Struck will confirm this directly with students and is not organised through HSPA
June	Star Struck Show Week	Students 7-12 involved in Star Struck Ensembles - Either HSPA, Featured or both.	Week 7 11th - Featured ensembles only 12th - Cast A - Tech and Dress Rehearsal 13th - Cast B - Tech and Dress Rehearsal 14th - SHOW DAY - Cast A Matinee, Cast B Night Show 15th - SHOW DAY	Times vary depending on cast but will occur outside of school hours . Please refer to Star Struck notes for further information
	Lighthouse Project	Pre-Professional Company Senior Company	TBC	Rehearsals during school time. Performance times all day and evening in Newtown Sydney.
July	State of Dance	Dance Ensembles and Dance Companies, HSC Students Classical Ballet Ensemble Jazz Ensemble Combined Company Junior Company Intermediate Company Senior Company Pre-Professional Company	Week 10 2nd, 3rd & 4th July	Rehearsals during school time. Showcase Wednesday and Thursday Night



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TERM 3				
	What is the event?	Who does it involve?	When is it?	
July	Hunter Dance Festival	HSPA Dance Ensemble Students	Week 2 - Individual group dates TBA	Daytime rehearsal Evening Performance
August	HSC Dance	Year 12 Dance Students and selected HSC junior dances from year 7-11	Week 1 - HSC Dance Trials Week 4 & 5 - NESA HSC Dance Exams - Dates TBA	Before and during school time. Students involved will be notified
September	State Dance Festival	Select Dance Ensembles - ensembles will be notified if they were successful State during their ensemble rehearsals in the morning.	Week 9 -Individual item dates TBA	This will include after school hours and an excursion to Sydney. Students will be notified of this in Term 3
TERM 4				
	What is the event?	Who does it involve?	When is it?	
October/ November	REACH Production Term 4 Week 6 18th Nov - 22nd Nov	Compulsory All dance students 7-10	Throughout term 3 and 4	Rehearsals during Class time and REACH
			Performance Week 6 Rehearsal Mon-Thur 18th Nov - 22nd Shows: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Thursday evening 21st 	Rehearsals during school time Evening performances Thursday and Friday roughly 5:30pm-8:30pm



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			Nov <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Friday day 22nd Nov• Friday evening 22nd Nov	
November	School Spectacular	Students in School Spectaculars Featured Ensembles. <i>Note: Students will be notified regarding these auditions through canvas prior. If successful, students will receive communication directly through School Spectacular representatives. This is not organised through HSPA</i>	Week 7 Term 4	This will include after school hours