



MATER DEI
DANCE

A pink, stylized starburst or star shape with five points, positioned above the word "DANCE" and overlapping the word "MATER DEI".

2017

WELCOME TO MATER DEI DANCE!

BACKGROUND

Mater Dei Dance was formed over 20 years ago as an initiative of the Mater Dei P&F Committee to help raise funds for the school and to give our children an affordable option to participate in dance.

The Dance School has grown expeditiously over this time and we feel extremely privileged to have such a wonderful opportunity for our children, held in our own school grounds.

DANCE TEACHERS

In 2017, we will continue to have a fabulous team of teachers working with us. Our teachers have been sourced from Brisbane and the Gold Coast and come to Mater Dei Dance with a wealth of teaching, choreography and performing experience across the Arts.

Please find listed below a number of policy items that must be adhered to throughout the year. By enrolling your child in Mater Dei Dance you accept and agree to abide by the policies.

1. BEHAVIOUR

All students are to maintain an appropriate standard of behaviour at all times in keeping with the current 'Mater Dei Dance Behaviour Guidelines'. It is important to note:

- Children who misbehave during and/or disrupt the class may be asked to "sit out" by the teacher.
- Repeated, disruptive behaviour by any student will result in parents being notified.
- Persistent, disruptive behaviour by any student will result in exclusion from Mater Dei Dance.

2. TIMETABLE/CLASS TIMES

The Dance timetable will follow the timetable of the Mater Dei school term (with the exception of term four, when classes finish once the concert is complete). Class times will start and finish as per the timetable that is published at the start of each term. Parents will be notified of any changes via email from Mater Dei Dance.

Every student is entitled to one TRIAL class before committing to the term.

Classes will NOT be held on public holidays or pupil free days.

3. ENROLMENT

Enrolments and payment are now being taken via the P&F on QKR. You will not receive an invoice from accounts rather your QKR receipt will serve as your invoice. Please select your class/es and add in concert levy in order to complete the details on your enrolment form. The enrolment form will be sent to us electronically and as you can appreciate this is of huge benefit to the P&F. **QKR is now open and able to be accessed.**

4. CLASS SIZES

Classes will operate with a minimum of 5 students and a maximum of 15 students. There are some exceptions for the younger classes and/or at the teacher's discretion.

5. FEES AND LEVIES

Fees are payable at the beginning of each term. They are due within **7 days** of the account being sent to families. Please note that by the end of Week 2 of each term, all enrolments into classes are to be finalised and parents will be billed accordingly for the term based on the enrolment.

All fees and enrolment will be conducted via the QKR! App. You can either download or do process online here: <https://qkr.mastercard.com/store/#/home>

For Non Mater Dei students please register as a Guest under the Mater Dei section.

Students may be excluded from classes where fees are outstanding.

Mater Dei Dance reserves the right to cancel an enrolment if fees are not paid on time.

- **Prep Dance fees are \$11 per lesson.**
- **All other lesson fees are \$12 per lesson.**
- **Concert Levy - \$10** is charged per term for one student/one class or **\$20** per term for families or students enrolled in more than one class. The concert levy is a contribution towards staging the annual Mater Dei Dance concert. Payment will be spread over the four terms at **\$10/20** per term if they enrol at the beginning of the year. If the student enrolls later in the year, the concert levy will be charged over the course of the remaining terms.

The concert will be held on **Saturday 11 November 2017**. Dance classes will also cease at this time.

The Concert Levy also includes ONE family ticket, which will allow entry to the concert for up to multiple family members.

- **Costume Levy - \$60** per student, per dance class is charged for costumes. Payment will be spread over the four terms at **\$15** per term if they enrol at the beginning of the year. If the student enrolls later in the year, the costume levy will be charged over the course of the remaining terms. Students may keep their costumes at the completion of the concert. Please note: where possible the costume will incorporate the dance shoes that have been used in classes, however, any shoes required for the concert do not form part of the Costume Levy and will have to be purchased separately.
- **DVD** – the price for the DVD is yet to be determined so will be allocated in Term 4.
- **Fee Relief** is available at the discretion of the School Principal for families experiencing genuine financial hardship. The current Policy provides fee relief for one (1) dance subject only, per student attending Mater Dei Catholic Primary School. All requests for fee relief must be made in writing to the School Principal prior to the commencement of term. Individual circumstances are reviewed on a term-by-term basis. All requests are kept strictly confidential between the School Principal and the P&F Treasurer.
- **No** refund of fees is available due to student absence.
- **No** make up lessons are available.
- Student withdrawal after week 2 of term does **not** attract a refund of fees. All student withdrawals must be placed in writing to Mater Dei Dance and emailed to dance@materdeipandf.org.au
- **Outstanding Fees** – it is at the discretion of the P&F **Executive** to accept re-enrolment where fees are outstanding **from a prior term** without **an agreed** repayment and pre-payment plan in place.

- Costumes will **not** be sent home to those students with fees outstanding **unless** prior arrangements have been made.

- **UNIFORM/APPEARANCE**

All students are required to wear the Mater Dei Dance t-shirt. T-shirts can be purchased via the QKR! App and will be distributed to your child and/or made available for collection. You will be advised. Mater Dei Dance has other dance items available for purchase, but do not form part of the compulsory uniform ie caps, water bottles, draw string bags. You will also find these on the QKR! App.

Additionally, appropriate bottoms and footwear are compulsory as per guideline below.

- **Ballet:** MD Dance t-shirt, leotard/dance pants and/or ballet skirt, pink/nude ballet shoes.
- **Jazz:** MD Dance t-shirt, dance pants/bike pants/leotard, skirt optional, pink/nude ballet or jazz shoes.
- **Musical Theatre:** MD Dance t-shirt, black shorts, leggings or dance pants, pink/nude ballet shoes.
- **Contemporary:** MD Dance t-shirt, dance pants/bike pants/leotard, skirt optional.
- **Prep Hip Hop/Hip Hop:** MD Dance t-shirt, shorts, converse/sneakers.
- **Prep Dance:** MD Dance t-shirt, leotard/dance pants/skirt, pink/nude ballet shoes.

For further clarification regarding dance uniform, please speak with the Mater Dei Dance Team. The t-shirts and a small selection of new and second-hand dance shoes will be available for purchase in the first week of classes. The Mater Dei Dance Team can also assist with locations to purchase dancewear.

Students are required to arrive at class five minutes early and wait quietly until the Dance Teacher commences the class.

It is recommended that students bring a water bottle to each dance class. No food is to be consumed in the hall at any time.

It is recommended that all students visit the bathroom prior to the commencement of class. Dance Teachers are unable to take individuals to the toilet during class times.

6. MUSIC

All music is chosen at the discretion of the Dance Teachers within the guidelines provided by Mater Dei Dance. Consideration is given to the choice of music so that the content and lyrics are appropriate to the age level of the children. Choice of music must be consistent with the values of a Catholic primary school.

7. SUPERVISION

- All classes are outside of school times, therefore, supervision is not provided by the school.
- All students aged Pre-Pre to Year Two must be supervised by a parent/caregiver at all times while Dance classes are being conducted.
- Neither the school nor the Dance Teachers are responsible for the supervision of students outside your child's nominated Dance class time/s.
- Students of all ages are NOT to be left at school unsupervised if their class time falls in the second block off lessons i.e. from 4pm. It is expected that your child is either supervised or leaves school and returns at the nominated class time.

Please ensure that children (and siblings) who are waiting or participating in classes are adequately supervised at all times. We expect that children use the facilities in the same manner as they do in school hours. Therefore, we ask you to adhere to the following:

- Children aged Pre- Prep to Year Two must be under the supervision of a parent/caregiver at all times. They must not be on school grounds unsupervised, for example, waiting for a dance class, waiting for another child who is in a dance class or attending a dance class without a supervising parent.
- If a school area is out of bounds during school hours it is also out of bounds after school hours. This is for the safety of your children. Children are not permitted to play in the gardens, Prayer Garden or verandahs.
- Bathrooms should only be used for their intended purpose and are not play areas.
- Children are not permitted on the oval nor may they play on the equipment.
- Please ensure that when providing your children with afternoon tea, that you place all rubbish in the bins provided and the area is left clean and tidy.
- Please ensure that your children stay away from the glass doors of the hall while dance classes are in progress as it is very distracting to the students and the teachers. Parents and siblings may not enter the hall after the class has commenced unless requested by teacher and/or if it is an emergency.

No liability will be taken by Mater Dei Dance and the Dance Teachers if something happens to your child outside of the class hours you have nominated your child to attend.

8. UPDATED PERSONAL INFORMATION

Mater Dei Dance would appreciate it if you could keep us updated of any address, telephone or email changes.

For all Mater Dei Dance related correspondence please email dance@materdeipandf.org.au

For all accounts/fees related correspondence please email accounts@materdeipandf.org.au

Happy dancing!