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Nepean Dance Festival Information 2019

Dear Parents/Caregivers,

On **Thursday 29th August**, the Junior and Senior Dance groups will be rehearsing at Joan Sutherland Performing Arts Centre in Penrith. The matinee and evening performances will be on **Wednesday 4th September**. Coaches have been arranged for each day (except evening performance). Students will arrive back at school by 3pm on both days.

Rehearsal - Thursday 29th August 2019

Students will arrive at school at **8.30am** in **full dance costume including hair and makeup**. Senior dancers will be given their dresses when we arrive at Joan Sutherland, they must be wearing their leotard and black tights. They will have their names marked off at the hall with the supervising teachers where they will receive further instructions. The bus will be leaving at **8.45am** and cannot wait for anyone who arrives late.

Matinee - Wednesday 4th September 2019

Students are expected to be at school promptly by **9.15am** in **full dance costume, including hair and makeup**. Senior dancers will be given their dresses when we arrive at Joan Sutherland, they must be wearing their leotard and black tights. The buses will be leaving at **10.30am** and cannot wait for anyone who arrives late. Our matinee performance will begin at 12.30pm.

Evening – Wednesday 4th September 2019

You will drive your child to Joan Sutherland, Penrith. Students will meet at a pre-designated place, which will be advised at the rehearsal, at the Joan Sutherland Centre at **7.00pm** in full dance costume including hair and makeup. Senior dancers will be given their dresses at Joan Sutherland in the waiting room, they must be wearing their leotard and black tights. There is no interval in either the matinee or evening performances. Evening performances commence at 7.30pm and conclude at around 9.00pm.

Important

Children are supervised by teachers at all times in specified holding areas within the centre. As a duty of care and in adherence of the Child Protection Policy, we cannot permit parents to go to these holding areas and collect children. Instead, children should be collected from our school's meeting place at the conclusion of the concert. In the event of an emergency where you need to collect your child, please see a committee member in the foyer (committee members wear an identifying shirt and badge) and that person will arrange for your child to be brought to you. Parents are not to enter a holding area under any circumstances.

We do ask that you avoid leaving the auditorium during the performances and indeed stay for the entire program so that the children performing at the end of the concert have a supportive audience to appreciate their performances. Child protection and copyright laws dictate that flash photography and video recording are not permitted during any rehearsal or performance at the Joan Sutherland Performing Arts Centre. A professional photographer is engaged to take photographs of the dancers. These are displayed in the foyer during the festival, along with order forms. No videos of the performances are available.

Kind Regards,

Elise Berwick
Principal

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Dance Co-ordinator