

GRAFTON PUBLIC SCHOOL

A TRADITION OF EXCELLENCE

Grafton Public School is committed to providing the very best educational opportunities for its students



“Nil Sine Labore”

Dance Ensemble Information Booklet

2017





RATIONALE

Grafton Public School has made a commitment to a dance program. As well as being an enjoyable activity, dance enhances thinking, coordination, physical fitness and perception skills, which lead to increased success across all curriculum areas.

Whilst the GPS Dance Ensemble performs on a regular basis, the emphasis at Grafton Public is education. Being a part of a dance program develops self-discipline, teamwork and commitment. Grafton Public is pleased to be able to offer this program to its students. Students will be able to learn dance routines and execute these into performance.

WHO CAN JOIN THE DANCE ENSEMBLE?

The opportunity to be a member of the Dance Ensemble is open to students from Year 3-6. Selection for these Ensembles is through a try out basis.

Junior Dance Ensemble: Cost \$20.00 (Term 1) and \$22.50 (Terms 2 to 4)

Yr 3&4 20 students: Held during Sport time
Practice- Monday 1st half of lunch 1.05pm

Senior Dance Ensemble: Cost \$20.00 (Term 1) and \$22.50 (Terms 2 to 4)

Yr 5&6 20 students: Held during Sport time
Practice- Friday 1st half of lunch 1.05pm

This money contributes to costing for costumes, make-up and Dance choreographer.

***2-6 Dance Group** – no cost

Yr 2-6 @50 students: Held during Thursday lunchtime

*Students who are not selected from the Junior or Senior Dance Ensembles have the opportunity to join this dance group. Practice will be during one lunch time per week with a performance opportunity at the end of Semester 1 and Semester 2.

WHAT CONDITIONS ARE THERE?

For the Junior and Senior Dance Ensembles, lessons will be during Stage sport times, thus students selected will not participate in other school sport rotation during the semester involvement.

Each ensemble group will be also be given a weekly practice session during 1st half lunch break time, that all members are expected to attend.

Snr Dance Ensemble students will attend the GPS Creative Arts Tour.

Students may nominate for a semester at a time. Acceptance will be given at the beginning of each semester, after applications are received.

For acceptance, a signed **Agreement Form** must be returned with the parent and student agreeing to adhere to the points on this agreement. **Term fees must be paid within the first week of the term of involvement.**

WHAT IF MY CHILD CANNOT COPE?

Students who are identified as not coping can be moved to the 3-6 Dance Group. Any students acting irresponsibly within the Dance Ensemble/Group will forfeit their position. Discussion will be held with Mrs Avery, Mrs Goodall and the student, resulting in a decision. Parents will be notified of this decision.

WHAT PERFORMANCES ARE AVAILABLE?

In 2016, GPS Dance Ensembles were a part of many local, inter-regional and state level performances, including:

- GPS assembly
- GPS Concert
- Jacaranda Week concert
- Grafton Eisteddfod
- Northern Network Regional Dance Festival (Coffs Harbour)
- GPS Creative Arts Sydney Tour (Not Yr 3/4 Ensemble)
- plus more....

Again in 2017, it is our intention that the Dance Ensembles perform at these events as well as local organised events.

The GPS Creative Arts Tour provides a wonderful opportunity for GPS dancers to show their talents to the wider community. It is an expectation that all Snr Dance Ensemble members attend this tour.

WHAT IS EXPECTED OF THE PARENTS?

Parents must make an equally strong commitment to the Dance Ensembles and their activities. Involvement in and support of fund-raising activities is naturally expected, as is support with hair, make-up and costumes. Assistance with transport to and from venues within Grafton and further may be requested. *Prompt payment of fees* is also expected.

WHO CO-ORDINATES THE SCHOOL DANCE ENSEMBLE?

Mrs Tracy Avery and Mrs Kate Goodall are joint coordinators of the program, responsible for day to day organisation, costuming, performance schedules, public relations and ensemble practices. For 2017, Miss Amanda Crawford will be involved in assisting with dance tuition and bringing the ensemble to performance standard.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION:

General Enquiries: Mrs Tracy Avery or Mrs Kate Goodall, by leaving a message at the Primary Office on 66421000