

2024

# ELITE TROUPE INFORMATION PACK



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## TRAITS WE ARE LOOKING FOR

Talent, potential, commitment, accountability, sportsmanship, humility, dedication, determination & respectfulness

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## ENROLMENT REQUIREMENTS

Any student wishing to take part in our Elite Troupes in 2024 must be enrolled in the Elite classes offered for their age group (ballet, jazz and contemporary). Exception to this is our Hip Hop troupe, who only need to be enrolled in Hip Hop.

Elite Troupe students must have a Half Zip Polar Fleece SSPA jacket, SSPA t-shirt and plain black bottoms to wear to and from competitions and performances.



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# HOW ARE STUDENTS SELECTED

- Positions in our 2024 Elite Troupes will be strictly **invitation only**
- Elite Troupe classes are separate from general classes offered at SSPA
- Parents will receive an email advising them if their child has been invited to participate in our Elite Troupes for 2024
- Parents should not accept a position on behalf of their child, if they know they will not be able to commit to getting their child to rehearsals each week; this includes birthday parties, other activities or if they know they have a lengthy family holiday coming up
- Students will be selected for the Elite Troupes regardless the number of years of experience or the length of time they have attended SSPA
- Students are selected because we think they have talent and potential and these students should respect and appreciate this opportunity



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# ATTENDANCE AND EXPECTATIONS

- An incredible amount of time, expense and dedication goes into the preparation of our Elite Troupes for upcoming competitions
- Troupes are a TEAM effort. Every student selected, is a vital part of the TEAM. It is only with each family's commitment to the TEAM that we are able to ensure a positive experience for all students involved
- Students are allowed to miss **ONE TROUPE CLASS ONLY PER TERM**, for any extra curricular dance activity such as a solo competition, audition, workshop etc
- **If a student withdraws from the Troupe, it causes a huge amount of work to re-choreograph and replace that student. We would prefer to avoid this dilemma and as such request that all families are particularly aware of the importance of attending every rehearsal and supporting each other as a TEAM**
- Students are required to commit to the Elite Troupe for the entire 12 month period, **including in term 4, after the competition season ends**
- Students are expected to rehearse in their own time and make sure they remember corrections and choreography from week to week

## COMPETITION DAYS

- Parents will need to organise to have their child arrive at the competition/event at the requested time. This is usually 1 hour before the performance time
- Parents will also need to ensure that their child is organised for the day with any costuming requirements, hair requirements and make up requirements outlined by SSPA





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# FEES

- The charge for the Elite Troupe classes are:  
1 x 30min class = \$170 per term (10 weeks)  
1 x 60min class = \$220 per term (10 weeks)
- Parents are responsible for payment of costume hire fees: Tutu hire for Classical Troupes will range between \$130 and \$150 and for all other styles (Contemporary, Jazz, Lyrical, Tap, Hip Hop) the hire fee will be between \$70 and \$100. This payment will cover hire of the costume for the entire year
- All troupe costumes are **hire only** and must be returned at the end of each competition season. Parents are responsible for payment of any troupe costumes that are not returned
- We are unable to refund/credit for classes missed or for withdrawal from the Elite Troupe
- Troupe entry costs vary from competition and can range between \$15 to \$50 per item, per student depending on the competition. For **MOST** Troupe competitions, this fee will also include a competitor pass which covers costs for access into the theatre for students family members and friends

# PARENT TEACHER COMMUNICATION

- All communications are to be via email ONLY. **Unless there are exceptional circumstances, personal phone calls, text messaging or personal Facebook/Instagram messages are not an accepted form of communication**
- Music and choreography will be organised by the choreographing teacher only
- Even if well intentioned, any unnecessary input from Parents/Guardians or students will not be accepted



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# 2024 TROUPE COMPETITION DATES

Parents will be notified of Troupe competition dates as soon as they become available (usually Term One of each year). In 2024, we are hoping to enter all our Elite Troupes in some or all of the competitions below:

- **COMDANCE - June 29 - July 1**
- **PRESTIGE - August 10 & 11**
- **STARSTRUCK - August 25**
- **ROYAL SOUTH STREET - September 21 & 22**
- **KAR - TBC**

**\*\*\*ALL DATES ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE\*\*\***

