

DRESS REHEARSAL letter - Sat 8th & Sun 9th December, "SWAN LAKE" 2012

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Dear parents & students,

Coming up is our **compulsory DRESS REHEARSAL** for our Swan Lake production. We ask that our students and parents read the email and its attachments very carefully. If you have any questions ask the VLDA staff or principals.

Like last year the dress rehearsal will be running in shifts. Each shift indicates your required **"arrival & dress"** and **"rehearsal start & approx finish"**. It is important to arrive on time.

WHICH STUDENTS NEED ATTENDING?

All students need to attend with the exception of our so called YOUNGER STUDENTS. These students have been listed on the attached CASTING SCHEDULES already emailed to you a few weeks ago. On it find the class that your child attends and remember its **group code** and **cast name** as it is referred to on our DRESS REHEARSAL SCHEDULE. If your child's cast name and group code is highlighted in **PINK** on the DRESS REHEARSAL SCHEDULE than your child needs to attend. Make sure to select the correct casting schedule to match the Manly or St Ives group.

All other cast members must attend as listed on the DRESS REHEARSAL SCHEDULE. We ask that our students and parents familiarise themselves with the SCENES that apply to them to understand the production's running order on the day.

As always we will endeavour to finish each shift on time. If we do experience a delay we ask for your understanding and patience.

MANLY: Saturday 8th December

VENUE: St Matthews Church, The Corso, Manly

ARRIVE & DRESS TIME: as indicated on the attached schedule

ST IVES: Sunday 9th December

VENUE: St Ives Village Green Scout Hall

ARRIVE & DRESS TIME: as indicated on the attached schedule

SHOES:

- **Ballet:** please **clean** your shoes. A damp cloth should be sufficient, for more stubborn stains add a drop of liquid dishwashing detergent. **Ribbons**, check fraying, length, stitching and ensure they are clean. Also check the length of the **ballet shoe laces**, cut/remove what is not required
- **All other shoes**, make sure to clean or polish your shoes.

THIGHTS (ballet)

Our preference is for all our ballet students from 2 ½ years to wear ballet tights and ballet shoes. Please ensure they are clean and undamaged.

JEWELLERY:

No jewellery is to be worn at the rehearsal. Even non precious metal ones! We suggest you leave it at home. This includes, earrings, rings, bracelets, ankle & toe jewellery.

NAIL POLISH & TATTOOS

Please remove all nail polish and tattoos before coming to rehearsal.

CONTACT LENSES

If your child has the option of wearing contacts please wear them on the dress rehearsal day.

HAIR ON DRESS REHEARSAL DAY:

All ballet students are to have their hair in a neat and secure bun unless advised otherwise by your teachers
all other students (jazz, tap, hip hop & contemporary) should have their hair in a neat and secure pony tail unless advised otherwise by your teachers. Boys hair as is!

MAKE UP

No make up is required for the dress rehearsal day

FOOD & DRINK

It is essential that food or soft drinks are not consumed while in costume to avoid damage from spills etc.

SAFETY

Please tell your children that they are to stay around the venue at all times. If you have given them the permission to leave the venue we will not be responsible for their safety.

ALLERGY AWARENESS

We kindly ask not to bring any food containing traces of nuts

Many thanks in advance you for your support in making this another successful day.