

Congratulations! Your child has been invited to join the Commotion Kids Troupe.

This year we have a very exciting plan for our Troupes. Starting our performance season with a debut of our new routines at Camden Show, we will be doing about 12 performances this year. Most of these will be competitions plus a few special local performances at events and fetes.

Please understand that being in Troupe is a commitment and that you have an obligation to be available for all performances and rehearsals.

CONDITIONS

It is important that Commotion Kids Troupe members do a variety of classes to develop their technique and dance skills to a level that can compete against other schools. There are some pre-requisite classes and conditions for those who are in our Troupes...

Troupe students aged 4 to 6 must do a minimum of three other classes.

Troupe students aged 7+ must do a minimum of 4 classes...

These classes must include Jazz, Hip Hop, Ballet and the Friday night Technique class.

(Even though these are the MINIMUM class requirements, it is expected of Troupe students that they do as many possible classes in the week that they can be available for. The students who excel the most are usually the ones who take advantage of the many classes per week that we offer.)

Students need to have a good attendance record, especially to Troupe rehearsals and performances. Being in Troupe is being an integral member of a team, and any time that your child is absent from class, or missing on stage it majorly affects the entire group. Missing too many rehearsals and/or performances will put your child's position in troupe at risk.

Students will be required to purchase the compulsory Troupe Uniform which is to be worn to all performances and competitions. The cost of this is \$75. (The tracksuits are going to be re-designed this year and will be ready by about April. This price includes Jacket, Pants and T-shirt.)

Students must be willing to work hard, be focused and attentive at all times in class, and take responsibility for knowing all of their routines.

If these conditions are not met, the student will not be allowed to continue in the Troupe.

Members of the Commotion Kids Troupe have an amazing opportunity to gain extensive performance experience which is vital to any young dancer in training. The team-work skills, discipline and self-confidence that students will develop from being in Troupe will help them grow not just as dancers, but also as people.

Throughout the year, parents of Troupe students will be able to find information about upcoming performances and rehearsals on the Troupe page of the website. I also do SMS text-outs often with updates and last minute info.

All members of the Commotion Kids Troupe receive their own trophy at the end of each year.

Rehearsals start this week. We will begin putting together our first routine of the year straight away. If your child is not present at rehearsal this week, it will be assumed they are not accepting their invitation.

COST

Troupe membership is only \$10 per week on top of your regular fees, and includes all rehearsals, performances and even your costumes. In some cases, there may be some additional one-off fees to help cover the costs of a particularly expensive competition, but this is very rare.

Please make sure you amend your class details with the front desk to make clear any changes to classes and also to change your weekly payment to include the Troupe fees. If you've already paid for the term, please take care of the additional costs.

Remember, students on "UNLIMITED MEMBERSHIP" don't have to pay for Troupe membership fees. That means for \$55 per week you get unlimited classes, troupe rehearsals, troupe costumes, and even discounts of dancewear and workshops.

VIDEOING @ REHEARSALS

It has become common practice at Commotion for parents to come into the studio for the last run through of our rehearsals each week and video the routine so that the kids can practice at home. This makes a huge difference and has helped all of the kids that utilise this option ensure they know their choreography ready for the next week.

At the end of each Troupe rehearsal I will invite parents in to video. You should stand at the back of the room and video through the mirrors so that it's easier for the students to copy off the TV at home. Please note this is not a showcase or performance for your benefit. Parents can only come in if they are videoing, and noise/disruption must be kept to a minimum. Thank you.

HOLIDAYS AND VACATIONS

If you have booked any family holidays please send details and dates to ben@commotionkids.com with the subject line "vacation away". The sooner you let us know, the more chance it gives me to plan performances around these dates, or make changes to the routine for while your child is missing.

Rehearsals start this week. Please RSVP to let me know if you're going to be there. Congratulations!