

Dear business owner/manager,

We are a local dance company who train up young dancers from the age of 3 right through to 19 years old. We have a large student body of dedicated and hard working children who are passionate about dance and love to perform on stage.

Within our dance school, we have an elite performance group that features selected students who demonstrate high levels of technique and dance ability. Our performance team is called the "Commotion Kids". This year there are 90 Commotion Kids, ranging from age 6 to 17. They train regularly and compete in eisteddfods and other dance festivals all over Sydney.

This year we are travelling to Queensland to perform at the Showcase National Dance Championships. While we are there the children will also be performing at Dreamworld. Our team are excited to be able to compete at a national level against some of the best dancers in the country.

Although Commotion School of Performing Arts is itself a functioning business, the Commotion Kids are a non-profit group. We don't charge for their rehearsals and much of their costumes and competition entry fees are covered for them. Commotion School of Performing Arts does its best to support these children in their pursuits to achieve their dreams, but we can only afford so much.

The parents and supporters of the Commotion Kids have formed a fundraising team to raise money so that the kids can afford the costly trip up to Queensland as well as the competition entry fees and the costumes needed for the performance.

We are asking for your support as a local business.

You can help us in two ways. The first is by donation. This will go straight into the fundraising account and all of it will go to the kids to help cover costs and expenses. We are happy to accept any donation of any size.

As a thank you for your support and good will, we will reward any large donations with special mentions and advertisement in our dance school newsletter (which reaches 500 students and their families), as well as on our website www.commotionkids.com which is visited regularly not just by our students but also by other dancers and parents in the Macarthur/Sydney area. If you forward a .jpg or business card, we will help advertise your business in return.

The Commotion Kids families have vowed to make every effort to support the businesses that support our kids.

If your business is not in a position to be able to support us with a money donation, perhaps you can donate goods or services. We have many group fundraising events coming up soon including raffles, fetes, trivia night etc. and we are desperately seeking prizes. If you can offer some products or vouchers for your store, we can use this as incentives for people to enter our competitions and come to our fundraising events. Again, we will happily support any business that supports our children, with ads in newsletters and online, as well as community word of mouth of your generosity.

If you are kind enough to sponsor this group of passionate and enthusiastic young dancers, whether by financial contribution or donating of goods or services, please email ben@commotionkids.com or contact Katrina on 0423624115. Or you can speak directly with the person who contacted you with this letter.

Payments can be made by cheque or direct deposit, or even cash to be put into our Kids Fund at the studio. Contact us for account details.

We have a large poster up on the wall of our dance school foyer celebrating the businesses that choose to support our amazing and talented young children and help get them to the Nationals in Queensland.

Thank you for your time and your generosity. Every little bit helps.

on behalf of the Commotion Kids Performance Team.