**2025 YEAR 4-10 SESSIONAL DANCE**

**INFORMATION SHEET**

Marymede Catholic College is keen to develop a thriving dance program. Students enrolled in Sessional Dance will **now exclusively be taught by professional dancers and industry professionals.** Marymede is well equipped to provide every student with outstanding opportunities to develop their dance talents.

The Sessional Dance program looks at a range of styles including Hip-Hop, Jazz, Ballet, Contemporary, Lyrical and Broadway Dance.

**LESSONS:**

Students will be allocated to a class group following a grouping session or discussion with the dance teacher. The classes will be 60 minutes in duration once a week during school time. Students must check the timetable via SIMON Daily Messages/email to ensure they have the correct lesson time each week as changes may be required due to school activities. Students are required to catch up on any school work that is missed due to their Sessional Dance lesson and they must inform their classroom teacher of their absence in advance.

Students in Sessional Dance classes will be specifically taught technical skills in order to improve their dance ability to prepare them for the dance industry and assist them with electing to study VET Dance in VCE. Students enrolled in core Dance (all Year 8 students) and elective Dance (Year 9) are strongly encouraged to elect Sessional Dance to assist them with developing their movement repertoire as it is a completely different course to classroom Dance.

**PARTICIPATION:**

In order for all students to obtain the maximum benefit from Dance at Marymede Catholic College, students are expected to:

* Demonstrate a continuing commitment to regular practice.
* Check SIMON and school emails daily for any updates or changes regarding Sessional Dance.
* Participate in the college production in order to gain valuable experience in group rehearsal and performance.
* Perform at school-based events such as Masses, Liturgies, Assemblies, yearly concerts and ceremonies.

Students may be required to purchase/loan appropriate footwear for Sessional Dance. Please consult the Dance teacher for more information.

**ENROLMENT:**

**Step 1-** Please ensure you and your child have read and agreed to the ‘Terms and Conditions’ available on the page below.

**Step 2-**If you are **NOT** currently enrolled in Sessional Dance pleaseemail Ms. Ellen Lane to confirm your child’s participation in the program. You will then be sent an email via PAM with a link to the ‘*Sessional Dance Semester 1 2025'* form. Please confirm and commit to your child’s participation via the PAM online enrolment form by**Tuesday 10th December.**Make sure your email linked to your child's PAM profile is your current email as this will be the main form of communication with parents/guardians regarding Sessional Dance.

**Step 3-** Once completed, Parents/Guardians & Students will be emailed a timetable for the term in week 1. An invoice for the SEMESTER fee will be sent later in **Term 1**. This is issued by the school’s finance department. Payment is due a fortnight after receiving the bill. Any issues with payment please contact the finance department.  Students of families who have arrears with their current school fees are not permitted to participate in the Dance Program.

Any questions regarding the Dance Program should be directed to:

**Ms. Ellen Lane- performingarts@marymede.vic.edu.au- Performing Arts Assistant**

**TERMS AND CONDITIONS FORM 2025**

* Students participating in the College’s Dance Program are expected to support the Performing Arts life of the College by participating in performances within the school community when required. This may involve weekend, afterschool, lunchtime and evening performances and/or rehearsals.
* Students are permitted to wear P.E. uniform on days where their Sessional Dance class has been timetabled. Students are expected to make their own way to their dance lessons in the performing arts building. Classroom teachers of Primary students will also be sent a copy of the Term timetable for their records and planning however it is **NOT** the classroom teacher’s responsibility to remind students to go to their lessons. Students should be consulting their Term timetable and their weekly email reminder for their lesson day and time and attending their lessons promptly as scheduled.
* All students enrolled in the College’s Dance Program are committed to a **FULL SEMESTER** (Term 1 & 2 ) of lessons.
* Fees are invoiced by the College on a semester basis and will appear on your College Account Statement.
* The charge for Sessional Dance is **$270\* a Semester.** *\*price subject to change*
* In the event that the Dance Teacher is absent for a scheduled lesson then this lesson will be re-scheduled and students will be notified of the time and date of the rescheduled lesson. **A minimum of 8 lessons per Term will be given.**
* If a student is going to be absent from school due to a COLLEGE APPROVED ACTIVITY or if a student is going to be unable to attend a scheduled lesson due to an Examination, SAC, test, assignment or sporting commitment, it is the responsibility of the student to inform the Dance Teacher. Classes are timetabled based on teacher availability and rooming, with a strong consideration of school-based events.
* If a student is absent due to illness or holiday on the day of a lesson, the lesson will still be payable.
* The College will **not** provide refunds to families who decide to discontinue Sessional Dance lessons before the end of a semester.
* If written notice of cancellation is not presented before the end of the current semester or the PAM online enrolment form is not *'declined*' then the College will presume students will continue learning for a **FULL YEAR** under this same agreement.
* If **a student wishes to discontinue lessons, then they must provide written notice or decline the PAM online enrolment form no later than Tuesday 10th December. Failure to meet this deadline will result in the next full semester’s fee being payable.**