

We will continue to abide by the Stage 3 procedures of the Industry COVID Safe Plan for Dance and Physical Performing Arts, which was put together by our peak industry body, Ausdance, and approved by the Queensland Chief Health Officer.

By doing our part, we hope to avoid further closures and restrictions in QLD so that we can keep dancing, which is so essential for maintaining healthy minds and bodies. Above all, it is vital for the safety of our students, staff and their families that we are all diligent with these procedures. **Below are the vital steps that we need all families to follow when attending classes at our studios during Stage 3 restrictions: Please discuss these with your child.**

. Parents must conduct their own health assessment of their child prior to arriving at Sayers Dance Centre. We ask that anyone who is feeling unwell or been exposed in any way to Covid-19 please stay away from the studio.

. Dancers should not come upstairs until their exact class time. It is a rule of Kenmore Village Centre Management that no student or parent should be waiting in the hallways. This is also as a courtesy to the other tenants and their customers.

. Dancers need to arrive at the studio in dance clothes. Change rooms can only be used if absolutely necessary. We suggest that your child gets changed in your car or school if possible, if you don't have time to go home first.

. Please make sure your child goes to the bathroom before coming into class.

. As well as washing or sanitising their hands before arrival, dancers are required to sanitise their hands before entering the studio. There is hand sanitiser in each studio and waiting area **but we also ask that each child brings their own sanitiser to class so that no class time is wasted trying to sanitise every child's hands.** . All Dancers also need to bring a beach towel to every class to minimise contact with the floor when sitting

. All waiting areas are closed. Parents and siblings must wait in their cars or downstairs in the shopping centre. Thank goodness coffee shops are now open again. The library is also open.

. Classes will finish 5 minutes early to allow time for one class to leave before another arrives and to sanitise studio between classes. For example, a 45 minute 3.30pm class will finish at 4.10pm etc.

. The children will be taking their bags into the studio with them and will be changing their shoes in there before and after class so that they have no need to go into the changing room.

. There will be little use of props of any kind for the immediate future. We will re-evaluate this over time.

. Dancers are asked to please bring their own water bottles from home. Keep in mind that there will be no place to refill water bottles and children will not be permitted to drink from the taps. Bottled water will be for sale from the shop @ \$2.

**PICK UP/DROP OFF.**

**Bags will not be put in lockers or waiting room areas. Children need to take their bag with them into the studio.**

**Students from Grade 5 ballet/ Jazz and Tap Mids and above:**

For drop off please say goodbye to your child downstairs and send your child up to their waiting room, no earlier than the class time please.

For pick up children are encouraged to meet parents' downstairs. Please arrange a meeting point with your child before class and please *do not be late*, leaving your child to wait for you in a public place.

**Younger students:**

Please only have one adult per child. Drop off will be kiss and go. Have your child ready to be dropped into their waiting room with their bags.

For pick up, children will be lined up at the end of class and parents will be invited to come and collect their children, while paying attention to social distancing restrictions. If you have a question for the teacher, please send an email. We cannot have parents stopping to talk. It is imperative that the adults keep moving at both drop off and pick up times. Parents and children are asked to continue using our one-way system used during weeks 9 & 10 last term.

Toddler parents will continue going into the classroom if they wish, maintaining social distancing between adults.

If you need to go to the office, please wait until all classes are in the studios. Access to the office at class change over times will not be possible.

Thank you for your continued patience and understanding throughout all these changes. We appreciate everyone's commitment to ensuring the safety of the children and our staff, and we can't wait to see your children in class.

Kind Regards,

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