25 January 2016

Dear Parents/Carers and students

MIDDLE & SENIOR SCHOOL DANCE TROUPES

Once again in 2016 the Dance department will be running Middle School & Senior School Dance Performance Troupes. These troupes will rehearse and perform at numerous competitions and displays throughout the year. All students who were involved in last year’s troupes are once again invited to be involved in 2016, and any new students are welcome to audition.

The Middle School dance troupe will involve students from Years 7-9 and the Senior School troupe will involve students from Years 10-12. There will be a fee of $100 for the year which will cover their costumes and entry fees into all competitions etc.

Middle school dance troupe rehearsals will take place on Monday afternoons from 3pm - 4pm, and Senior school rehearsals will take place on a Thursday afternoon from 3pm - 4pm. These rehearsals are compulsory and must be attended by all students. If your child misses rehearsals without a valid reason and notification, they will be removed from the dance troupe. It is important to remember that competitive dance teams are just that - a team, and any absence from rehearsals or performances will let down the other dancers.

Please also refer to the performance schedule listed at the bottom of this email. These are the confirmed performance dates for 2016. Please look at this closely. If it appears that your son/daughter will not be able to commit to all of these performances, perhaps Dance Troupe is not the best extra-curricular activity for them to be involved in.

If all interested students could please complete this **EXPRESSION OF INTEREST FORM** by Thursday 28 January. New students will then be emailed audition information. Current students must also confirm by this date if they would still like to be involved otherwise their spot will be given to new students.

Dance Troupe Performance Schedule 2016 **

- Sunshine Coast Dance Eisteddfod – Friday evening 29 April or Friday evening 6 May (to be confirmed)

- GCC Open Day – Saturday 14 May

- Brisbane Eisteddfod – Thursday 26 May – Middle School Dance Troupe only

- GCC Funfest – Saturday 30 July

- Gympie Eisteddfod – 30 July – 5 August (exact date yet to be confirmed)
• GCC Arts Night “Shine” – Friday 2 September

• WCCD World Cup Challenge – Saturday 22 October

• GCC Night of Dance – Friday 28 October

** Please note other performance opportunities may come up throughout the year and we will endeavour to give as much notice as possible to ensure that all students are able to participate.

If you have any further queries please do not hesitate to email me.

Regards

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