

BENNETT SCHOOL OF BALLET & JAZZ

End of Year Show Notice 2025

Information about Tickets, Helpers, Final Week Rehearsals & Performances



Please send all communication about the end of year show to Tor at endofyearshowbennettschool@gmail.com

This End of Year Show Notice is long, but it contains all the information you need to know about tickets, helpers, final week rehearsals, and performances. Please keep this notice so you can refer back to it as needed over the next few weeks.

TICKETS

Tickets for “Hansel & Gretel” can be purchased at the dance school from 10am to 12.30pm on Saturday 8 November, Saturday 15 November, and Saturday 22 November, in the foyer of the Trinity Catholic College Auditorium during the rehearsals there on Monday 24 November, Wednesday 26 November, and Thursday 27 November, or by putting the correct money in an envelope with the following details on the front - your child’s name, the performance you wish to attend, and the number of adult, children or family tickets required. Tickets will then be given to your child at their next lesson.

There will be some door sales available, but it’s preferable if most tickets are purchased before the show as this speeds up entry to the auditorium. **Please note that there are no eftpos facilities at the dance school or at the theatre so tickets can be purchased with cash only.**

In order to watch all or part of a show, a ticket must be purchased. Unfortunately we cannot accept IOUs and people are not allowed to just pop into the theatre to watch their child dance. The revenue from ticket sales is very important for helping to cover the costs associated with putting on the show and having people coming and going from the auditorium is very distracting for both the performers and the rest of the audience, as well as being a health and safety issue.

Ticket prices are as follows:	Adult (18 years and over)	\$18.00
	Child (5 years & over)	\$10.00
	Child (under 5 years)	Free
	Family Ticket	\$46.00 (2 adults & 2 children)

VOLUNTEER HELPERS FOR THE PERFORMANCES

A very big “thank you” to those parents who have already volunteered to help out with the end of year show. More helpers are needed, though, to:

- Supervise children during the shows in dressing rooms.
- Assist with front of house.
- Help the Tiny Tots into their costumes before the Dress Rehearsal on Thursday 27 November (3.45pm) and out of their costumes once they’ve finished (5pm).

If you’re able to help, please complete the Google Form: <https://forms.gle/rKdcmsb7KCpdk69u5>

FINAL WEEK REHEARSALS

During the week of the show (the week starting Monday 24 November), all dance classes will be replaced by rehearsals at the Trinity Catholic College Auditorium.

Given the number of students involved in the show, we’re never going to be able to work in with everyone’s schedules. However, it’s very important that everyone is at all the rehearsals they’re meant to be at and that they stay for the whole time they’re meant to be there so that everyone is fully prepared for their experience on stage. It can be very difficult if students are not at these rehearsals as your child’s class is like a team and it

is very hard to practise the dance with people missing and frustrating for our teachers and the dancers who are at the rehearsal.

Closed Rehearsals

All the rehearsals at the Trinity Catholic College Auditorium will be **closed rehearsals**. This means that parents, caregivers, and anyone else not in the show will not be allowed into the Auditorium before or during rehearsals. This is so the students and the production team can focus completely on the rehearsal without interruptions and without people constantly coming in and out of the Auditorium.

Children can be dropped off in the foyer and either go into the Auditorium on their own or, if they're a bit younger and unsure, they will be taken into the Auditorium by a senior student who will then ensure they are seated with their class and are settled.

As teachers and parents we take the safety of your children/our students very seriously and we can reassure you that they will be perfectly safe while at these rehearsals. The children will be required to be in the Auditorium at all times (either sitting in a seat in the audience or on stage). There will be an adult in the foyer at all times who will ensure that any students who come out of the Auditorium to use the bathroom return to the Auditorium once finished and do not slip outside.

Final Week Rehearsal Schedule

The Final Week Rehearsal Schedule is a separate document and has been emailed to you together with this notice, as well as the list of Who's Who in the show. Please refer to these documents to check what character your child is in the show and when they're required during the final week rehearsals.

Students should be ready to start rehearsals at 4pm sharp rather than just arriving at 4pm and still needing to get changed. In order to get through everything, we can't afford to waste any time.

The Tiny Tots are only required on Thursday 27 November (the Dress Rehearsal) from 3.45pm-5pm.

If after reading the Final Week Rehearsal Schedule you're still unsure when your child is required to attend rehearsals at Trinity Catholic College, please check with Tor in advance.

PLEASE NOTE: For the Monday and Wednesday rehearsals, some students are only required until 6pm while others are required until 7pm – this is clearly indicated on the rehearsal schedule. At the Thursday Dress Rehearsal, though, all students (other than Tiny Tots and Adults) are required from 4pm-7pm.

Dress Rehearsal

The rehearsal on Thursday 27 November will be a Dress Rehearsal. Please make sure that students arrive in time to find their costume, get changed and be ready to start at 4pm – we suggest arriving at 3.45pm.

No make-up is required for the dress rehearsal.

Tiny Tots – please go directly to the Common Room when you arrive at Trinity Catholic College for the dress rehearsal rather than going to the Auditorium. The Common Room is the building slightly to your left as you walk up the driveway (on the corner of York Place and Tennyson Street) towards the Auditorium. There will also be signs up indicating where the Common Room is.

As with the rehearsals on Monday and Wednesday, the Dress Rehearsal will be a **closed rehearsal** and no parents, caregivers or others accompanying students will be allowed into the Auditorium. There will be plenty of senior students available to assist any younger students who need help.

All Tiny Tots will get changed in the Common Room. There will be a number of adult helpers assigned to assist and any additional parents or caregivers who are willing to stay and give a hand will be most welcome. However, please be aware that you will be helping in the Common Room and not accompanying the children to the Auditorium. Once the Tiny Tots are all in their costumes, the senior students who have been assigned to the Tiny Tots classes will come over to the Common Room and escort their class to the Auditorium. This is what will happen for the actual shows and so it's great for the little ones to get to practise this in advance.

Once the Dress Rehearsal is finished for the Tiny Tots, the senior students will bring the Tiny Tots back to the Common Room where they will take off their costume and then they will be ready to go home. During the rehearsal, the parents and caregivers of Tiny Tots can either wait in the Common Room or pop away and come back at 5pm to collect their little ones. All Tiny Tots should be picked up from the Common Room and the adult helpers will make sure that no Tiny Tots are left in the Common Room unsupervised in the event that a parent or caregiver is a little late getting back.

What Your Child Needs At The Rehearsals & Shows

Please make sure that your child has the following items when they come to the final week rehearsals at the Trinity Catholic College Auditorium and to the performances:

- Ballet shoes and/or jazz shoes.
- Pink ballet tights (girls in ballet classes).
- White socks and leggings (boys in ballet classes).
- Full length plain black leggings (jazz students).
- Dance clothes (for Monday and Wednesday rehearsals).
- Water (it can get hot in the Auditorium) and some food to snack on.
- Things to do while not on stage – this could include homework, books to read, activity books, colouring books, electronic devices (with the sound turned off), etc.

Please make sure that your child's items, particularly dance shoes, are named. Also, if you have a younger child, it's a good idea to check their bag before leaving Trinity Catholic College after their rehearsal just to make sure they've picked up their dance shoes. (We've had a few left behind at rehearsals in the past.)

PERFORMANCES

Friday 28 November at 6.00pm, Saturday 29 November at 1.00pm, Saturday 29 November at 4.30pm

Your child will be required at Trinity Catholic College at 5.30pm on Friday and at 12.30pm and 4.00pm on Saturday. The children will be told which classroom they will be using as a dressing room during the final week rehearsals and this information will also be emailed to families. During the performances all children will be supervised in their dressing room by adult helpers before and after they dance.

Please do not send children along earlier than half an hour before the shows - the dressing rooms will not be supervised before these times and the children don't need more time than this to put on their costumes.

The concert goes for approximately 2½ hours and children may stay between the shows on Saturday. They will not be allowed to leave and go anywhere, so please make sure they have plenty of food and drink with them.

Please note the following when preparing your child at home for the performances:

- Long hair must be in a bun (fringes and any loose wisps of hair must be pinned back) and short hair must be in a ponytail or clipped back at the sides with bobby pins.
- Make-up and hair should be done at home with just final touches completed in the dressing rooms if necessary. It's simply not possible for a small number of helpers to do hair and make-up for large numbers of students in a short amount of time, so please do this at home beforehand. All students (even Tiny Tots) need to have their hair and make-up done in this way as this is dance etiquette.
NOTE: Videos showing how to do hair and make-up will be available to view on the BSBJ Facebook page closer to the time of the performances.
- Nail polish is not permitted and should be removed prior to the shows please.
- NO JEWELLERY AT ALL IS TO BE WORN (except for medic alert bracelets). Please leave all valuable jewellery at home for safety reasons.
- All students need to bring their dance shoes and tights/socks/leggings as required. These will not be provided.

All costumes need to be left tidily in the dressing rooms after each show. **Please do not take the costumes home** between shows (in case something gets damaged or left at home by mistake) or after the final show (as the costumes are often re-used from year to year or sometimes hired out to other schools).

Please send your children to the shows with snacks, water, and things to do quietly. It can get quite hot in the dressing rooms and so it's important that the children remain hydrated. Electronic devices may be used in the dressing rooms, but the dance school is not responsible for anything that goes missing or is damaged.

During the shows, the children are supervised in the dressing rooms and the younger children are escorted to and from the auditorium by responsible senior students so they are never left alone.

PARKING

Parking around Trinity Catholic College can be tight, so please make sure that you leave enough time to park somewhere safely when dropping off and picking up your child from the final week rehearsals.

Please **DO NOT** park up the driveway at Trinity Catholic College or drive up there to drop off children (both on rehearsal and show days) – even if the driveway is not chained off. It is **extremely** dangerous to have vehicles moving in and out of the driveway as there will be lots of people, including very small children, wandering around.

PLEASE NOTE: There will be no further dance classes for 2025 after the show.

If you have any questions at all about the Show or the Final Week Rehearsals, please don't hesitate to email Tor or stop by the dance school on Saturday 8, 15 or 22 November between 10am and 12.30pm and ask Tor (who will be there selling tickets).

Please remember that the production team has had many, many years of experience and we all want the show to be a wonderful experience for your child – and for all the proud parents, caregivers, extended family members, and friends in the audience.

DATES TO REMEMBER:

Saturday 8 November, Saturday 15 November & Saturday 22 November

Tor will be at the dance school selling tickets and answering questions - 10am-12.30pm.

Monday 24 November & Wednesday 26 November

Rehearsals at the Trinity Catholic College Auditorium (see separate Final Week Rehearsal Schedule for details).

Thursday 27 November

Dress rehearsal at the Trinity Catholic College Auditorium (see separate Final Week Rehearsal Schedule for details).

Friday 28 November

Performance at the Trinity Catholic College Auditorium at 6pm.

Saturday 29 November

Performances at the Trinity Catholic College Auditorium at 1pm and 4.30pm.

