



Dear Students and Families

## **Enrolments and Announcements for 2017**

### **Classes to be offered in 2017**

After an exciting and successful concert in 2016 we are pleased to announce that for 2017 we will be offering classes in the following styles:

**Ballet, Tap, Jazz, Hip Hop, Dance Fusion, Fitness and Flexibility,  
Contemporary, Breakdance and we will be reintroducing Broadway!**

### **SFD Ballet Syllabus**

We advise that after careful review and consideration which has occurred over the past few years, we have decided to no longer offer ballet classes under the Royal Academy of Dance (RAD) syllabus. We will now be offering ballet classes under the Southern Federation of Dance (SFD) syllabus.

We do not believe that we can offer our students the level of expertise in the RAD syllabus of which they have become accustomed to under our other classes within the school. Further, the decision has also been based on the financial cost to parents to undertake this syllabus, together with the large financial subsidies required to be provided by CSOD in order to run these classes.

For those of you who are not aware, we have been trialling the SFD syllabus with some classes over the past few years and our most senior students within the school have been studying under this syllabus with Mrs Emily Downie and performing in the concert based on the SFD technique and teaching style. Our students' improvement and enjoyment of their classes whilst learning the SFD syllabus has been recognised by the committee and the community. Further, we have listened to our families concerns regarding the cost of RAD exams vs SFD exams, together with the RAD's lack of detailed feedback on the exam paperwork and results.

Please do not feel concerned that by changing governing bodies that we are compromising our students' opportunities in the ballet industry.

SFD provides recognition of qualifications gained from other dance organisations, therefore students will be able to transfer across into an appropriate level and simply continue their studies of classical ballet. Further information regarding class levels will be circulated to students who completed a ballet grade in 2016.

SFD provides a logical progression through each level preparing the student to take on the next level. As we are a community school who works to embrace students of all abilities we feel the SFD program is better suited to achieving this goal, allowing students to complete the junior and intermediate levels with one class per week whilst still providing students with great technical skills to build on. Masterclasses, currently only available to our Tap and Jazz students, will now be made available to Ballet students.

We confirm that Mrs Emily Downie will be the leading teacher in the SFD ballet classes. Whilst Mrs Emily has primarily taught tap and jazz within the school, her real passion lies within ballet. Mrs Emily has extensive experience in all styles of SFD and is an SFD examiner of all styles. Therefore, CSOD is grateful to have one of the top SFD representatives guiding the school and our students whilst we change governing bodies. We understand that there will be many questions from our ballet families and for this reason, we will be holding a parent/teacher meeting on enrolment day from 12.30 to 1.30pm. Please feel free to come and speak to Mrs Emily to ensure that your queries and/or concerns are addressed.

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We also advise that Miss Jemma Osbourne is enrolled in the SFD teacher's course and will be majoring in Ballet early this year. Miss Jemma will also be teaching a number of our SFD ballet classes with Mrs Emily mentoring her.

We advise that Miss Jessica has declined teaching the SFD syllabus and will continue to pursue teaching under the RAD syllabus elsewhere. We thank Miss Jessica for her contribution and time with CSOD over the past 10 years and wish her all the best for the future.

### **Creative Ballet, Kinder Tap and Jazz and Prep Tap and Jazz**

This year we have decided to rejuvenate the above junior classes and will be introducing new concepts, themes and props. The classes will be taught by Miss Jemma and Miss Sophie, who are both studying teaching at university and have been with CSOD for many years. Both teachers have extensive experience working as a student teachers with our smallest ballet dancers. We will be circulating more extensive information regarding these classes shortly so stay tuned!

### **Contemporary**

In response to community feedback we have removed the requirement for students to attend an additional core class in order to enrol in contemporary. We will continue to monitor these classes.

### **Broadway**

In case you missed the notes above, we are excited to be reintroducing Broadway this year. We have appointed a trained vocal/acting coach, Mr Tom Green, to run these classes. Tom also offers private music lessons under his business "The Green Room". Earlier this year, some of our students and committee had the privilege of watching him perform at the Frankston Arts Centre as the "Tin Man" from Wicked. His voice is absolutely beautiful and his talent and passion for theatre and Broadway was evident.

We advise that we will be running junior, intermediate and senior classes. During terms 1 and 2, Tom will be focusing on vocals and acting and once the recital timetable begins, the dancing component will then be reintroduced by a second teacher within the school. Although, for the junior classes only, Tom will be assisted all year by Miss Emily Johnson to assist in incorporating basic dance technique. We strongly recommend that if you wish to undertake Broadway classes, that you pick up at least one dance style so that you will be prepared for the recital timetable.

### **Teachers for 2017**

Please see the attached timetable for further information however, a snapshot of our teachers and their styles are as follows:

Miss Abbey	Jazz and Tap
Miss Danni	Jazz and Tap and Senior Mixed Styles
Mrs Emily D	SFD Ballet and Jazz together with mentorship of all SFD teachers
Miss Emily J	Hip Hop, Contemporary, Dance Fusion, Fitness and Flexibility and Broadway
Miss Jacqui	Jazz, Hip Hop and Contemporary
Miss Jemma	SFD Ballet and Creative Ballet
Miss Kailey	Jazz, Tap, Hip Hop and Contemporary
Miss Sophie	Jazz, Tap and Creative Ballet
Bboy Flyin Foxy	Breakdance
Tom Green	Broadway



## **Fees for 2017**

I attach our Fee Schedule for 2017. Increases in our rent, storage, concert requirements and teacher's wages etc, has necessitated a slight increase in our fees to facilitate the financial security of the dance school. We advise that all classes are to be included in the student and family limits with levies applied to some classes to cover additional costs associated with providing these styles.

Please note that the fees are subject to change and will be reviewed throughout the year.

## **Timetables for Arrabri and Wyreena**

I attach the proposed timetable for 2017. Please note that the timetable may change slightly depending on the number of enrolments and teacher availability once their university timetables are released. As always, we have spent quite some time on this timetable trying to prevent as little clashes as possible for those students dancing at two studios within the one day.

## **Studio Locations**

Classes will continue to be held at our two studios –

**Catamore Hall, Wyreena Community Arts Centre and Arrabri Community House.**

## **Enrolment Day**

We will be holding our enrolment day on Saturday 4 February 2017 at our Wyreena Studio and within the gardens. We will be available to answer your questions and to assist you with your enrolments from 12pm to 4pm.

## **Online Enrolments**

Online enrolments are available via our website [www.croydonschoolofdance.com](http://www.croydonschoolofdance.com) with online enrolments opening on Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> January, 2017 at 9am.

Classes will commence on Monday 6 February, 2017.

If you have any questions or queries, please do not hesitate to contact the following committee representatives:

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Kind regards

*CSOD Committee of Management*

Enclosures: Fee Structure for 2017  
Timetables for 2017

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