

Expectations!

We expect students to be empowered by this work. We build their confidence, mentally and physically. We also provide a highly supportive environment. If a student needs special one-on-one attention we will do our best to cater for their needs.

For students to excel in this work, parents of students under 18 years can positively encourage and reward progress in the following areas:

1. The cultivation of good clear articulate speech.
2. A strong awareness of good posture and physical energy.
3. Use of good manners, grace and consideration for others.
4. The idea of a scrupulously clean and creative style in dress.
5. Setting, monitoring and achieving appropriate goals.
6. Completion of all homework tasks.
7. The learning of lines by due dates.
8. Creative and imaginative thinking.
9. Reading a wide range of literature.
10. Reading aloud regularly.
11. Having fun imitating different voices and characters.
12. All types of participation in arts related events.

Parents / Guardians need to be fully involved with requirements.

Please read sections regarding uniforms and food in class.

Parents need to make sure all students are aware of their requirements and the conditions of enrolment. We operate a very friendly communicative environment, normally without any problems. Please communicate with the director immediately if you ever have any concerns or special circumstances.

Check weekly for communication. Parents must check with students for any notes which should be kept in a drama folder that comes to class each week.

You are welcome to attend classes, but please be very quiet as noise disturbs the concentration of our work. Attend one on one sessions where possible, especially with new students.



Self Discipline

Each student should strive for self discipline. If you feel you are not very disciplined begin in small ways. Get in the habit of making lists of things you need to do. Organise and prioritise your time to get things done.

"On earth there is nothing greater than people, in people there is nothing greater but mind."

"One must study to know, know to understand, understand to judge."

"You are the captain of your own ship and the master of your own destiny."

"To thine own self be true."

We cultivate a safe happy atmosphere with lots of fun and laughter but expect students to remain focussed and disciplined.

Manners

Please arrive before class is due to start.

Students are expected to listen when teachers are talking and giving instructions. Please be mindful and only speak one at a time, as appropriate. Students must show respect to each other and to their teachers. You should be mindful of each others' sensitivities.

The teachers are there to teach well mannered students who want to learn. Students who cannot meet this requirement will be given appropriate verbal communication and then parents will be consulted.

Informally students should establish the habit of greeting and thanking their teachers in each session. Guest tutors should be clapped at the end of their sessions.

Students should compliment each other for work well done and give each other critique about technique for work shared. *The work we do must remain confidential, as appropriate.*

Please be quiet on stairs and in the courtyard when leaving classes as there are professional people working in other parts of the building.



What you wear and what you bring to class

Please wear sport/dance clothes suitable for physical work. School uniforms and jeans are not acceptable and hinder a student's ability to work fully with physical exercises. There is room to change in bathroom.

Have clean bare feet. Sorry to say it but smelly feet are offensive to everyone. If you suffer from this please bring a towel and soap so you can wash your feet before class. You can also wear professional jazz shoes. Street shoes are not permitted in the studio.

Please bring a clear plastic folder (envelope style) for handout notes. Name this clearly. A pen and notebook for students 10 years and over are required for verbally given homework tasks.

Parents please ensure students do not bring snacks or drinks to class. Students who do this will be asked to leave class and consume snacks downstairs. It is not safe for students to have food in their mouths for vocal and physical work. If students have to eat before classes can they do it in the courtyard downstairs and use the rubbish bins.

Homework and Research

This is given verbally to students in class and /or on handout notes. Exam students should aim to do regular homework. For best results, all lines need to be learnt at least 7 weeks before exams.

For exam students, research is a big part of this work and should start from the beginning of the year. Start by researching the Trinity website. Students are expected to research and find the pieces they want to do for their exams. From this year, pieces must be selected by the dates exam fees are due.

Students need: A ring-binder folder, with dividers, to file your notes. Notes are given when relevant.

