

# REP TEAM UPDATE

28 FEBRUARY 2024

Welcome to a new year of Rep Team!

We have been busy behind the scenes making plans for the year ahead and wanted to post an update for families.

## EISTEDDFODS

We will be entering the eisteddfods listed below. We appreciate your efforts to block these dates in your diary and to prioritise attending these events over other extra-curricular activities such as soccer, netball, etc. Older students are encouraged to look at their time management/study schedule so that they can participate in these eisteddfods.

- TUDC North Shore (Abbotsleigh, Wahroonga) 18 & 19 May
- Platinum Dance Competition (Pacific Hills Christian School, Dural) 29 June, 30 June (Finals 11 August)
- The Ultimate Dance Spectacular (West HQ, Rooty Hill) 27, 28 July
- EBSDN (Bankstown Sports Club) 24, 25 August
- The Hills Dance Eisteddfod (Brigidine College, St Ives) 31 August

Some of these dates have changed since the update given in late 2023. This is because some of the venues had changed (deemed too far to travel) and some eisteddfods reached capacity within 60 minutes of opening up the entries.

For many of these eisteddfods, they are still accepting entries so the organiser's won't set the schedule until after the closing date (and after collating all the entries received). As soon as we receive the programs, we will share it via the App so families can make firmer plans.

We will add the above "save the dates" to the App calendar shortly.

## COSTUMES

We have received many costume samples. As they arrive, we will put a notice out on the App along with a link to purchase the costume via TryBooking. In addition to the samples purchased by us, you can also gauge sizes by checking the size guide or looking at costumes you may already own by the same manufacturer.

Please note that it is a difficult task sourcing costumes but one made with the best intentions on our behalf. We are mindful of budgeting but also other factors like matching the concept of the routine, age appropriates, size inclusivity and using reliable manufacturers. We also aim to provide a variety and not the same costumes each year. As with anything, personal taste can vary so we appreciate your support and ask you keep feedback constructive.

If you have chosen a size and are able to order your costume before the deadline, it would be a great help. It means we can place your costume order as soon as all the orders have arrived from your class rather than waiting another week or two. We understand that the costumes mean that there are a lot of expenses at once so please contact us directly if you would like to discuss a payment plan.

12u Jazz, 14u Jazz, All Hip-Hop, 14u Contemporary, Open Contemporary

Sample not arrived. Please keep an eye on the App for updates.

### 6u Jazz

Deadline 3 March, sample at reception.

<https://www.trybooking.com/BXXET>

### 8u Jazz

Deadline 3 March, sample at reception.

<https://www.trybooking.com/BXXEW>

### 10u Jazz

Deadline 3 March, sample at reception.

<https://www.trybooking.com/BXXEY>

### Open Jazz

Deadline 9 March, sample at reception.

<https://www.trybooking.com/CHJTL>

### 10u Ballet

See Caper App News update from 7 February.

Parents order direct from manufacturer below:

<https://stageboutique.com.au/collections/ballet/products/tarantella-olive>

Please contact us when your costume arrives so we can see it and plan the matching hair accessories.

### 12u Ballet

See Caper App News update from 7 February.

Parents order direct from manufacturer below:

<https://stageboutique.com.au/collections/ballet/products/sylphide-vista>

Please contact us when your costume arrives so we can see it and plan the matching hair accessories.

### 14u/Open Ballet

Deadline 3 March, sample at reception.

<https://www.trybooking.com/BXYNW>

### 10u Musical Theatre

Deadline 9 March, sample at reception.

<https://www.trybooking.com/BXYMV>

### 12u/14u Musical Theatre

Costume Orders Closed

### Open Musical Theatre

Students are likely to be sourcing their own costumes. We will be in touch to confirm.

### 12u Contemporary

We would like to re-use the "Wednesday" (2023, 12u Jazz) costume for this routine. We would like any students who already own this costume to bring it to class on Monday 26 February so we can see how it works with the routine.

### Open Rep Tap

Deadline 13 March, sample at reception. Black tap shoes will be required.

<https://www.trybooking.com/BXYNC>

### 12u/14u Tap

Deadline 9 March, sample at reception. Black tap shoes will be required. More information to follow.

<https://www.trybooking.com/BXYMZ>

Please purchase the pants below to wear over the leotard. If there are any problems sourcing this item, please find something as similar as possible. We have a sample at reception to view. We are hoping to return these pants to Target so they are not available to try on for size. Target has a great refund policy so if you are unsure of your size, we suggest purchasing two and refunding the one that does not fit.

Boys Suit Pants (preferred option)

Child sizes 7-16

<https://www.target.com.au/p/boys-suit-pants/67322503>

Preview Straight Leg Pants

(Adults size 6-16)

<https://www.target.com.au/p/full-length-straight-leg-pants-preview/67508983>

## **TERM FEES**

We have some families who have made no payments this term and are not responding to, or returning our phone calls and emails. We are unable to order costumes or process exam entries for families who have made no payments this term nor continue to providing service through the dance lessons. If you are having any difficulties with your term fees, please contact us so we can arrange a payment plan.

## TEAM WORK

We value team work at Caper and the culture of supporting others. It is not appropriate for parents or students to discuss their team mates and their participation in routines or classes. If you are ever after feedback on how your child can reach their dance goals, please contact us directly.

## RSVPs FOR EISTEDDFODS

When we receive the performance times for the eisteddfods, parents will be asked to submit an RSVP via the App calendar.

Every time a student cannot make a performance, it has an impact on the team. The positions need to change and (for some students, the choreography will also change). The team will then need to spend more class time on rehearsing the routine than would otherwise be needed... or we may not have enough class time available to rehearse the routine to a high standard.

We understand that sometimes there are extenuating circumstances that mean you may not be able to commit to a performance. In turn, we ask that you then cooperate with the procedures below to keep the impact on the team to a minimum.

- Once you submit your RSVP via the App, do not change it via the App. Any changes must be emailed as once your first RSVP response is submitted, we do not check it over and over just in case you have changed it.
- If you do have to change your RSVP, let us know as soon as possible. Last year we had students turn up to class and tell the teacher they could no longer perform as the class was starting. This meant the personal time the teacher had spent preparing the routine/formations at home was wasted. As a courtesy to our students, teachers spend time outside of the class, to plan the routines for each performance. This means class time is more productive, efficient and overall higher value for our students.

## CONTACTING TEACHERS

We have had students contact teachers directly via social media such as Instagram. We wanted to be clear that this is not an appropriate form of communication and we have asked teachers are required to ignore any attempts to communicate this way.

For child safety reasons, communication should be open and transparent. This is the same approach that students would be familiar with at school, we are sure that they are not contacting teachers directly through personal social media channels. All parents of children who have un-supervised social media access are encourage to have a conversation with their child about social media safety and the best ways to communicate with Caper teachers.

## FOOD BREAKS

If parents are ordering Domino's for their child, please arrange for the child to receive the pizza during their break and not during class. If your child is at the studio with no breaks and requires food, please contact us directly.

There have also been reports about students leaving the studio complex and walking to McDonalds (or other food outlets). We will be looking into this in more detail but for now want to communicate that students (of any age) are not permitted to walk to these places whilst on a break at Caper. In the meanwhile, if anyone has any concerns about this, please contact us directly.

## DANCE UNDER GARMENTS

Students and parents are advised to start planning now for dance undergarments. The teaching team noticed last year students with visible undergarments or undergarment lines which were inappropriate for stage performances. Some links are listed below with undergarment options. Please plan in advance to avoid embarrassment for your child on stage.

- <https://www.bloch.com.au/collections/womens-underwear>
- <https://www.modibodi.com/>
- <https://knicked.com.au/collections/dance-diva>
- <https://www.energetiks.com.au/women/underwear>

## UNIFORMS

It is great to see students attend their dance classes in uniform (plain black items are permitted). It is greatly appreciated and noticed when students are cooperative in this way.