



This pack contains initial information regarding **2024's SENIOR Concert** showcase.

Information in this pack pertains to students in our **Intermediate (11-13 years) and Senior (13+ years) classes.**

Private students please ensure you discuss the concert with your teacher directly also.

*If your child is not in the above classes, please head over to our Concert Portal*

*([www.waps.com.au/concert](http://www.waps.com.au/concert) password WAPS2024), to access the correct information pack for your age group. **(coming soon)***

This is the **FIRST** of TWO concert information packs, designed to give you all the details you need to prepare for your concert participation. This pack will deliver basic information about the concert's dates, venues and conditions and associated rehearsals. The second pack, released in Term 4, will contain finer details like specific arrival times, costume requirements and rehearsal schedules, which are not yet available at this time.

Please read this pack thoroughly - if you have any questions, please contact [rachel@waps.com.au](mailto:rachel@waps.com.au) or (08) 9388 6970.

All Concert Packs, ticketing links, and schedules will be uploaded (as they become available) to the **Concert Hub** at [www.waps.com.au/concert](http://www.waps.com.au/concert) and accessible with the password **WAPS2024 (Coming Soon)**

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### ★ When is the concert?

2024's concert - **ENCORE** - will be held on **Saturday 14th December**, with a technical rehearsal on **Saturday December 7th**. **Please note that there will be no classes on Saturday the 14th of December. Term Fees have been priced to reflect this.**

A dress rehearsal and photoshoot will take place on **Sunday 1st December**, at the WAPS Subiaco studio.

### ★ What time is the concert?

Specific start times and schedules will be made available in **Concert Info Pack 2**, however generally the Senior concert starts in the early evening. For a guide to rehearsal times, please see the *Rehearsal* section of this info pack.



### ★ Where is the concert held?

We are excited to announce that 2024's End Of Year Concert, **ENCORE**, will take place at the historic Octagon Theatre at the University of Western Australia. Students will be safely supervised backstage at the venue by WAPS staff throughout the day.

### ★ Why participate in the concert?

Participation in the concert is not compulsory, however it's highly recommended for students of all ages. Performing in the concert is a wonderful opportunity to develop students' confidence, reward them for all their hard work throughout the term, and give them a sense of achievement and pride in their performance. Dancing, singing, playing or acting at the concert teaches children about the process of learning and preparing for a large event, about interacting with

peers and other adults, as well as promoting creativity, courage, resilience and teamwork.

Exposure to performing in front of others in a safe, warm and friendly environment can help alleviate future anxiety or nerves, particularly in young children - next time they need to be brave, they can look back upon their fun and successful experience at the concert and remember how talented and strong they really are!

### ★ What if I decide not to participate in the concert?

No problem! Students who decide not to participate in the concert are still welcome to come to classes all the way through to the end of the year.

While some concert planning will take place in classes, all classes will run as per usual and students are welcome to attend every class, and continue to learn technical skills, performance skills and choreography like they would any other term. You won't be excluded from class activities or routines if you choose not to participate in the concert.

**Please note - no WAPS classes will run on Saturday 14th December (day of the concert).**

### ★ How much does it cost to participate?

There are extra fees associated with concert participation, necessary in order to cover the extra cost of producing such a large-scale event.

- **Concert Levy:** Every participating student must pay a \$49 Concert Levy in order to participate. This fee covers costs such as extra rehearsals, staff time, venue hire, license and insurances, etc. This fee is not refundable if you decide to cancel your participation in the concert. I apologise that the price has increased this year, as have many of our costs.

- **Concert T-Shirt (optional):** For a \$25 fee, each performer will also receive a souvenir Concert T-Shirt, to be worn backstage during the concert and rehearsals, or as a uniform to weekly classes, see below for more information.

- **Costume Hire Fee:** Please see the *Costume* section of this information pack for details.

- **Term Fees:** All participants must pay all their outstanding tuition fees in order to participate in the concert. Students with overdue tuition fees on their accounts will not be able to participate until payments have cleared.

**WAPS tuition fees are always due by the first class of term.**

### ★ Will there be extra rehearsals?

Yes! For such large-scale productions, rehearsal is a necessity. Two rehearsals will take place outside of regular class time before the day of the concert:

- **REHEARSAL 1 - Dress Rehearsal/Photo Day:**

Dress rehearsals take place at WAPS Subiaco, where each class runs through their items in costume, hair and make up, followed by a quick professional photo shoot if they wish.

**Date:** Sunday 1st December 2024

**Time:** The schedule for the full day's rehearsal will be confirmed in Concert Info Pack 2. We aim to schedule all senior class rehearsals from approx midday.

Each class will be allocated one 5-10 minute slot per performance item. Students are only required to stay for their classes' allocated time slots. Parents are welcome to watch, and then take their children home as soon as they have returned their costumes after photos!

**Venue:** The WA Performance School, Subiaco

**Requirements:** Stage hair and makeup is required, and costume must be worn. More information about this will be released in Concert Info Pack 2.



#### - **REHEARSAL 2 - Technical Rehearsal:**

A technical rehearsal is required not only so students can familiarise themselves with the venue and protocols of the concert, but so that technical staff can program and test lighting and sound cues - vital for the smooth running of the concert.

**Date:** Saturday 7th December.

Classes will run as per normal with the technical rehearsal taking place from approximately 3pm onwards.

**Time:** Specific arrival/rehearsal times will be confirmed in Concert Info Pack 2.

**Venue:** The Octagon Theatre, Subiaco

**Requirements:** Hair and make up *are not* required for this rehearsal. Some individual students may be provided with their costumes in order to test lighting colours, but not everyone.

#### ★ **Can I supervise my child backstage at the Technical Rehearsal?**

Parents may remain with young students in backstage holding areas on Technical Rehearsal day if they wish, although we do have trained staff and helpers to supervise all of our students. Due to government restrictions, social distancing and backstage traffic, it is our priority to maximise the amount of space backstage per child in order to ensure the safety of our students and staff. Parents may be asked to leave the backstage area if we feel traffic is affecting the safety and comfort of our students.

Your child will be supervised throughout the rehearsal by trained WAPS staff, and you can pick them up as soon as they have finished rehearsing their items. More information about this schedule will be made available to you in Concert Info Pack 2.

#### ★ **Do we need to purchase costumes?**

For most of our dance students, costumes will be coordinated by WAPS. Whilst some studios require families to purchase all costumes, WAPS allows students the choice to either *hire* OR *purchase*. Measurements for senior students are taken during class time in Term 3 and costumes are ordered from overseas by WAPS. As such, any new students enrolling in WAPS for the first time after Term 3 may not be able to participate in the concert.

Costumes are ordered to each performer's measurements, and will vary greatly depending on the style of dance. Do note that most **dance costumes require a snug fit** in order to avoid sagging or falling down (or off) during dances. As such, some costumes may fit differently to regular clothing, but are only required to be worn for a short time onstage.

### ★ How much is costume hire?

Costume hire fee is \$55 per costume.

This fee includes the ordering, care, maintenance, cleaning, sourcing, insurance and storage of the costume. This costume will remain the property of WAPS at all times and **must be returned after every rehearsal, and once the concert is over**. If you or your child removes a hired costume from the rehearsals or concert, you will be **liable to pay full purchase costs**.

### ★ How much are costumes to purchase?

Alternatively, costumes can be purchased instead of hired. Costs of purchase will vary depending on the costume; prices will be made available to parents on the day of the **dress rehearsal**, when students try the costumes on for the first time. ***Students may not take purchased costumes home until after the concert, even if already paid for. All costumes must be returned to WAPS care after each rehearsal.***

### ★ Are all students required to have a WAPS costume?

Usually, music and drama students are asked to provide their own costumes, according to teacher instructions.

Sometimes, dancers may also be asked to provide all or part of their costume themselves, depending on the routine. Costume fees will not apply to students who are not required to hire/purchase any costume item from WAPS.

If you have been asked to provide your own costumes, information will be provided to parents by late Term 3/early Term 4 in order to give families enough time to coordinate.

### ★ How do I order and pay for the Concert T-Shirt?

After many requests, WAPS is proud to now offer an optional souvenir Concert T-Shirt to students and staff each year.

The shirt is a team uniform for all participating students to keep. It can be worn with leggings or shorts during student bows and the concert finale dance at the end of each show (which are photographed and filmed), as well as backstage at



the concert during quick-changes or long breaks.

Shirts ensure students are easily identifiable at the venue and back at the studio, and can also be worn in future weekly WAPS classes as studio uniform.

Youth & Adult shirt sizes are available, in durable cotton with reinforced hems and shoulders.

The Concert T-Shirt (\$25) is ordered and paid for at the same time as your concert levy, please provide sizing information with your concert consent form.

## ★ What are hair and make up requirements?

General guidelines for dance students are listed below, however teachers may request specific changes depending on class routines (please consult them or **Concert Info Pack 2** before making any purchases!).

- **Long Hair:** Up in a high ponytail, or a bun for ballet/acro, with all wisps gelled, sprayed or pinned back.

- **Short Hair:** Neat and off the face/eyes, pinned/gelled back if necessary.

- **Tights:** Non-shimmer tan dance tights, or pink tights for ballet. No tights for acro.

- **Shoes:** Dependent upon the discipline of dance. Style/colour will be assigned in Concert Info Pack 2.

- **Make up:** We know that all our students have beautiful skin and faces, however the lights at the venue will dramatically wash out all faces, to the point where they may not be clearly visible from the audience (or in our video or photos!). As such, stage make up is required for *all students* regardless of age or gender (including music and acting students).

For girls, please apply foundation and blush to match skin tone, brown eyeshadow and lipstick in a red-pink shade (older kids/teens can wear mascara/lashes if they would like to). Boys should wear foundation and blush/bronzer to match skin tone, as well as ideally some light brown eyeshadow, simply to ensure that eyes are defined and visible from the audience.

**Notes for older students:** **Absolutely no fake tan must be worn with costumes.** Families will be liable for purchase costs if costumes are stained. Please ensure all undergarments are suitable for performance - no bra straps should be visible under costumes of any shape (clear plastic straps or specialist dance underwear recommended).

## ★ How can we access music to rehearse to?

Rehearsing at home is vital to ensure that all choreography, repertoire or scripts are committed to memory, and to help students perform at their very best. As such, we make music tracks available for students to rehearse with at home.

By early term 4, the WAPS Drive link for all music will be updated on the **Concert Hub** page at [waps.com.au/concert](https://waps.com.au/concert), containing music to download for personal rehearsal use at home only.

## ★ How will WAPS communicate information about the concert?

The **Concert Hub** page at [waps.com.au/concert](https://waps.com.au/concert) will be regularly updated as more information becomes available. The password to access will be WAPS2023.

It's important to make sure that you're receiving WAPS newsletters or portal emails in your inbox, as these often contain important dates and reminders for concert season.

- Please ensure any emails from **@waps.com.au** addresses are not being redirected to your spam or promotions folder; please also ensure you do not unsubscribe from 'Dance-Studio Pro' portal emails and statements.

- You can follow WAPS on Facebook at **The WA Performance School**, or on Instagram at **@waperformanceschool**

### ★ How do I register for the concert?

Your participation in the concert must be confirmed with us by using the [Concert Participation Form Link here](#) or at the end of this pack.

Please check the *Deadlines* section of this pack for more information about when this is due.

### ★ What happens on the day of the concert?

On the day of the concert (14th December), students are required to arrive backstage 1.5 hours prior to the show. Exact times will all be confirmed in Concert Info Pack 2.

Students should arrive with all hair and makeup completed.

Parents will drop their children off to the stage door before heading to the auditorium to be seated for the show. Parents and non-WAPS staff are *not allowed backstage at any point on concert day* for the safety and comfort of our performers. Our team of trained staff and assistants will supervise all children backstage, assist with all concert preparation (including costumes and toilet breaks) and ensure their safety and comfort.

We ask that you do stay for the entire length of the concert, rather than leaving after your performance item, especially as all students are involved in the finale - it is also good performer etiquette.

### ★ What happens backstage during the concert?

Performers must stay in their designated areas throughout the concert - either side of stage (if they're about to perform), or backstage in their designated rehearsal room. All children are supervised at all times by WAPS staff and **guests, parents or other non-performers are not to be backstage at any time during the concert.**

Parents of students under 4 years should read the Toddler Concert Info Pack for information on backstage access for parents of very young students.

### ★ Can I pack my child games, activities, food or drink?

Many families pack games or activities to keep children occupied during any long breaks backstage - these items must be well-labelled, and WAPS cannot accept responsibility for any

lost or damaged items. We do not recommend messy activities that can mark costumes (like textas for colouring), or easily-lost or damaged items, but will have staff allocated to supervising and entertaining students when they are not preparing to perform.

Designated eating areas will be marked out on the day - **no food or drink is to be consumed outside of these areas**. Please do not pack any food or drink that will be messy to consume, as this risks damaging costumes, which may incur extra fees. Please do not pack any food or drink that contains common allergens like nuts, and instruct all young children that they are **not allowed to share food** with their classmates, even if they have no food/drinks of their own! We do ask that you feed your child a good meal **before** dropping them off to the venue, so that they are not hungry too soon after they arrive. A labelled water bottle is also recommended.

**Note:** Students may bring their own phones or devices, but WAPS cannot take responsibility for any loss or damage. Students using devices inappropriately backstage will have their device confiscated for the duration of the concert.

### ★ Can I record the concert myself?

No cameras or recording equipment are allowed in the venue. High quality photos and video are available for purchase (orders open around Term 3/4) from our hired photographer and videographers. This leaves you and other audience members free to enjoy the concert in person, and means that performers and guests are not distracted or inconvenienced by another audience member's recording. Venue staff may ask you to leave the auditorium if you are found to be recording performances, so please ensure you put away all devices prior to the show. No refunds or ticket replacements are available to guests who are asked to leave due to the non-compliance of the venue's or WAPS' policies.

### ★ How can I find photos and videos of the concert?

A video recording of the concert and all photos will be made available for purchase each year. More information about ordering Concert Video USBs will be available in Concert Info Pack 2.

### ★ What do I need to know about concert etiquette?

We ask that audience members stay seated during performances (unless you are leaving to settle a baby or toddler), and that they stay for the entire concert to show support for their fellow classmates. Should you have an unsettled or crying child, we ask that you kindly settle the child in the foyer before returning to the auditorium to avoid any distractions to our young performers on stage.

First time performers or families should ask WAPS staff if they have any questions about concert etiquette. All performers will be given



instructions by WAPS and venue staff before the concert starts, and safety & behavioural expectations will be made clear. Performers who do not comply with behavioural expectations may be asked to sit out during performances.

### ★ How do I purchase tickets to the concert?

Tickets will be available to purchase online later in the year (usually released around November). The release of tickets will be announced in the WAPS newsletter, “Dance-Studio Pro” portal emails, and in-studio announcements by WAPS teachers. As per above, please ensure you are receiving all newsletters and notifications, or follow us on social media to avoid missing an important announcement.

Adult and Child (12 yrs & under) tickets will be available, and all seating is allocated. Those who order first will have priority when it comes to choosing their own seats, but please keep in mind that if you decide to order extra tickets at a later date, there is a very good chance that not all your seats will be next to each other.

Babies and toddlers (up to 3 years) are not required to purchase tickets, provided they stay in a parent’s lap for the *entire* length of the concert. Please also be courteous and remove them from the auditorium immediately if they do become disruptive, particularly as our performances are video recorded.

### ★ I heard that tickets sell out quickly – I don’t want to miss out!

Once you have chosen and paid for your seats (you may select any available seats on the venue map!), we will release those two reserved tickets that have been held for you, for general sale. This means that whichever seats you have selected and purchased for yourself online will be your seats for the concert.

If you do not make your purchases by the week before the show, we will assume you do not require any tickets and all remaining tickets will be released for general sale.

This is the most fair way to ensure that no parents miss out on watching their children perform from the show selling out early, but it does mean that if you wait too long to purchase your tickets, you may find that you have missed out on selecting your preferred seats in the venue. You **will still need to order and pay for your tickets online** if you are seated in the two seats reserved for you in the back rows. ***Concert tickets sell out very quickly each year*** so we do recommend you carefully read newsletters, emails and stay in communication with teachers to avoid missing the ticket release date.

## ★ Dates and Deadlines

**Participation Confirmation:** Must be received by WAPS admin team, no later than **Term 3 Week 9 (Saturday 14th September)**

*This deadline is set to allow sufficient time for the ordering and arrival of costumes. Late entries may be admitted for certain classes, but not guaranteed depending on the availability of costumes.*

**Costume Payments:** Due by Term 3 Week 9 (Saturday 14th September)

**\$49 Concert Levy:** Due by Term 3 Week 9 (Saturday 14th September)

**Dress Rehearsal:** Sunday 1st December, at WAPS  
(Schedules available in Concert Info Pack 2)

**Technical Rehearsal:** Saturday 7th December at Octagon Theatre  
(Schedules available in Concert Info Pack 2)

**Concert:** Saturday 14th December at Octagon Theatre  
(Schedules available in Concert Info Pack 2)

## ★ How do I confirm my participation in the concert?

If you wish to participate in the 2024 End of Year Concert at Octagon Theatre in Subiaco, you will just need to complete the below form link.

→ <https://form.jotform.com/242402375788867> ←

This year we've gone digital! Instead of paper forms, we are using Signature Forms to collect your concert participation forms. Please access the form via the link above and complete all the required fields.

**If you would like a concert T-shirt, be sure to tick the Concert T-shirt box and include your SIZE.** Failure to do so may cause delays or the wrong size being ordered.

***We look forward to having you join us onstage at the prestigious Octagon Theatre for 2024!***