

Hi Parents,

With concert day almost here, please read the following information **very carefully**. We will have a large number of students moving through the theatre throughout the day and these procedures are essential to help us keep everyone safe, organised and ready for the show.

1. STAGE REHEARSAL ARRIVAL & SIGN-IN

Students will enter SHORE School via the **LHDA Arrival Gate – Gate 12, Corner of William and Blue Street, North Sydney**, for Smith Auditorium. Please refer to the attached map.

Parents must get out of the car and walk their child through the school grounds to the LHDA sign-in desk. Please do not drop your child at the gate.

Volunteers will be positioned at the gate to greet families and point you in the right direction, however they cannot leave the gate to escort individual students to the sign-in area.

Please allow plenty of time for parking and walking through the school so your child is ready for their scheduled rehearsal.

2. BREAKS BETWEEN REHEARSAL SLOTS

Wherever possible, students should **not be left at the theatre between rehearsal sections**. Students under 10 who have a break of **1hr or longer must be collected by a parent or responsible adult**.

If it is necessary for a student to remain onsite between rehearsals, general group supervision will be provided. Space is limited, so students must remain calm and settled while waiting. Please send a quiet activity such as a book, colouring or drawing.

***Please do not bring valuable technology such as iPads, laptops or gaming devices.**

3. STUDENTS WHO DO NOT HAVE TIME TO GO HOME AFTER THEIR REHEARSAL

The only students who should be getting ready for the concert at the theatre are those whose rehearsal finishes too late for them to reasonably go home and return.

If your child will be at the theatre for most or all of the day, **please have their concert hair completed before they arrive in the morning**.

Parents will need to look carefully at their child's rehearsal schedule and work out when there will be an appropriate opportunity during the day to complete their makeup and change them into their first costume.

For younger students who are required to remain onsite later in the day, a parent or responsible adult will need to assist them with eating, changing, makeup and preparation for the show.

Parents will **not have access to backstage or the substage areas**. You will be directed to the designated parent area.

4. CONCERT DROP-OFF – 4:00PM SHARP

ALL students who have been able to go home following their rehearsal must arrive back at SHORE at 4:00pm completely show-ready.

The concert begins at **5:00pm**, and the hour between 4:00pm and 5:00pm is absolutely crucial for us to sign students in, move them backstage, organise dressing rooms, check costumes and get everyone into position for the opening of the show.

PLEASE DO NOT BE LATE.

Students arriving for the concert must:

Arrive already wearing their FIRST dance costume, with their correct concert hairstyle completed and their makeup completely finished.

Please check the **concert running order on the LHDA website** carefully before leaving home and make absolutely sure your child is wearing the correct costume for the **first routine they perform in**.

We have very limited bathroom/changing space and time between 4:00pm and the 5:00pm start. There simply will not be enough time for students to arrive at 4:00pm and then begin doing hair, makeup or getting dressed at the theatre.

5. NO MAKEUP BACKSTAGE

Please do not send makeup backstage.

Students who are going home between rehearsal and the concert should have their makeup completely finished at home before returning.

Students who need to remain onsite for the day should work out in advance when they will have an opportunity to complete their makeup before the 4:00pm concert call.

6. PARKING FOR THE CONCERT

LHDA has arranged access to the **SHORE School car park from 3:30pm**, with approximately **88 parking spaces available**.

As we have 500 audience members attending, these spaces will not accommodate every family, so please allow plenty of time and have a backup parking option in mind.

There is also street parking around North Sydney. Please check the signs carefully, as restrictions vary by street. North Sydney Council advises that parking signs take priority over meter information; current CBD meter rates are up to **\$8.95 per hour before 6pm and \$5.04 per hour after 6pm** in high-demand areas.

Nearby paid parking options include:

Wilson Parking - Greenwood Plaza, North Sydney, NSW Car Park at 90 Pacific Highway. On Sundays it is currently **\$12 drive-up or \$10.75 prepaid online**, and it is open until midnight.

Wilson Parking - The Denison, North Sydney, NSW Car Park at 27 Denison Street. Sunday parking is currently **\$12 drive-up or \$10.75 prepaid online**, and the car park is open 24 hours.

Ward Street Car Park is also open 24 hours and currently has a **\$13 weekend flat rate**.

Please factor parking and the walk to the theatre into your arrival time. A full car park or difficulty finding a street space cannot delay the 5:00pm start of the show.

7. FOOD & DRINK DURING THE REHEARSAL & CONCERT

Please pack enough food and water to keep your child going throughout the day.

No nuts. Please avoid wet or messy foods, sauces or anything likely to stain costumes. Drinks must be in a bottle with a secure, sealable lid and food should be in resealable packaging.

Students must sit down while eating and will not be permitted to walk around or play while eating.

8. BELONGINGS & VALUABLES

Please label absolutely everything your child brings to the theatre — costumes, shoes, tights, clothing, bags and drink bottles.

Bags may be unattended at various times while students rehearse or perform. LHDA cannot take responsibility for lost, damaged or stolen valuables, so please keep valuable items to an absolute minimum.

We know there is a lot of information here, but please take the time to read it carefully and go through the relevant sections with your dancer before Sunday.

Our goal is for every student to feel supported, organised and excited for the show, and your help with these procedures will make an enormous difference.

Thank you so much for your cooperation and support.

NOTE: ALL IMPORTANT CONCERT DAY INFORMATION IS ALSO ON THE [SCHOOL WEBSITE](#) FOR QUICK REFERENCE.

Kind regards,
LHDA