



Recital 2025

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All our students are invited to be part of our recital experience. The recital is a highlight of the dance year for our dancers and families as well as our teachers and staff. The children love to perform on the big stage, in costume under the bright lights, to show their families their amazing skills and achievements.

If you have not been part of our recital before you may like to visit the homepage on our website to see a short video that shows clips from previous recitals. www.annaleeschoolofdance.co.nz

**** The recital is not compulsory.** If you do not wish for your child to participate in the recital this year, out of courtesy to the other children in the class and the teachers, can you please email us before the start of term 4. These students can still attend their classes in term 4.

Show Date, Times, and Location

Recital Date: Saturday, December 13, 2025

Location: Aurora Centre, Burnside High School

Performance Times: 1.00pm – 3.45pm* and 5.00pm – 7.45pm* *Finish times are approximate

We would love all our students to be able to participate in both performances. We understand that dancing in two performances may be too much for the children in our preschool classes, but we feel that all our other dancers should be able to dance in two performances. We hold two performances to give our dancers the chance to perform twice after all their hard work preparing. Two performances also give our audience more opportunity to see the production as often a parent or family member cannot come to watch at one of the times, but they can watch at the alternative time.

If you know that your child will only be available, or you only intend on them dancing in the one performance, you must tell us before committing please. A lot of upset is caused when a child does not turn up to the second performance and we have not been notified ahead of time. This affects the whole class and can cause a lot of unnecessary stress on recital day. Choreography, positioning, spacing, and partnering is affected, as well as panic for our backstage helpers when we are looking for children who are on class lists that have been taken home without notifying us.

Recital Items and Recital Finish Times

- **Pre School-Classes** will learn one item and perform in the first half of each performance. They can then watch the second half with their families and do not need a ticket to do this. Pre Schoolers will be finished by 5.30pm in the 5.00pm performance and can go home when they finish if they are not watching the second half of the show.
- **Other classes** will learn two items for the recital (except open and extension classes who will learn one item)
- All students, other than those in preschool classes, will perform in the first and second half of both performances.
- Closer to the recital time we can release a more detailed timetable with approximate finish times for each class. Students who have finished dancing before 7.45, and who do not have parent watching, can go home as soon as they have completed their final dance.

Extra Rehearsals

Item Rehearsals: Most classes will be required to attend at least one extra rehearsal to rehearse with children from another class or venue. This rehearsal is most likely to be held on a Sunday in November or early December if it cannot be held during normal lesson times.

Section Rehearsals: We have a few sections in the recital that need to be rehearsed before the recital. This will involve each class, from the section being rehearsed, attending at the same time. We cannot do this at this theatre rehearsal due to time restrictions. These rehearsals will be held on a Sunday in Term 4.

Dates and times for the extra lessons will be given out at the start of term 4. Please keep an eye out for our emails and please check the website regularly for recital information updates 😊

Dress Rehearsal at the Theatre

Each item will have one theatre rehearsal. Those in multiple items will have rehearsals on multiple days.

Location: Aurora Centre, Burnside High School

Rehearsal Days and Times:

We have the theatre booked for rehearsals on Tuesday Dec 9, Thursday Dec 11, and Friday Dec 12

A timetable can be set once the theatre confirms what time we can access the theatre each day.

Most dancers will only need to attend the theatre rehearsals on one of the dates above.

Dancers who take class in multiple genres and take multiple classes will be required at more than one rehearsal.

Recital Costs

Our recitals are not profit-orientated and the costs of producing a recital are quite massive. Please understand that term fees do not cover the cost of producing a recital, so we do need to charge a recital and costume fee as well as charge for tickets.

Recital Fee and Costume Hire

The **recital fee** goes towards extra administration costs, general recital expenses, extra lessons, theatre rehearsals, and music licensing.

Charging a **costume hire fee** means that our families do not need to purchase their own costumes, and this can save hundreds of dollars for many families. We do expect all students to supply their own tights and shoes and other regular items they may need from their class uniform.

The recital fee is \$35, and the costume hire fee is \$15 per costume. Your recital invoice will be emailed by the beginning of term 4.

Tickets

Our ticket prices have not yet been confirmed but will be very close to or the same as the 2024 prices.

The Aurora Theatre requires us to use Ticketek to sell our tickets. Like with any ticket agent, there will be unavoidable ticketing fees associated with Ticketek.

Onstage Videography and Photography:

We hope Inspired Images will be filming our recital again this year and taking photos during one of the performances.

The 2024 cost of a USB stick containing the Recital and Photos was \$45.00. I will confirm the 2025 cost and will email an order form next term as well as confirm which performance will be videoed. Please do not order yet.

Parent Help at the Recital

Thank you to all parents and extended family for your help at the recitals in the past. Our shows would not be possible without parental help in the dressing rooms as the children need supervision and help to change costumes. We will also need help in other areas, please indicate on your registration form if you are able to assist.

Every year finding enough help at the recital causes an enormous amount of stress. We do not feel it appropriate to hire strangers to look after the dancers and this would add more expense to our families. If you can help this year at either of the performances that would be so amazing and greatly appreciated!

Annual Recital Fundraising Raffle

To help offset some of the recital costs we would like to hold a raffle prior to the recital.

Prizes will be vouchers and gift baskets.

We would greatly appreciate your support with this fundraising venture.

In term 4 each family will be given raffle numbers to sell before the recital, and we will also hold the raffle on recital day.

We do ask that if you will not be trying to sell your raffle tickets or you cannot find anyone to purchase all of your tickets, you let us know well in advance of the recital, so we have the chance to hand them on to another dancer to sell or sell on recital day.

It would be fantastic if those who are able to, could donate a non-perishable item for the raffle prizes. We are also looking for some major prizes so if anyone can donate vouchers or a more substantial item, which would be amazing. Maybe you know someone in business that would be able to help this year?

Recital Agreement

Please can you complete the Recital Registration Form which is on our website. The link is in the body of this email.

School Age Students

Your payment and registration form will be confirmation that your child or children will be participating in the recital and that you agree to the following:

- That your child or children will attend their extra lessons and that if anything will prevent them from doing so, you will notify us in advance.
- That your child or children will attend their theatre rehearsals and if anything will prevent them from doing so, you will notify us in advance.
- That you have read the terms and conditions
- That your child or children will turn up and perform in both performances and that you will not take them home after the 1pm performance and not return.

Please note If you have concerns about your child performing in both recitals, please contact us to discuss options.

Pre-School Students

Your payment and registration form will be confirmation that your child or children will be participating in the recital and that you agree to the following:

- That your child or children will attend their extra lessons and that if anything will prevent them from doing so, you will notify us in advance.
- That your child or children will attend their theatre rehearsals and if anything will prevent them from doing so, you will notify us in advance.
- That you have read the terms of conditions.
- That your child or children will turn up and perform in both performances and that you will not take them home after the 1pm performance and not return.

****Allowances may be made if your child or children will only be available for one performance.**

Parents must notify us as soon as possible please if your child will only be participating in one performance so arrangements can be made regarding choreography and placing of the dancers.

We would love as many preschool students as possible to dance in both as well but respect the fact that some of the children would not cope and one performance is enough.

We are super excited to see all our dancers perform and shine on stage.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding the recital, please do not hesitate to contact us 😊