The Rivers P-12 Learning Community 2015
Junior Dance Ensemble Audition

Parent and Student Information
Your child is being offered the opportunity to audition for Junior Dance Ensemble established by The Rivers P-12 Learning Community. Successful applicants will be exposed to a range of learning and performance opportunities through ongoing Dance workshops and rehearsals.

Background
Miss Elise Dessmann is a NSW Department of Education qualified Dance teacher and has been developing dance curriculum for public school for many years. She will be designing and teaching a selected group of gifted and talented students in weekly lessons. Members of The Rivers Primary Dance Ensemble will have the opportunity to extend their knowledge and capabilities in Dance as an Artform.

Outcomes
- Expand and refine performance technique for experienced and gifted students
- Promote an inclusive and enjoyable practical experience to encourage participation levels in physical activity through dance
- Learn about the complexity of dance as an Artform through the NSW Board of Studies Dance Curriculum
- Have the opportunity to perform as an elite ensemble for various School assemblies and potential local community events.

Audition Details
Who: Gifted and talented students from Years 4, 5, 6 and 7 who demonstrate an outstanding level of experienced or natural talent in dance.

What: Audition for The Rivers Junior Dance Ensemble

When: Wednesday 14th October - Week 2 Term 4. Start time: 10:00am finish time: 3:00pm

Where: Lismore High School Dance Studio/Hall*. Dally St, Lismore, 02 6621 5185

How: Parents and/or schools are to organise students to be transported to and from the audition

Costs: potential transport costs may be required

The Rivers Junior Dance Ensemble
If your child is successful from their audition they will be required to attend all lessons, rehearsals and performances as a valued member of The Rivers Junior GATS Ensemble.

When: Every Wednesday from the 28th October Week 4, Term 4. Start time: 12:00pm Finish Time: 3:00pm

Where: Lismore High School Dance Studio. Dally St, Lismore, 02 6621 5185

How: Parents and/or schools are to organise students to be transported to and from the Wednesday lessons and rehearsals.

Costs: there will be potential cost requirements for performance costumes/accessories and transportation payment to and from performances. You will be provided with specific details if and when required.

Audition application
If you give permission for your child to audition in The Rivers Junior Dance Ensemble, they will be required to fill out the questionnaire profile and commitment provided. Please ensure to complete the permission slip and media consent forms and return to you.

Applications are due to Elise Dessmann by Friday 9th October Week 1, Term 4.

Please EMAIL the following TWO notes to: elise.dessmann1@det.nsw.edu.au

1) Audition Application and criteria (PAGE 2)
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**Audition Application and Criteria**

**Student Name:** _____________________________________  
**Year:** _________  
**Male / Female**

**School Name:** ______________________________________________

**Organising teacher:** _________________________________________

- Do you have any previous dance experience? Yes / No
- How long have you danced for? ______________________________
- Have you danced at a studio, at school, or both?

- What styles have you been trained in?

- What performance experience have you had? Please list?

- What are you hoping to learn from being a member of the ensemble?

- What part of your dancing are you hoping to improve upon?

- Are you willing to perform a dance for yours and other Primary Schools in the Lismore area? Yes / No

**Audition Criteria- maximum 30 students accepted**

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<th>Skill and technique execution</th>
<th>Performance quality and confidence</th>
<th>Timing, and memory retention</th>
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| Has an outstanding ability to dance safely and with precisions by displaying the following:  
- Accurate alignment,  
- Developed flexibility, strength and balance.  
- Performs movement with high energy, charisma and focus.  
- Can effectively execute a range of dynamics by maintaining control of the force behind each movement.  
- Shows the ability to learn and master new phrases of movement efficiently.  
- Demonstrates a clear understanding of specific timing queues.  
- Shows a great willingness to participate to the best of their ability and persevere when learning new skills.  
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PARTICIPATION & MEDIA CONSENT

Participant’s Name: ............................................................................................................................................................

School: ....................................................................................................................................................................................

Address: ...................................................................................................................................................................................

Telephone and Mobile: ...........................................................................................................................................................

Parent full Name: ......................................................................................................................................................................

1. I give permission for the Participant to participate in the 2015 The Rivers P-12 Learning Communities Junior Dance Ensemble

2. I give permission for my child to receive medical attention if required: YES / No

SPECIAL NEEDS OF MY CHILD/WARD (E.g. allergies, medication). Please supply full details.

☐ Asthma ☐ Epilepsy ☐ Other .........................................................................................................................................................

☐ Medication (please state) ............................................................................................................................................................

☐ Food requirements (please state) ................................................................................................................................................

☐ Known allergies (please state) ...................................................................................................................................................

☐ Allergy to medication (please state) ....................................................................................................................................

CHILD’S MEDICARE NUMBER: ..............................................................................................................................................

3. I acknowledge that permission granted extends to still photography, electronic media and social media, the use of the Participant’s name, image, and voice in connection with The Rivers P-12 Learning Community Dance Initiative.

4. I authorise use of any audio recordings and still photographs associated with the workshops, for promotion of The Rivers P-12 Learning and Community Junior Dance Ensemble now or in the future.

5. I acknowledge that NSW DE may not be able to give credit or acknowledgement to the Participant.

6. I acknowledge that the material for the 2015 The Rivers P-12 Learning Community may be published in full or in part and may, without consultation, be altered for design or context purposes, as the DE determines appropriate.

7. I understand that reasonable measures will be taken to ensure that consent information is held securely and used only in relation to the 2015 The River P-12 Learning Community Junior Dance Ensemble. The material shall be held by the Department for an indefinite period of time and disposed of securely.

Parent Full Name

Parent Signature

Date

The personal information provided on this form is being obtained for the purpose of conducting this excursion. It will be used by the Department of Education and Training for administration and communication and other matters relating to the education and welfare of the student on this excursion. While the provision of this information is voluntary, if you do not provide all or any of this information it may delay or prevent the student attending this excursion. This information will be stored securely and you may access or correct any personal information provided by contacting the school.