

New England Regional Dance Festival 2021

This festival is a non-competitive experience for Kindergarten to Year 12 students in NSW public schools. The festival showcases the development of dance and gives students an opportunity to perform in a professional venue. It provides teachers with an opportunity to network and share ideas.

Outcomes

- to demonstrate the development of dance as an important part of the performing arts
- to encourage students to participate in dance in a non-competitive performance situation
- to promote public education within each school community
- to gain a rewarding educational experience through participation in the festival
- to provide professional learning and networking for teachers of dance

Key dates and venue

Date	Task
23 July 2021	Submit school and Item entry form
23 July 2021	Digital link uploaded to online form.
6 August 2021	Programming Meeting
16 August 2021	Rehearsal schedule will be sent to schools
30 July 2021	T SHIRTS and Lanyards order due
16 August 2021	Tickets on sale to the public
16 August 2021	Notification to schools of program for the festival
ASAP 20 August 2021	Security information and supervisor photos are due
3 September 2021	Matinee numbers due
13-16 September 2021	Dance Festival Rehearsals at TRECC 2021
15-16 September 2021	School Matinee Performances at TRECC
15-16 September 2021	Public Performances at TRECC 7 pm

Nominations

Nominations are now open for the New England Regional Dance Festival 2021.

Please complete the [online application form](#) for each item from your school

Cost

\$66 per dance (includes GST)
HSC Dance items – no charge

Payment will be journalled through SAP after entries are received and processed.

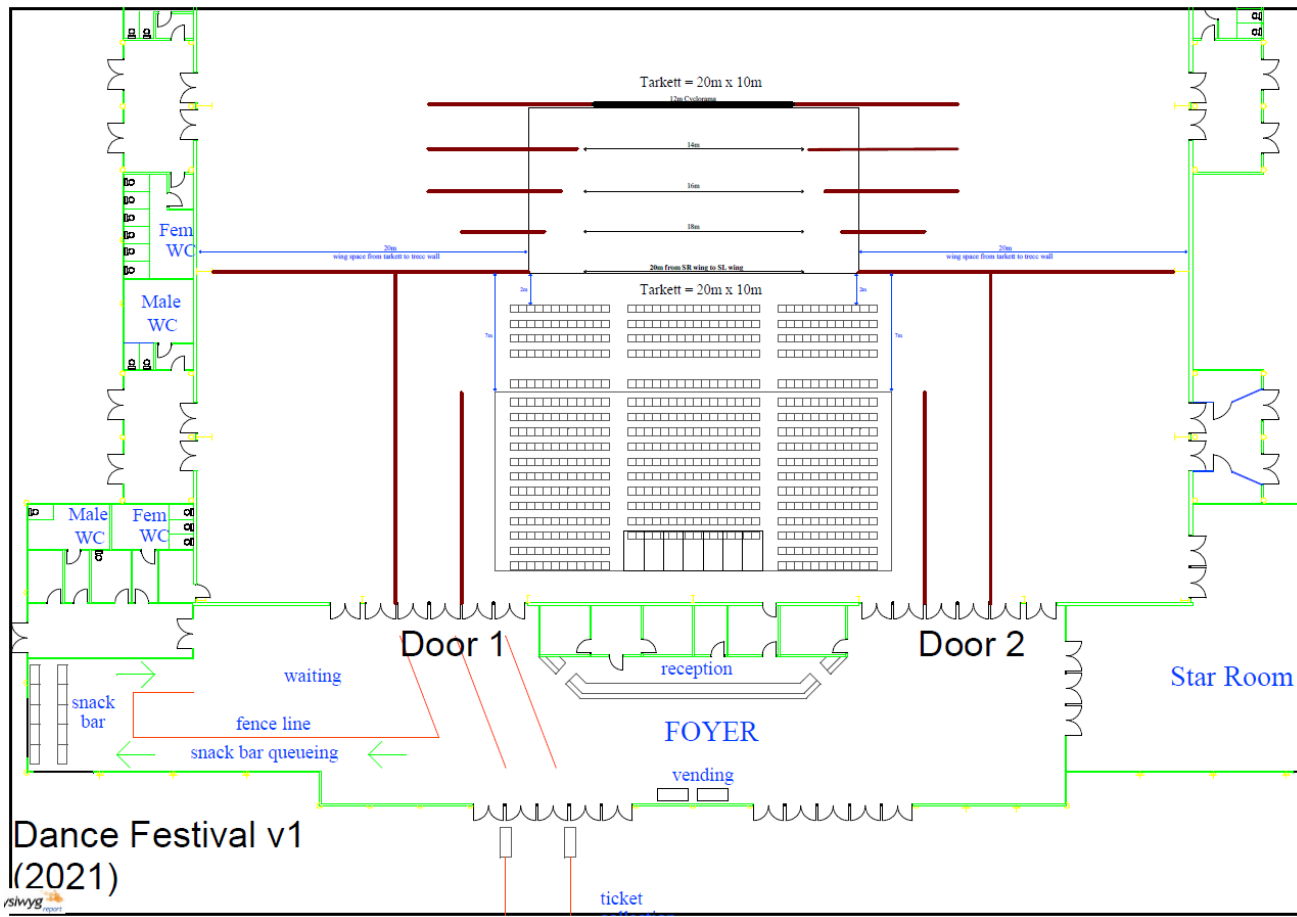
General Information

- A minimum of 8 students per item EXCEPT for Stage 6 and the HSC entries
- A maximum of 35 students per item
- The dance is NOT to exceed 4 minutes
- All items MUST be teacher or student choreographed and NOT break copyright laws.
- Style of dance, theme and costume must be appropriate to age and stage of development of performers.
- Songs, lyrics and music MUST be appropriate and acceptable to a general audience.
- Copy of lyrics must be provided. Please send a copy of the lyrics associated with all dances. These are easily obtained from the internet.
- All items MUST adhere to safe dance practices and guidelines.
- Limit size and weight of props and backdrops please.
- See attached drawing of performance space setup and size.
- High quality recording (presented on digital media) to be provided at your first rehearsal. The high-quality sound equipment will pick up any imperfections.
- All students MUST have a signed general media clearance held at their school to perform in the festival.

Stage Plan

The venue will be designed without an elevated stage in 2021.

Please see the venue plan below.



COVID Guidelines

Current COVID restrictions will be strictly adhered to and in accordance with the 2021 Dance Festival COVID plan and you will be advised immediately of any changes required.

It is suggested that teachers organise to dismiss students after their performance to limit the number of people congregating in the forecourt. Teachers must ensure that students are dismissed as per DoE policy and that all remaining students are supervised until the end of the performance. A detailed COVID plan will be issued prior to the event. All DoE and Department of Health restrictions at the time will apply.

Video Audition Requirements

- Applicants submit one video for each item which consists of the performance by 30 July 2021.
- One student must be in costume and the item should be complete.
- Ensure audio and visual quality of the video is clear
- Film a static image (filmed from a tripod) rather than zooming in or panning.

How to upload footage to YouTube

1. Visit www.youtube.com and create an account:
2. 'Sign in' to www.youtube.com.
3. Select 'Upload'.
4. Follow the instructions to upload your video.
5. Once uploaded, on the privacy settings **select 'unlisted (anyone with the link can view)'**. This is important as selecting this setting means that the general public can't view the link. Once you have done this, make sure you select 'Save Changes'. Please **do not** save as 'Private'.
6. You will be given a URL for your video when it is uploaded.
7. Add the URL to your nomination form.

Please note – you will be contacted if the link does not work.

Arrival & Dismissal of Students

- Entry and exit for rehearsals will be through the front foyer of TRECC.
- Prior to and after performances, teachers should organise to meet and dismiss students in the forecourt of TRECC NOT at the back gate. Students can be dismissed at any time but cannot enter or leave the back of TRECC unless under the supervision of a teacher.
- Only Department of Education personnel and persons approved by the Dance Festival Committee shall be allowed backstage at any time. All personnel must have a festival security tag with photo ID for entry backstage and in the auditorium. It must be always worn.
- The teacher responsible for the group MUST remain with students in holding rooms before, during and after performances and is responsible for their behaviour and safety. Teachers MUST accompany students to meet parents. No student will be allowed out of the TRECC unless accompanied by a teacher. Duty of Care Policy must be implemented.

Supervision & Security Tags

Accreditation for backstage entry order form

- Principals are asked to ensure that teaching staff accompanying students to this event are fully aware of their responsibilities related to the duty of care of students.
- Teachers are responsible for the behaviour and conduct of their students throughout all rehearsals and performances, especially backstage. Please note that the noise will carry through to the audience space, so your attempts to keep it under control will be appreciated. Encourage students to leave after they have performed. If they wish to return to the audience with parents, they will need to purchase a ticket.
- The supervising teachers are to provide their names prior to the festival on the accreditation for entry backstage form attached. These teachers will have a badge that will clearly identify them as supervising teachers.
- Any student from any school, whose behaviour is inappropriate will not be permitted to perform and will be asked to be removed by their parents. The organising teacher will be required to have a current list of all parents' contact numbers. Principals will be also be notified.
- Supervising teachers must stay with the students at all times. Parent helpers should never be left in charge of your group of students.
- Students cannot leave unless in the company of a supervising teacher eg. for a toilet break. Schools might want to consider this when determining the number of staff and parents they are sending along for supervision.
- **No food or drink** is to be consumed in the auditorium.
- Students may be released after their individual performance is completed. They do not have to remain until the end of the program. Teachers are to release students from the forecourt of TRECC to the care of parents / carers by the normal roll marking procedure. If students wish to return to the audience with parents they will need to purchase a ticket.
- **Student Rolls.** An ensemble/class roll of students performing will need to be provided to the front of house desk when you sign in and collect your backstage passes for teachers or parent helpers. These rolls are required for evacuation purposes. Each school's organising teacher will also need to have a copy of the roll in the event of an evacuation. Each teacher should also have a list of contact numbers for all parents of students in their care.
- There will be a sign on sheet at the front desk for rehearsals and at the back door of TRECC for the evening performances. Please leave your roll copy in the box provided.
- Bus organisation is the responsibility of individual schools.

Risk Assessment & COVID Plan

Will be sent to schools prior to the event.

First Aid

All schools are reminded to carry first aid kits to all performances and rehearsals. St Johns Ambulance will be on site during rehearsals and performances.

Photos

Individual and group photos will be professionally taken during the festival and will be available to order at TRECC. \$8 each or 3 for \$20

T Shirts & Lanyards

Cost \$12 for a t-shirt and a dance festival lanyard. To be pre-ordered by 30 July 2021.

[2021 T-shirt and lanyard order form](#) or email order to di.c.hall@det.nsw.edu.au

Show Tickets

Dance Festival tickets will be on sale from 16 August 2021 to give families plenty of time to plan and purchase tickets. There will be a strict limit of 450 tickets sold for each performance.

Ticket Prices

Adult	\$25.00
Children	\$15.00
Pensioner (Aged/Dis)	\$22.50
Family (4 tickets)	\$80.00 (2 adults and 2 children)

Booking Details

3 easy ways to book

- Phone 02 6766 2028
- Online trecc.com.au
- In person at the Capitol Theatre Tamworth, The Big Golden Guitar

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