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Squad: Official Invitation

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You have been handpicked to be a part of our Squads for 2027:

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2027 Squad Enrolment Form

Student Name	
Date of Birth	
Age as at 1st of January 2027	

Squad Enrolling into for 2027:
Please highlight or cross out the applicable squads on the reverse 'invitation' of this page

I understand all of the terms and conditions laid out for me in relation to Squad Enrolment.
I understand that if my child misses more than one Squad Class per Term then they are dismissed without refund regardless of circumstance. This includes illness.
I understand that if my child has an injury then my child will be unable to perform until given official clearance from a physiotherapist or equivalent. When clearance occurs then my child may have to wait until a suitable time for the choreography to be changed for my child to re-join – this is done at the teacher's discretion for the benefit of the Squad.
I understand that if I choose to take the option of paying off the Squad Fee of $200 that if I do pull from the Squad regardless of the reason, the remaining Squad fees must be paid. If these fees must go to a collection agency due to lack of paying within a reasonable timeframe then I agree to pay all additional collection fees.
I understand that I must be available for all Blocked Out Rehearsals and all Eisteddfod Block Out Dates and that I agree to be available for all weekends in Term 2 & 3 for competition season except those agreed upon prior to enrolment in writing, missing any of these dates is not allowed and results in immediate dismissal without refund regardless of circumstance. I also understand that I will have competitor passes usually approx. $15-$35 per competition payable on entry to each competition the studio enters.

Parent Name:_____ Parent Signature: _____ Date: _____

Squad Enrolment Amount Paid: $_____ Via: _____

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This is a privilege and only a small number of students that perform well and have an excellence attendance record have been invited. Well done on achieving this goal – you should be very proud of this letter of offer.

Why should you accept this?

- **Firstly, for yourself:**

This is a very exciting season to be involved in Squads, the friendships you form with your fellow team-mates as well as the studio time you are able to have and the constant performances. It enhances the overall ability of your dance technique and performance whilst enhancing your future in dance. Just two Squads brings your studio time to an extra ten hours per term minimum not including rehearsals or performances, this time adds up and improves you as a dancer.
Squads are an experience that cannot be 'bought' it must be earned.

- **Secondly for the studio:**

Our students achieve so well in examinations and this is their chance to go out with other schools and compete. This gives us a name amongst other studios and is a vital form of advertising for the studio when we are able to compete at this high level.

What do I need to do?

***The Choreography Week in January (please see Calendar for Dates)**
***The weekly squad class**
***To be available for all of the blocked out extra rehearsals although all may not be needed**
***To be available when the three to five eisteddfods fall which is throughout Term 2 & 3 Friday to Sunday except Redcliffe shown on calendar falls on earlier weekdays.**

Some block-out dates are currently based on an educated guess from the 2026 season, it will be updated when the Eisteddfod officially announces their dates. We aim to do three to four eisteddfods per Squad. Not all Squads will compete at all Eisteddfods but all will compete a minimum of three times. And one competition may include a school day which could mean a half or full day off school.

This team does require commitment to classes. You may miss no more than one squad class per term to ensure that the team is ready to compete well at the eisteddfods. If students miss more than two classes they will be put on probation or asked to leave the team without refund. Commitment is vital to having a successful team.
No Choreography Rehearsals can be missed and No Eisteddfods.
We block out the worst case possibility for rehearsals and then release them if not needed.

Your Squad Invitation does have criteria to fill, this includes keeping the Technique for the Genre of the Squad that you are invited to.
If the Technique Class is ceased, then your place in that Squad is lost without refund.
If you have been invited to a Jazz or Song & Dance If you have been invited to a Ballet, Lyrical or Contemporary Squad you must take a Ballet Technique/Exam Class in 2027. If you have been invited to a Tap Squad you must take a Tap Technique/Exam Class in 2027. If you have been invited to an Acrobatics Squad you must take Acrobatics in 2027 etc.
If you are invited to an older Squad then you must participate in your own age group first before considering the older age group in each genre.

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What costs are involved?:

You have a $200 Total Per Year Cost per Squad which can be broken into $50 Enrolment per Squad and three bi-monthly payments to cover your costume hire, choreography, as well as entry of the routine to the Eisteddfods. This cost is per routine.

Competitor Passes will be invoiced as we enter Eisteddfods – each Eisteddfod usually starts at $15 per competitor but some charge a higher fee such as $35 but enables free entry for spectators. We will keep budget in mind but these will be invoices on entry (one competitor pass per dancer per competition.)

You will have minor costs for tights, hair pieces, other coloured shoes etc but we keep costs in mind and will be keeping this to a minimum where possible.

Squad Uniform in 2027 will consist of our current uniform items and is compulsory to wear at all eisteddfods: Leggings, Leotard & Jacket – but now will include the rhinestoned items to mix and match (can replace the leotard & leggings) The new design MAD Jacket is now compulsory for Squad competitiors.

Costumes are sent home prior to the first eisteddfod and are cared for by the parents therefore a $50 per costume bond (for those with more than 4 costumes you will only have to pay a **$200 bond**) this will then be credited to your term account when they are returned or rolled over to the following squad year. This will only have to be paid when we release the costumes to your care which will be during the month of March. There will also be a replacement value contract that will need to be signed at this time (in case you take it upon yourself to wash a costume…eat in costume and have a spill or lose a hair accessory etc – and yes this has all happened before and yes they used hot water for the wash and ruined the costume).
Costumes cannot be given out without the Costume Bags provided by the student.

We will give you a reminder and some more direction over the holidays.

What else should I know?

Eisteddfod Squads consist of a lot of commitment not just from the student but also from the family, please ensure that you are prepared for this. A parent must learn the new hairstyles, must become familiar with the schedules and must arrive at all of the eisteddfods on time and a parent must be present throughout in the vicinity. The family also may have to give up family holidays that could have fallen where any block-out dates occur. We realize this is a big commitment and we completely understand that this must be a family decision. Please discuss this and ask questions if needed so that you fully understand what you are committing to ☺ It is one of my favourite memories as a child, and is absolutely worth the commitment in my opinion but please ensure you make your own informed decision prior to enrolling for 2025. There is nothing worse than a child pulling out halfway through the year. It is sad for the child, sad for the team and creates a lot of work for the team with re-spacing etc. Please be aware that if you pull out of one team, you pull out of all teams. And if you pull out of related technique classes then you are pulled out of teams. If you are injured then you are pulled from Squads until such time as it's suitable to be put back in, not only keeping in mind the health of the dancer but also what is best for the Squad. Students withdrawing will be charged the remaining fees for Squads up to and including Term 3. Any competitor passes already entered must also be paid as they are non-refundable from entries.

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Student Behaviour

A Squad student is part of a team, they are there to support each other and to uplift and encourage their team members.
Upmost respect is to be shown to all teachers at all times as well as all Eisteddfod Staff that we attend.
To come dressed correctly to all eisteddfods – in uniform, and to ensure they have all of their costume items and hair in the correct styles for each squad

Students must attend all classes with their hair in a bun and in appropriate dancewear (if in doubt wear MAD Uniform Items). Remember we are representing the upmost quality of the studio as part of the Squads so please present yourself to every class and rehearsal accordingly.

Squads are a great experience and we have seen so much improvement from our students that have participated. It has given them so much inspiration and they are becoming better dancers from this experience!

We hope that you will be part of this team. If the students that are picked are involved then we will be ready to go out there and show everyone what we at Movements are really made of.

Parent Behaviour

Upmost respect is to be shown to all teachers and staff as well as all of the Eisteddfod Organizers and Staff. Parents must not communicate with group Eisteddfods without explicit permission to do so.
Routines placements are at the discretion of the teacher involved and are not to be questioned. All placements and extra sections are given to those that best meet the Squad.

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Squad Summary

Costs
Cost up front – by the 30th of November 2026
$50 Enrolment Per Squad

Costs Prior to Eisteddfod Season commencing (dates shown in your calendar):
$50 Costume Bond per Costume (to a Max of $200)
Uniform – Jacket, Leggings & Singlet or Leotard
Any Shoes, Wiglets, Stockings etc that are required for your Squad
$50 in three bi-monthly payments
Competitor Passes – approx. $15-$35 each between 3-5 per season – invoiced as we enter competitions.

Commitment
Weekly Squad Class – maximum of one week of class per term can be missed
All blocked out Rehearsals
All possible Eisteddfod Dates – Friday to Sunday throughout Term 2 & 3.

All Squads are subject to numbers

We hope that you will join us in 2027! We can't wait!