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## **TERM 1 NEWSLETTER 2017**

Dear Parents and Students

Welcome to the Karen Margaret Studio of Performing Arts for 2017.

Your enrolment has been accepted and we look forward to meeting you, or welcoming you back, for our first class for the year on **Monday 6<sup>th</sup> Feb (Mt Waverley) or Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> Feb (Doncaster)**

Classes are as follows:-

Tots Drama & Dance 4.30 – 5.30  
Mon – Mt Waverley / Tues - Doncaster  
Junior Drama & Dance 4.30 – 6.00  
Mon – Mt Waverley / Tues - Doncaster  
Intermediate Drama 5.30 – 7.15  
Mon – Mt Waverley / Tues – Doncaster  
Sub Senior Drama 6.30 – 8.00  
Mon – Mt Waverley / Tues - Doncaster  
Senior Drama 7.15 – 8.45  
Mon – Mt Waverley / Tues - Doncaster  
Intermediate Dance 4.30 – 5.30  
Mon – Mt Waverley / Tues – Doncaster  
Senior Dance 5.30 – 6.30  
Mon – Mt Waverley / Tues - Doncaster

**Mt Waverley** – St Stephen's & St Mary's Anglican Church, 383 High Street Road.

**Doncaster** – Holy Trinity Anglican Church, 106 Church Road.

We trust that you will accept this placement and that your involvement in this exciting theatrical school will prove to be rewarding and enjoyable.

**Places are extremely limited so if you choose not to take up this offer please inform me ASAP.**

**Private Singing and/or Drama Classes** – Thurs/Fri/Sat (fortnightly only)  
Classes recommence Thurs 9<sup>th</sup> Feb.  
Please see separate timetable.

*Please note, Sub-senior drama & Senior Dance Mt Wav will run depending on enrolment numbers.*

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### **CHILD SAFE POLICY & CODE OF CONDUCT**

As at 1st January 2017, Victorian organisations that provide services to children are required, under the Child Safety and Wellbeing Act, to meet child safe standards so as to protect children from harm. Karen Margaret Studios has always been committed to the safety of all children in our care. You can view our Child Safe Policy at one of our Studios or on line [www.karenmargaretstudios.com.au](http://www.karenmargaretstudios.com.au). Our updated Code of Conduct is attached which will also be available on line or in hard copy at one of our Studios.

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### **TERM 1 DATES**

Mt Waverley (7wks) Monday, 6<sup>th</sup> Feb – Mon 27<sup>th</sup> March (NO lesson Labour Day 13/03)  
Doncaster (8wks) Tuesday, 7<sup>th</sup> Feb – Tues 28<sup>th</sup> March  
Private Singers (4 lessons) Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> Feb – Sat 25<sup>th</sup> March – please check timetable

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**FEES – Late payment will incur an extra charge.** All fees must be paid by the date stated on the invoice. Invoices will be sent separately via email. Please note, that 2017 fees have gone up very slightly.

**CODE OF CONDUCT/TEMRS & CONDITIONS** - Please make sure that you have read and understood the Karen Margaret Studio Code of Conduct/Terms & Conditions.

**EMAIL ADDRESS** – All correspondence is via email. So please make sure enrolment forms are updated at the start of the term. Please make sure I have a current email address & mobile phone number as all communication will be done electronically.

**TEACHING STAFF** – A big welcome back to our wonderful teaching staff. Miss Lee, Miss Alisa, Miss Gabby, Miss Stephanie, Miss Chloe and Miss Alex. We are so lucky to have such a wonderful and dedicated team of professionals.

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### **2017 – CONCERT DATES**

- Mon 30 Oct OR Tues 31 Oct Costume Inspection during class – **Compulsory for ALL students**  
Parents of Tiny Tots, Juniors & Inters to stay for first 20 minutes.
- Wed 1 Nov OR Wed 8 Nov Date TBC - **Compulsory Extra Rehearsal at Mt Waverley studio– ALL Students** (383 High Street Road, Mt Waverley)  
Mt Waverley students 4pm-6.15pm. Doncaster students 6.30pm-8.45pm
- Sat 18<sup>th</sup> Nov - **Compulsory Technical Rehearsal – ALL Students – Times TBC**  
(Performing Arts Centre, Doncaster Secondary College. 123 Church Rd, Doncaster)
- Fri 24<sup>th</sup> Nov - **Mt Waverley CONCERT (compulsory – ALL students)** 7pm at theatre
- Sat 25<sup>th</sup>Nov - **Doncaster CONCERT (compulsory – ALL students)** 7pm at theatre

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**2016 Concert DVD** – 2016 Concert DVD's are now available to be collected from the front desk. No more orders taken. Well done to all for another amazing concert.

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**LAST LESSON FOR TERM 1** is **Fancy Dress** (ie character or anything fun and fancy)  
This is not compulsory but lots of fun.

End of Term 2 is **pyjama day**  
End of Term 3 is **Crazy Hair** (no tinsel wigs)  
End of Term 4 is **Christmas Break-Up Party.**

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## **CONGRATULATIONS TO .....**

**Maree Tsotsos** for her **ABC3 interview with Missy Higgins where they sing a duet.**

**Chrisann Patrinos** for being accepted into the Diploma of Musical Theatre and Musical Performance.

**Patrick Crummy** for his outstanding VCE Drama results.

**Teesha Irwin** for her continued modelling work especially as cover girl for Liptember.

**Zoe Steiner** for her continued modelling work.

**Emmanuela Costaras** for her continued work as **lead singer in The Funk Affair.**

**Natalie Tencic** for her ongoing work as a **DJ at Triple J.**

**Scott Walsh** on his professional filming and editing work.

All my **VCE students, especially Bryony,** on their fabulous results.

All my **students** for their amazing achievements both in and out of class.

**Miss Lee** and her family for the success of **Cafe 23 Restaurant Bar** at 194 Warrandyte Road, North Ringwood. Go and check it out!

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## **IMPORTANT REMINDERS**

- Please take your child to the **toilet before class**, especially our gorgeous Tiny Tots.
- Please note all **dates in your diary.**
- Please make sure you have the correct **footwear** for class and the concert.
- Please **turn off phones** during class.
- Please **do not bring** iPods etc, balls or other distractions to class.
- Parents, please wait in the waiting areas, **NOT** in class.

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**CLASS ATTIRE** - At the Karen Margaret Studios we do not have a strict uniform policy as we like students to be able to express themselves as individuals. However, **ALL** students must wear clothing that is suitable to move in. Example follows.

**ALL - Black jazz pants, leggings or shorts with the KMS t-shirt.**

**TINY TOTS - As above OR pink leotard with ballet skirt**

## **FOOT WEAR - COMPULSORY**

**Tiny Tots** - Girls- Pink Ballet Shoes  
Boys - Black Jazz shoes

**All other students** - TAN Jazz Shoes

**Senior Dance** - TAN jazz shoes and **may also be required to have** tan chorus shoes and toe thongs.



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### **SECOND HAND DANCE SHOES – BUY OR SELL**

Second hand dance shoes are available for purchase at the front desk. If you are SELLING, please label them clearly with your name and price. Pink Ballet shoes, TAN jazz shoes and chorus shoes only please.

### **DANCE SHOES CAN BE PURCHASED FROM –**

Bloch (Doncaster & Camberwell)

M & M Dance Supplies (Lower Templestowe)

Energeticks

Upstage Dance Wear (Nunawading)

[www.balletstuff.com.au](http://www.balletstuff.com.au)

[www.jazzies.com.au](http://www.jazzies.com.au)

*Students who have paid their term fees will be given a Bloch discount card.*

### **WEBSITE**

Don't forget to log on to the Karen Margaret Studios web page [www.karenmargaretstudios.com.au](http://www.karenmargaretstudios.com.au) You can check dates, download newsletters, view pictures plus much more.

### **FACEBOOK**

Please like us on Facebook and become a friend of the Karen Margaret Studios. Reminders of up and coming events will be posted on Facebook.

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Well done to all students for their wonderful performance in "In Concert 2016" and a big welcome to all our new students. Can't wait to see all your smiling faces and catching up on all your exciting holiday news. Looking forward to a great 2017.

### **Stars & Sparkles**

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## CODE OF CONDUCT

### Staff, Volunteers, Students and their Families

The Karen Margaret Studio Code of Conduct outlines the appropriate standards of behaviour which is expected of all adults involved at the Karen Margaret Studios towards all children. It reflects our commitment to child safety and our zero tolerance of child abuse. A representative from each family is required to sign when they join us to indicate they will abide by the Code of Conduct.

In joining the Karen Margaret Studios, staff, volunteers, students and their families agree to:

- Welcome all students and their families and respect cultural, religious and political differences.
- Value diversity and not discriminate on the basis of age, race, colour, national extraction or social origin, political opinion, religion, family or carer's responsibilities, physical or mental disability, sexuality.
- Have zero tolerance towards child abuse.
- Protect all children from harm and not ignore any concerns or suspicions in relation to child abuse.
- Report any illness, injury or concern to the Child Safety Person as per the Child Safe Policy.
- Model appropriate adult behaviour and not indulge in inappropriate behaviour, the use of bad language or inappropriate conversations
- Be safety conscious and avoid running, unsafe activities and unnecessary physical contact.
- Respect at all time a child's physical boundaries and all adults must be aware of what constitutes appropriate physical contact.
- Not tolerate bullying.
- Treat everyone with respect, valuing and listening to ideas and opinions.
- Behave in a polite & courteous manner towards each other.
- Act positively and respectfully.
- Ensure that positive and appropriate relationships are developed with children without taking advantage of that trust.
- Treat everyone as an equal.
- Ensure that online communications and social media are professional and appropriate at all times.
- Ensure that no nuts or anything containing nuts are present at the Karen Margaret Studios.



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- Be respectful of staff decisions.
- Be respectful and supportive of other students especially at concert time.
- Respect the privacy of all Staff, Volunteers, Students and their families.
- Bring a positive attitude and a happy face

The breaking of these rules may result in suspension.

A copy of the Child Safe Policy, Code of Conduct and Terms & Conditions can be found on our website [www.karenmargaretstudios.com.au](http://www.karenmargaretstudios.com.au)

## TERMS & CONDITIONS Students and their families

The Terms & Conditions are a simple outline of various procedures and expectations of the Student and their Guardian. A representative from each family is required to sign when they join us to indicate they will abide by the Terms & Conditions.

- Karen Margaret Studios is a happy place where everyone is a star!
- A current and up to date enrolment form must be completed and signed.
- Students will be placed in a class in accordance to their age and experience.
- Please make sure you read all your newsletters and please follow us on Facebook to keep updated on events, dates and auditions.
- All fees must be paid by the due date or a late fee will apply. Unpaid fees will be placed in the hands of a debt collection agency.
- Students are charged per term with 4 terms in the year. There are no credits or refunds for missed classes or withdrawal from classes.
- Fees will be invoiced via email with the preferred method of payment being direct deposit.
- All students are expected to perform in our annual End of Year Concert.
- A nominal compulsory concert fee is due in third term which goes towards your child's costume accessories. If a student decides to leave during fourth term, this fee is not refundable and goes towards your withdrawal fee.
- All students must be appropriately attired. We encourage all students to wear the Karen Margaret Studios T-Shirt, Windcheater and black dance pants or shorts.



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- The correct footwear is compulsory. Pink ballet shoes for Tiny Tots, Tan jazz shoes for all other students and Black jazz shoes for boys. Senior Dancers may also require tan chorus shoes and toe thongs.
- It is compulsory to purchase the Karen Margaret Studios bag.
- Long Hair must be tied back.
- All Students must report to their teacher upon arrival.
- Water bottles only are permitted in class.
- Students with extreme allergies and require an epi pen must have a parent/guardian present with them at all times.
- No liability will be taken for a physical injury caused during a Karen Margaret Studio event. All classes can involve a small risk of personnel injury. Whilst all reasonable care is taken during classes, Karen Margaret Studios will not be responsible for injury incurred.
- Please make sure that you are physically and mentally fit and please be aware of your own personnel safety.
- Parents are not permitted to watch classes other than the first free trial class. We have plenty of waiting areas available and we feel that the children gain more from their class if only the teacher and other students are present. Parents will be invited to observe classes from time to time.
- Students and their families are expected to leave the premises clean and tidy.
- Students are expected to listen to their teacher and follow instructions to the best of their ability.
- Students must be supervised by parent or guardian until the commencement of class.
- Students must stay with the class group at all times and seek permission to leave.
- Students must go to the toilet before class.
- Children must wait inside the premises to be picked up, not in the car park.
- Items of value should not be brought or worn to class. Karen Margaret Studios will not be responsible for and items that go missing or break.

We hope all students enjoy and have fun.