

Studio Q | Semester 1, 2023 Information Kit

About Studio Q

Welcome to Studio Q, Q Theatre's performance training program. Studio Q offers a range of courses for different age groups, skill levels and abilities. All workshops are delivered by professional theatre artists at the Joan Sutherland Performing Arts Centre in Penrith.



This kit has been designed to give you an overview of our program. For updated details, including the latest term dates and bookings information, please visit <https://www.qtheatre.com.au/learning> or contact us on creativelearning@penrith.city or (02) 4723 7600 (extension 2).

General Course Outline and Structure

The Studio Q year consists of four eight-week terms, aligned with NSW public school terms. Participants attend weekly workshops where they learn performance skills and make new friends, all while working towards a performance outcome.

Term 2 culminates in a mid-year showing of participants' work. This is an informal "show-and-tell" which gives parents the chance to glimpse behind the curtain and see what participants have been working on in the first semester. This is a free event.

Term 4 concludes with our annual showcase event, in which participants in each course present an original performance in the Q Theatre. Tickets for this event will be sold through The Joan's Box Office.

Courses offered in Terms 1-2, 2023 (subject to meeting minimum participant requirements):

Agile Not Fragile

Contemporary dance for the young at heart but not so young of body. In order to allow our mature students greater scheduling flexibility, Agile Not Fragile is structured as a drop-in class,

Age group: Mature adults (55+)

Time: Fridays, 9:30am – 11:00am (1.5 hours p/week)

Cost: \$10 p/week (paid per session)

Access Artists Ensemble

Theatre arts for people who identify as living with disability.

Young Adults

Age group: 18-26

Time: Fridays, 1:30pm - 3:30pm (2 hours p/week)

Cost: \$184 Term / \$320 Semester

Adults

Age group: 26+

Time: Fridays 10:30am – 12:30pm (2 hours p/week)

Cost: \$184 Term / \$320 Semester

Young Artist Ensemble

Theatre arts for children and teens.

Starting Out

Age group: Ages 5-8

Time: Saturdays, 9:30am – 11:30am; Saturdays, 1:30pm – 3:30pm (2 hours p/week)

Cost: \$204 Term / \$320 Semester

Stepping Up

Age group: Ages 9-12

Time: Saturdays, 9:30am – 11:30am; Saturdays 1:30pm – 3:30pm; Tuesdays 4pm – 6pm (2 hours p/week)

Cost: \$204 Term / \$320 Semester

Ignite

Age group: Ages 13-15

Time: Saturdays, 9:30am – 12:30pm; Saturdays 1:30pm – 4:30pm (3 hours p/week)

Cost: \$304 Term / \$520 Semester

Accelerate

Age group: Ages 16-18

Time: Tuesdays 4:30pm – 7:30pm (3 hours p/week)

Cost: \$304 Term / \$520 Semester

How to Enrol

Booking process:

1. **Read the Terms and Conditions.** Returning students, please note these are updated each term.
2. **Enrol and pay for your course** through **The Joan's Box Office (contact details below)**. We accept Australian credit cards and EFTPOS. Please note that payment for our Access Ensemble classes can only be done either in-person or over the phone.
3. Box Office will email you an online Enrolment Form. **Complete and submit your enrolment form** as soon as possible.
4. **Check your email for confirmation of your enrolment, enabling your participant to attend Studio Q.**

Contact Box Office:

Phone (02 4723 7600, ext. 3)	Monday – Friday	9am – 4:30pm
Email (boxoffice@penrith.city)	Monday – Friday	9am – 4:30pm
Onsite (The Joan, 597 High Street, Penrith)	Monday & Tuesday	Closed
	Wednesday - Friday	9am – 4.30pm
Online (qtheatre.com.au/learning/)	24 hours, 7 days a week	

These are subject to change. To check for updates, [please visit our 'Box Office' page](#)

Creative Kids Vouchers

Studio Q accepts the 2023 Creative Kids voucher (released 1 January 2023 and valid until 30 June 2023) as part of the Term 1, Term 2, or Semester 1 payment for any of our Young Artist Ensembles courses. Please note that payment using the Creative Kids voucher can only be done either in-person or over the phone (kindly refer to Box Office hours above).

What Do I Wear? How Do I Prepare? What Do I Bring to Each Course?

What to wear: Comfortable, unrestrictive clothing and closed shoes.

Acceptable Clothing:	Unacceptable Clothing:
✓ Black/dark shirts	✗ Short shorts
✓ Black/dark pants or shorts	✗ Miniskirts/dresses
✓ Closed toed shoes	✗ Open toed shoes/thongs/sandals

What to bring: We recommend participants bring a bottle of water to each rehearsal to remain hydrated. **Please Note:** Food is not allowed in class unless via written agreement with Management.

Accepted:	Not Accepted:
✓ Bottle of water	✗ Sugary drinks/fruit juices/soft drinks

Preparing for Class: Our teachers provide training in theatre skills suitable for the age group and skill levels of the students. These include performance training, stagecraft understanding and skills, as well as activities encouraging collaboration, creativity and expression. Training is primarily done in class at The Joan, so students simply need to bring their willingness to express themselves, to work with their peers and to explore their creative sides. In Terms 2 and 4, as all classes prepare for the Mid-Year Open Day Presentation and End-of-Year Showcase, students may be expected to rehearse individually at home, in addition to their work in class.

Please note that discretion can be applied in exceptional circumstances depending on each student's needs, so parents and carers are encouraged to discuss any such circumstances with our teaching artists and staff.

COVID-19 Safety

For updated information about The Joan's COVID-19 policies, please visit <https://www.thejoan.com.au/covid-safety/health-safety-information>.

Contact

For information & enquiries, please contact the **Studio Q Theatre Team**.

Hours: Tuesday-Saturday, 9am – 5pm

Phone: (02) 4723 7600 (ext. 2)

Email: creativelearning@penrith.city

Semester 1 2023 Studio Q Calendars

Agile Not Fragile Program Dance courses for mature students

Summer School Holidays: Wednesday 21 December 2022 to Thursday 26 January 2023

Term 1, 2023 (Fridays)

Wk 1	Wk 2	Wk 3	Wk 4	Wk 5	Wk 6	Wk 7	Wk 8	Wk 9
3 Feb	10 Feb	17 Feb	24 Feb	3 Mar	10 Mar	17 Mar	24 Mar	31 Mar

Autumn School Holidays: Monday 10 April to Friday 21 April 2023

Term 2, 2023 (Fridays)

Wk 1	Wk 2	Wk 3	Wk 4	Wk 5	Wk 6*	Wk 7	Wk 8	Open Day**
28 Apr	5 May	12 May	19 May	26 May	2 Jun	9 Jun	16 Jun	23 Jun

*7 April - No class due to Easter Friday

**Studio Q Mid-Year Open Day 23 June - all Friday classes present a 7-10 minute piece for their peers and guests and all Friday classes run 10.30am-12.30pm

Winter School Holidays Monday 3 July to Friday 14 July 2023

Access Ensemble Programs

Summer School Holidays: Wednesday 21 December 2022 to Thursday 26 January 2023

Term 1, 2023 (Fridays)

Wk 1	Wk 2	Wk 3	Wk 4	Wk 5	Wk 6	Wk 7	Wk 8
10 Feb	17 Feb	24 Feb	3 Mar	10 Mar	17 Mar	24 Mar	31 Mar

Autumn School Holidays: Monday 10 April to Friday 21 April 2023

Term 2, 2023 (Fridays)

Wk 1	Wk 2	Wk 3	Wk 4	Wk 5	Wk 6	Wk 7	Open Day*
5 May	12 May	19 May	26 May	2 Jun	9 Jun	16 Jun	23 Jun

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Starting Out, Stepping Up and Ignite Programs
Theatre courses for students ages 5-8, 9-12, 13-15

Summer School Holidays: Wednesday 21 December 2022 to Thursday 26 January 2023

Term 1, 2023 (Saturdays)

Wk 1	Wk 2	Wk 3	Wk 4	Wk 5	Wk 6	Wk 7	Wk 8
11 Feb	18 Feb	25 Feb	4 Mar	11 Mar	18 Mar	25 Mar	1 Apr

Autumn School Holidays: Monday 10 April to Friday 21 April 2023

Term 2, 2023 (Saturdays)

Wk 1	Wk 2	Wk 3	Wk 4	Wk 5	Wk 6	Wk 7	Open Day*
6 May	13 May	20 May	27 May	3 Jun	10 Jun	17 Jun	24 Jun

*Studio Q Mid-Year Open Day 24 June - all Tuesday and Saturday classes present a 7-10 minute piece for their peers and all Saturday classes run 10.30am-1.30pm

Winter School Holidays Monday 3 July to Friday 14 July 2023

Stepping Up Tue & Accelerate Program
Theatre courses for students ages 9-12, 16-18

Summer School Holidays: Wednesday 21 December 2022 to Thursday 26 January 2023

Term 1, 2023 (Tuesdays)

Wk 1	Wk 2	Wk 3	Wk 4	Wk 5	Wk 6	Wk 7	Wk 8
7 Feb	14 Feb	21 Feb	28 Feb	7 Mar	14 Mar	21 Mar	28 Mar

Autumn School Holidays: Monday 10 April to Friday 21 April 2023

Term 2, 2023 (Tuesdays)

Wk 1	Wk 2	Wk 3	Wk 4	Wk 5	Wk 6	Wk 7	Open Day*
9 May	16 May	23 May	30 May	6 Jun	13 Jun	20 Jun	24 Jun

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Terms and Conditions

Before booking students into Studio Q, please read the following Terms and Conditions carefully and contact The Joan if you have any questions.

Payment & Enrolment

Payment of fees must be made, and a completed enrolment form for the year must be received before participants can attend course sessions. Returning students in a calendar year do not need to resubmit an enrolment form.

Trial Lessons

Studio Q does not offer trial or casual lessons as our course structure does not suit casual or drop-in attendance.

COVID-19 Safety Plan for on-site activity

This plan is a requirement from the NSW Government to ensure we always operate safely and per health orders. This plan may need to be reviewed and updated as health orders change. We will keep an updated plan at the website linked below.

Please check the Health and Safety Guidelines for more detailed information:

<https://www.thejoan.com.au/covid-safety/health-safety-information/>

The following applies to any on-site activity at The Joan for Studio Q:

- Staff and Teaching Artists will exclude participants who show symptoms of being unwell and will contact parents/carers for student pick-up. Parents/carers should remain available during the session time in case of emergency.

Missed/Cancelled Sessions

Refunds for sessions missed by participants are not available.

Commitment & Discontinuing

Studio Q requires all participants to participate in all eight weeks of a course they have enrolled in for the term.

New participants to Studio Q are required to commit for a minimum of two weeks. If a new participant wishes to discontinue after their second week, then a refund will be given equal to the value of the remaining sessions in the term. New participants who discontinue after their third week may not be eligible for a refund.

Returning participants to Studio Q, once enrolled, are committed to attending the course for the period of enrolment: returning participants who choose to discontinue are not entitled to refunds of payments.

Agreement

By enrolling in a Studio Q course, you:

1. Authorise staff of Penrith Performing and Visual Arts Ltd. (PP&VA) to seek out emergency medical attention for your participant in the event of an emergency.
2. Disclose any significant health or medical issues the student may have which Studio Q staff and tutors need to be aware of in the enrolment form.

3. Understand that Studio Q staff and tutors accept no responsibility for the supervision of participants outside official session times.
4. Agree to indemnify PP&VA and its staff against any personal loss, injury or damage to property that may result from participating in the course or sessions.
5. Consent to the photographing and/or recording of your participant during Studio Q sessions and related activities for the purposes of marketing Studio Q now and in the future.
6. Agree to follow the COVID-19 Safety Plan policies and procedures of Penrith Performing & Visual Arts Ltd. as indicated above and at the website links indicated.

Joan Sutherland Performing Arts Centre

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