



2026 PRE-JUNIOR Concert Handbook

Clocktower Centre
24th & 25th October 2026

STUDENTS / PARENTS

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WELCOME TO CONCERT TIME AT MAPA!

Our annual concert is one of the most exciting and memorable events of the year for our students, teachers and families. We know concert week can also feel like a lot to organise, so this guide has been simplified to focus on the information you need to understand how rehearsals and concert days work.

YOUR MAIN CONCERT HUB

For the most up-to-date information specific to your child, including concert allocations, what to wear and bring, hair and makeup requirements and video tutorials, rehearsal music, tickets and volunteer sign-up, please visit:

mapa.com.au/expressyourself2026

CONCERT DATES & PERFORMANCE TIMES:

Saturday 24th October: 6:00 PM
Sunday 25th October: 12:00 PM & 6:00 PM

WHERE: Clocktower Centre - 750 Mt Alexander Road, Moonee Ponds

TICKET SALES & BOOKINGS

Tickets for the concert are booked directly through Clocktower Centre. The ticket ON SALE date will be released and announced on the Concert Web Page: mapa.com.au/expressyourself2026

IN PERSON	PHONE	ONLINE
Clocktower Centre (Box Office) 750 Mt Alexander Road, Moonee Ponds	Phone: (03) 9243 9191	www.cloctowercentre.com.au

BOX OFFICE OPENING HOURS: Monday-Friday, 9am-5pm

TICKET PRICES:

ADULTS	\$60.00
CONCESSION & CHLDREN	\$45.00

For the first three days after tickets go on sale, there will be a limit of 6 tickets per family. After this period, families will be able to purchase additional tickets, subject to availability. We recommend purchasing your tickets early to avoid disappointment, as one or more of the shows may sell out.

IMPORTANT: All students participating in the concert must attend the Dress Rehearsal at the theatre for each class they are performing in. **Dress Rehearsals are compulsory.** Students will not be permitted to perform in the concert if they do not attend their assigned Dress Rehearsal.

Please also make sure you have the MAPA [Class Manager Portal App](#) installed so you can receive important updates, reminders and notifications.

PARKING

Parking is available in surrounding areas, but restrictions and time limits apply. Please allow plenty of time to park and arrive at the theatre before your child's required sign-in time. Here is a helpful guide to [parking in the area](#)

DRESS REHEARSAL DETAILS (PRE-JUNIOR)

Clocktower Centre – 750 Mt. Alexander Rd, Moonee Ponds | **Enter through Stage Door at back of theatre on Pascoe Vale Rd**

WHAT TO WEAR TO REHEARSALS

Arrive to all rehearsals wearing skin-tone undies or bodystocking, tights (if applicable) and uniform. A dressing gown or zip-up Jacket can be worn over the top to keep warm backstage and keep costumes clean. All shoes should be labelled clearly and be packed in bags. Don't forget to also bring a drink bottle and snacks.

Please arrive with hair done for rehearsals. Make-Up is not required for rehearsals, only concert. Students in multiple classes requiring different hairstyles and tights on a particular day should arrive with the required hairstyle and tights for the first class they will be rehearsing and ensure all hair/bun kit items are in their bag.

REHEARSAL ARRIVAL & PICK UP TIMES

Thursday 22 nd October (REHEARSAL TIMES)			
Pre-Junior Class & Songs	TIGHTS TO WEAR:	ARRIVAL TIME	PICK UP TIME
Thursday HIP HOP – “What U Working With?”	No Tights required	4:45 PM	6:15 PM

Friday 23 rd October (REHEARSAL TIMES)			
Pre-Junior Class & Songs	TIGHTS TO WEAR:	ARRIVAL TIME	PICK UP TIME
Monday BALLET – “Our Time To Shine”	“Fiesta” Theatrical Pink	4:10 PM	5:30 PM
Monday JAZZ – “Great Adventure”	“Fiesta” Tan Tights	5:00 PM	6:15 PM
Monday TAP – “Song Of The Heart	“Fiesta” Tan Tights	6:00 PM	7:00 PM
Tuesday 4:15pm BALLET “A Million Dreams” & JAZZ “Tightrope”	Ballet Tights OVER Jazz Tights	4:15 PM	6:30 PM

Saturday 24 th October (REHEARSAL TIMES)			
Pre-Junior Class & Songs	TIGHTS TO WEAR:	ARRIVAL TIME	PICK UP TIME
Saturday 10:15am BALLET “Spring Waltz” & JAZZ “MAPA Spice”	Ballet Tights OVER Jazz Tights	9:30 AM	11:30 AM
Saturday CONTEMPORARY – “Dream”	Salmon Pink Footless	11:00 AM	12:25 PM
Saturday HIP HOP – “This Is How We Do It”	No Tights required	11:00 AM	12:25 PM

CONCERT DAYS

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CONCERT ARRIVAL TIMES

PERFORMANCE	STUDENT ARRIVAL
Saturday 24th October - 6:00 PM	No later than 4:15 PM
Sunday 25th October - 12:00 PM	No later than 10:15 AM
Sunday 25th October - 6:00 PM	No later than 4:15 PM

SIGN-IN & BACKSTAGE

Parents are not permitted backstage unless volunteering. Parents must sign children in and out when entering and leaving backstage. MAPA staff and volunteers will direct students to their dressing rooms. All volunteers are required to hold a current and valid Working With Children Check.

HAIR & MAKEUP

Hair and makeup requirements vary depending on the classes your child attends. The Concert Webpage includes the correct requirements plus step-by-step video tutorials. Please practise hairstyles before concert week rather than trying them for the first time on concert day.

WHAT TO WEAR & BRING

Please use the class-specific checklist on the Concert Webpage for your child's clothing, shoes, tights, hair, makeup and other requirements. Students should arrive for the concert with **hair and makeup already completed**.

CHECK YOUR CHILD'S CONCERT CHECKLIST

mapa.com.au/expressyourself2026

*Please check every class your child attends and **LABEL EVERYTHING** with their full name

CONCERT FINALE

All performers will come on stage for the finale at the end of the show. We have only one opportunity to rehearse this number with all performers at the theatre. **This rehearsal will take place immediately after students sign-in for the concert.**



For the Finale, students wear the official white **MAPA Studio T-shirt with black dance shorts**. Hip Hop students wear their MAPA T-shirt with **MAPA basketball shorts**.

COSTUMES & BACKSTAGE

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All concert costumes are hired from MAPA and will be hanging backstage at the theatre when students arrive.

Costumes are **not to be taken home**. If a costume item accidentally ends up in your child's bag, please return it to MAPA.

Please remind students to return costumes to their hangers when not in use and not to eat or drink while wearing them. A dressing gown or robe is recommended to keep students warm and help protect costumes.

BACKSTAGE CONDUCT & SAFETY

All performers and helpers must remain quiet backstage so stage calls and directions can be heard. Students must follow instructions from MAPA staff and volunteers at all times.

Several registered first aiders are available among our staff and teachers. If a situation is more serious, a parent/guardian will be contacted. If your child is at risk of anaphylaxis and may require an EpiPen, please ensure MAPA has been informed in advance.

FOOD & DRINKS

Please pack plenty of **nut-free, light and dry snacks** and a secure drink bottle containing **water only**. Food and drinks should be packed separately from dance attire and costumes.

Students who have longer waits between routines may also bring a quiet activity such as a book, game or pencils for drawing. Please do not bring markers or pens.

VOLUNTEERS

Our parent volunteers are an important part of keeping rehearsals and performances running smoothly. Volunteers assist with costume changes, dressing rooms and getting students safely to and from the stage.

To volunteer, please use the sign-up link: <https://mapa.com.au/volunteers/>.

AFTER THE SHOW & USEFUL INFORMATION

AFTER THE SHOW

Each performance is expected to run for approximately **2 to 2.5 hours**, including a 20-minute interval.

After the show, please wait in the foyer. Students will be released **class-by-class**, beginning with the Tiny Tots. For everyone's safety, every student must be **signed out** from backstage before leaving.

PLEASE WAIT UNTIL YOUR CHILD'S GROUP IS CALLED

Students need time to return to their dressing rooms, collect their belongings and be released safely. Please be patient and wait for your child's class to be called before coming to collect them.

PRE-ORDER YOUR ROSES

Families can pre-order a beautifully wrapped single-stem rose to collect from the theatre foyer between the concert, and gift to their performer after the show. If you would like to order a rose, simply [CLICK HERE](#) to place your order.

ONE FINAL NOTE

Concert time is such a special part of the MAPA year and we can't wait for our students to experience the excitement of performing on stage.

Thank you to our MAPA families for your support throughout the year and during concert week. Our students have worked incredibly hard and we are so proud of everything they have achieved.

We hope Express Yourself 2026 creates wonderful memories for our students and families.

Questions: admin@mapa.com.au

Concert Day Emergency / Issues: (03) 8560 4334

We look forward to sharing this exciting time with all of you!

Sarah Ambrose
Principal Director