



## **Queensland Ballet Immersion Experience Information Pack**

Thank you for your interest in Queensland Ballet's (QB's) Immersion Experience program. The program is designed to provide students and teachers from Queensland Catholic, state and independent schools and kindergartens a unique and tailored teaching and learning experience which supports their curriculum and student learning outcomes.

Underpinned by artistic excellence and heightened levels of artistic access, schools will be invited to QB's home at the Thomas Dixon Centre (TDC), West End where they will participate in a range of in-depth and immersive, behind-the-scenes experience activities over the duration of 2.5 hours.

### **Faculty and EdSquad Teaching Artists**

Depending on the agreed activities, your QB Immersion Experience will be hosted by the education coordinator and delivered by a range of specialists including key artistic team members and education teaching artists (EdSquad).

Our EdSquad is a team of highly trained dance professionals who are of an exceptional standard, many of whom have either come through QB's training program or are former dancers with the Company. Participants can expect a high level of professionalism and expertise from all teaching staff and facilitators involved who in turn will expect to be shown respect and a readiness to learn.

### **Child Safety**

QB provides an open, welcoming and safe environment for all children during our experiences. We do this by being:

- Understanding of the needs of children;
- Preventative rather than reactive;
- Well-positioned to minimise risk to children; and
- Each EdSquad Teaching Artist has a current blue card.

### **Participants and Supervision**

For safe dance reasons, QB limit a single experience to 45 participants including students and supervisors.

Participation in a QB Immersion Experience requires students to be supervised at all times by either their school's / kindergarten's teacher/s, administrator/s or parent/s / caregiver/s / volunteer supervisor/s.

To ensure every student participates in the experience fully, it is expected that a supervisor is assigned:

- Every 20 kindergarten students; or
- Every 30 primary and high school students.

### **Emergency and Incidents**

The school / kindergarten supervisor will be responsible for any incidents or emergencies and general behaviour during the delivery of workshop/s consistent with their school's / kindergarten's policies, however the EdSquad Teaching Artist will also be required to complete a QB Incident Report Form for internal company compliance.

QB is committed to providing a safe, healthy and positive environment for all QB Immersion participants and teachers/supervisors. There are multiple QB employees who have their First Aid and CPR

accreditation and in the event of an emergency, you must follow the directions of QB's employees. Depending on the type of emergency, this may require an evacuation of the premises.

In the event of an injury, incident or theft of property, QB will be required to follow QB's policies and complete a QB Incident Report Form.

QB kindly requests that any students who commence the day unwell, remain at school. However, there is a sick room that can be utilised if students are unwell during their TDC visit. Please alert QB's Education Executive immediately if the situation arises.

### **Location**

QB's Immersion Experiences are delivered at our home at the Thomas Dixon Centre, Corner Drake Street and Montague Road, West End QLD, 4101. Entrance will be via Drake Street. You will be greeted by a member of our education team as you arrive and who will act as your host for the entirety of the experience.

There are bathrooms and disable toilets, accessible to students. Students will be unable to use any of the change rooms available as they are exclusively for QB dancers and QB Academy students.

### **Transport**

School groups are required to provide their own transport to and from TDC, West End.

There is a loading zone at the front of QB's reception area (on Drake Street). However busses parked there longer than 10 minutes will be towed. Besides this loading zone, bus parking can be challenging in the surrounding streets and so encourage your bus to drop you off 10 minutes prior to your experience and find another space to park.

There are also public transport options available from South Bank to TDC including bus and ferry. More information regarding Brisbane's public transport system can be found at [www.translink.com.au/](http://www.translink.com.au/)

### **Student Behaviour**

We really want each and every student to participate in the workshop as much as possible and have an enjoyable and rewarding experience! Sometimes classes get quite excitable, and we're more than happy for students to get enthusiastic and adventurous, as long as they are staying on task. We kindly ask that all participants show their teacher/s and facilitator/s a high level of respect as well as a readiness to learn. All disciplinary issues that may arise must be dealt with by the supervisor/s.

### **What to Bring and Wear**

As activities may involve moments of sitting, standing and moving, students are encouraged to wear comfortable, easy to move clothes (skirts/dresses are not appropriate).

For physical classes and workshops, we encourage students to wear ballet shoes if they have these, otherwise bare feet or socks are acceptable. No participant will be required or allowed to wear pointe shoes.

Space is limited at TDC, and so we kindly ask that we minimise the number of bags and items that students bring to the experience. In accordance with the Terms and Conditions of this program, QB takes no responsibility for the loss or theft of property, whether caused by negligence or otherwise while participating in the activities provided throughout the program.

### **Food and Beverage**

Time will be allocated for students to take breaks and use the amenities. Students, teacher/s and supervisor/s should bring a morning or afternoon tea snack (if agreed schedule permits) and a water bottle to refresh during these moments. There is a small vending machine at TDC available for teachers which provides snacks such as chips and chocolate.

### **Publicity, Photography and Recording**

QB prefers to manage publicity for our QB Immersion Experiences.

Video recording will not be permitted throughout the experience; however schools / kindergartens are able to photograph their students during the workshop component with prior verbal permission from the EdSquad Teaching Artist.

In the event that QB takes photographs or video recordings, the school / kindergarten will be provided Project Consent Forms so that any photos taken by QB can be shared through QB's online gallery.

### **Professional Development**

All teachers present are more than welcome to join in with the experience. Involvement in the development and delivery of a QB Immersion experience can be viewed as providing genuine opportunities for teachers to learn new skills, knowledge and understandings in order to enhance student learning outcomes and therefore, hours spent in the development and delivery of this program can be counted towards their Continuing Professional Development. Teachers are able to request a QB Certificate of Professional Development as proof of their significant contribution to their Immersion Experience.

### **Terms and Conditions**

Information on how to participate in a Queensland Ballet Immersion experience including all relevant program guidelines, information packs, pre-registration information, forms and fact sheets distributed throughout the program form part of the Terms and Conditions of entry. Participation in the experience will be considered acceptance of the Terms and Conditions, and any ongoing updates to these Terms and Conditions.

### **Contact Us**

For more information about our QB Immersion Experiences, how QB supports students and teachers or to discuss ways to get involved with us, contact:

### **Queensland Ballet**

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