



Hello Everyone,

I'm Craig Schaefer and I am the show director for Showstoppers.
I am looking forward to meeting you and working with you in the next few weeks.
Here are some things that it will be helpful to know before we start.

Hours:

There will be class schedules available shortly on the web site for you to download. These are always subject to change but it is a good guide of where we are heading in the next couple of weeks. We will not schedule precise timetables after Day 9 (yet) but we will spend more time rehearsing together like we do in a professional show.

Classes run each day from 9am to 5pm. **Primary kids and parents please note** that in order to achieve what we are aiming for and to best make the timetabling work for all, we now conclude the Primary classes at the same time each day as the rest of workshops (5.00pm)

Plan to arrive a few minutes early so you are ready to begin promptly each day at 9am.

We will begin most days with a vocal and physical warm up.

There will be a morning and an afternoon 15 minute T-break.

Lunch will be from 12:45pm – 1:45pm.

Most classes will be an hour long and each day you will receive a big helping of music, dance, performance, direction, and mentoring.

School & Rehearsal Clothes:

Wear comfortable clothing that is easy to move in.

There will be a boys and a girls private changing room.

We suggest you **bring a back-pack** that you can carry all your belongings in and keep with you throughout the day.

If you have tap shoes bring them, if you have dance shoes bring them.

Otherwise a gym shoe that is easy to move in will be fine.

Lunch:

• **Brisbane Campus:** The University of Queensland has food outlets (pizza shop, sandwiches, pie shop, cafeteria, a noodle bar, & a lolly shop) which are all available Monday through Friday, and are all very handy to where we are, but they are all closed on Saturday.

Remember to bring your own lunch and beverages on Saturdays.

• **Gold Coast Campus:** There are no food purchasing facilities at the Marymount College as the school is obviously on vacation for the summer. You will need to bring your own lunch, snacks and beverages. We will try to arrange for a limited number of drinks to be available for sale.

No alcohol will be tolerated at any time.

It is always good to bring plenty of water with you.

Music:

Music has been selected and we are currently adding it, a few each day, to the web site. Please download the mp3 music rehearsal tracks and .pdf sheet music that you will be performing in the Showstoppers Concert.

You will need to have downloaded the sheet music for your performance numbers and bring the music with you everyday of school for music rehearsals. Best to get a good folder to house all of your music.

Music for ALL STUDENTS to download:

- A Chorus Line Medley
- Shout
- One Voice
- Superstar Medley
- Australia Be Proud
- We're All In This Together

Additional Music to download:

Primary Students:

- Getting To Know You
- Under The Sea
- Fun

Intermediate Students:

- Getting To Know You
- Friend Like Me
- Fun
- When I Get My Name in Lights

Secondary Students:

- We Go Together
- Puttin' It Together
- Les Miz Medley
- Getcha Head In The Game
- Seasons Of Love

Senior Students:

- Gershwin Medley
- Puttin' It Together
- Les Miz Medley
- Seasons of Love

- Please note that sometimes, not all students in the above categories will be required to sing some numbers (depending on the particular classes you are in) but the above is a good guide to start familiarizing yourself with the music for the final concert.

Music & Solos for some Mentor Master Classes:

Many of you will have the opportunity to work one-on-one with certain celebrity mentors who will be taking Master Classes during the first week of activities. Please have a prepared solo number to perform. It can be your audition song if you like. That means **bring your CD backing track with you each day**, so you will be ready if called upon. If your prepared number

is with sheet music and a pianist, that is fine, just let us know on the first day of classes and remember to bring you sheet music with you each day so we can try to schedule some classes with a pianist rather than CD backing.

Clothes/Costumes for the Showstoppers Concert:

The concert will be staged in basic colours and styles and we ask that you assemble a couple of outfits of your own that are suitable to be worn as costumes in the concert.

1. We ask each student to have an All-Black-Look:- Black top (long or short sleeve or even sleeveless for girls – you decide), long black pants, black socks & black shoes (shoes you can move & dance in - a school shoe will suffice). Girls may wear a medium length black skirt if desired (knee length or just above the knee) and appropriate black shoes to dance in (ie. a character shoe with low heel).
2. An All-White-Look: White top (long or short sleeve or even sleeveless for girls – you decide), white long pants, white socks and shoes (a white dance shoe or gym shoe/runner). Girls may wear a medium length white skirt if desired (knee length or just above the knee) and appropriate white shoes to dance in. (ie. a character shoe with low heel).
3. After viewing your audition tapes I would also like to do a number where students wear a casual look of your own choosing. So many of you came to the auditions with fun or funky looks that I think it would be great to do a number where your own style is seen.
4. We will be providing a Showstoppers T-shirt with the Showstoppers logo and this will also be worn at times during our concert.

The Showstoppers Concert:

The Showstoppers Concert is where your friends and family can see your hard work and fine talent showcased. The concert will be held on January 20th, 2007 at 7:00pm at the Suncorp Piazza at South Bank in Brisbane. Ticket information will appear on the Showstoppers website very soon and there will be open seating for the show.

This should be an exciting, challenging, fun-filled 15 days!
See you on January 4th at 9am.

Craig Schaefer
Showstoppers Director