

## 2024 Information Pack

#### **Contact Information:**

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FAQs and 'How to Enrol' guide at end of Information Pack.

## Welcome!

Now begins your journey with Crete Street Studio!

We are looking forward to the benefits this programme has for our students, whether it be assisting them at school, developing skills for their future careers, or just exploring their hobbies and passions. We welcome you to the Crete Street family whether you are a returning student, or a fresh face.

This pack contains some handy information about the 2024 program, including;

- Overview of Beenleigh Theatre Group and the Crete Street Studio programme
  - o Classes, Streams, Outcomes, Terms
- Communication
- Crete Street Studio and BTG values and expectations
- Expected showcases/performances
- Fees and Enrolments
- Support Information

CSS is ever evolving due to our yearly review process. We continue to adapt and change CSS to benefit our students and our families as much as possible. This means that the structure may look slightly different year to year; but rest assured that changes are made with student learning outcomes as our top priority.

We look forward to sharing in your success for 2024 and seeing all our students push through theatrical boundaries at the Crete Street Theatre.

Crete Street Studio Team and Beenleigh Theatre Group Committee

#### **Overview of Crete Street Theatre**

Crete Street Theatre, home of the Beenleigh Theatre Group is committed to all aspects of Community Theatre.

Our mission is:

"Quality theatre for our community at affordable prices"

Our core value is:

## "Giving Back"

We believe everyone in our community should have access to the joy that is live theatre and that we can give back to our community through our relevant programmes.

The theatre complex, corner of Kent and Crete Street, Beenleigh, contains a 150-seat auditorium accompanied by a large stage (suitable for all aspects of modern theatre), as well as a large sized rehearsal space/green room, props and costume wardrobe and two large dressing rooms.

#### **Overview of Crete Street Studio**

BTG has a proud history of youth theatre and education, beginning with the formation of the original JETS programme.

Crete Street Studio classes are designed by the tutors themselves, with consultation from the BTG Committee and educational experts. Student outcomes are at the forefront of our programme, these outcomes are drawn from the Australian Curriculum. Each class throughout the year will be striving to achieve measurable learning goals.

In 2024, we are offering three streams:

- Acting
- Musical Theatre
- JETS (5 9 years)

## **Summary of Streams**

## Acting

Students undertaking this stream will be learning the fundamentals of theatre performance and acting. This class is targeted towards students who are wanting to start performing in theatre productions as well as those who would be wanting to, or are currently participating in eisteddfod type performance styes. This stream will cover theatrical elements like monologues, voice control, creative interpretation, emotion, characterisation, and live performance.

Classes are aligned with the Australian Curriculum, meaning content that students learn is directly linked to the same achievements that would be expected for their age group in Queensland Schools. This does NOT mean that CSS will feel like schoolwork! It just means that our content is based on age-appropriate outcomes as determined by education experts.

PLEASE NOTE: Students are expected to participate in showcases. Extra classes may be scheduled to assist in preparations.

## **Musical Theatre**

Students undertaking the Musical Theatre classes will be learning the fundamentals of MT performance including Voice, Acting and Dance.

These classes will be targeted towards the specific age groups and general class experience.

MT classes will also have very specific expectations of students. These will include behavioural and effort expectations, as well as performance expectations. For example; Students joining this class are here to learn and perform MT. They are expected to actively participate in ALL class activities, as well as frequent class showcases.

## **JETS**

JETS (Junior Entertainers' Theatre School) is a combination of the above streams specifically geared toward younger students. This class combines these separate elements of performance to allow younger students to build fundamental skills, so that when they are older, they have a better conception of different performance aspects.

## **Masterclass**

Many of our students and families have expressed interest in masterclasses to refine specific skills. Therefore, throughout the year we will be holding masterclass workshops with their own focuses, which will help students develop and refine the skills that most interest them. These will occur sporadically throughout the year, and for the most part will be open to all the BTG family (meaning parents could enrol in a masterclass alongside their student if they so wished!)

Whilst we are still refining the details, we are excited to reveal that our masterclass offerings for 2024 will include:

- Improvisation
- Scriptwriting
- Directing

And many more!

Is there a masterclass you would like to suggest? Feel free to let us know!

## 2024 Classes

## Age Groups:

Crete Street Studio class age groups are as follows:

• JETS Juniors 5 – 9 years

• Acting Intermediates (10 – 14 years)

Seniors (15 – 18 years)

Musical Theatre Juniors (10 – 14 years)

Seniors (15 - 18 years)

Masterclasses
 Age limits may apply for each class.

Please Note: Ages are not 'concrete' for class participation, in fact, sometimes we may ask you/your student to move up or down classes to best suit a student's needs.

#### **Class Timetable:**

Studio classes operate on weekly intervals, please find below the current proposed timetable.

#### Timetable 2024

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
MT 1 (Juniors) Age 10-14 GREEN ROOM 4pm – 5:30pm	Tuesdays will be used for masterclasses and other opportunities. Times for these will be released when available.	<b>JETS Age 5-9</b> GREEN ROOM <b>4pm – 5pm</b>	ACTING 2 (Seniors) Age 15-18 GREEN ROOM 4:30pm – 6pm
MT 2 (Seniors) Age 15-18 GREEN ROOM 5:30pm - 7pm		ACTING 1 (Intermediates) Age 10-14 GREEN ROOM 5pm - 6:30pm	

Please note, all classes times and dates may be subject to change or cancellations depending on enrolments and feedback. You will be notified via email and the CS Studio Facebook page of ANY changes.

Crete Street Studio Terms coincide with QLD school terms (2024)\*

• Term 1	January 29 <sup>th</sup> — 28 <sup>th</sup> March	
• Term 2	15 <sup>th</sup> April – 21 <sup>st</sup> June	
• Term 3	8 <sup>th</sup> July – 13 <sup>th</sup> September	
• Term 4	30 <sup>th</sup> September – 14 <sup>th</sup> December	

Please note, our classes <u>do not</u> start until week 2 of Term 1, classes will begin January 29<sup>th</sup>.

There is an information and enrolment evening on **Tuesday**, **January 16**<sup>th</sup>, **2024**, **at 7pm** at Crete Street Theatre, Beenleigh.

Most CSS classes will still run if their class falls on a public holiday.

\*Dates listed above are CSS class dates - NOT QLD school dates.

#### **Trials**

CSS offers a two-week trial period for all classes. After the trial period is up, students are required to pay their fees if they wish to continue at CSS.

Parents/guardians are welcome to sit in on classes during the two-week trial period, however, after this time classes are done in a closed rehearsal room. If there are any issues, please contact the Crete Street Studio Coordinator directly via the CSS Facebook Page, or email — <a href="mailto:csstudio@beenleightheatregroup.com">csstudio@beenleightheatregroup.com</a>

#### Communication

Communication to parents/guardians from either the tutors or the committee will take place via email and Facebook. Both emails and the Facebook page are regularly monitored by several people, however if you are not answered, please resend your message or speak to a BTG Committee member/CSS tutor directly.

Any negative/harassing comments or criticism of any kind will not be tolerated. Engaging in this may result in your student being removed from the programme.

The Crete Street Studio Management team is open to any feedback about our programme. Please feel free to contact us via <a href="mailto:csstudio@beenleightheatregroup.com">csstudio@beenleightheatregroup.com</a>

## **CSS Showcases and Performances**

Each year the Studio students are encouraged and supported to strut their stuff on the main stage. Each stream is given the opportunity to provide a showcase at least twice a year, along with support in entering eisteddfods and other similar competitions.

Showcases focus on providing/using/creating ensemble and individual performance pieces, meaning that all students in their respective production have ample and even time to showcase what they have learnt throughout the year.

These productions may require extra rehearsals outside of the allocated class times. Students are required to attend unless discussed prior. The below dates are locked in. Please ensure students are available for these days.

## Mid-Year Showcase - During classes in Term 2 Week 10

The Mid Year Showcase is designed for students to perform the specific skills they have been learning in Terms 1 and 2.

For Musical Theatre these may be performances of 1-2 songs as individuals/pairs.

For Acting classes these may be monologues or short scenes.

The Mid-Year showcases will be conducted DURING class times in week 10 of term 2. As per 2023, we have kept this 'Live Class' Showcase for 2024 after such wonderful feedback from our students and families.

## End of Year Showcase - December 13th & 14th (Term 4 Week 11)

The End of Year showcases are designed as larger performance pieces. Students from each class or stream will create a performance piece that is similar to something that might be seen in a One Act Play or One Act Musical.

These performances will be very similar to a normal mainstage Revue performance. Students will audition, create and rehearse during their normal classes.

They will then take part in 'Tech Week' which is when classes will rehearse on our Crete Street Theatre stage during their normal class days.

ALL students will be required to attend a FULL TECH RUN on Thursday, 12<sup>th</sup> December, 4pm – 7pm.

These performances may require extra rehearsals leading up to the shows as well as the above Tech Week rehearsals.

## **Crete Street Studio Fee Schedule**

PLEASE NOTE: Fee structure has remained the same for 2024.

Prices have NOT increased; however, we only offer TERM by TERM payments **or** a discounted FULL YEAR payment.

If you would like to take advantage of the discounted FULL YEAR payment option, full payment **MUST** be made before *29<sup>th</sup> February 2024*.

From 1<sup>st</sup> March onwards, <u>only TERM by TERM payments</u> will be accepted and are payable for all terms that students attend.

	PER TERM	PER YEAR
1 Stream	\$100	\$300
2 Streams	\$150	\$450

#### **Example Students:**

- 1) Johnny, a 12-year-old who loves acting. He would like to try it out for 1 term. He pays 1 STREAM 1 TERM for \$100 and selects ACTING 1 (Juniors) when enrolling.
- 2) Jane, a 16-year-old, has been doing Drama for a couple of years and is also interested in Musical Theatre, however, may be moving interstate in August. She pays 2 STREAMS 1 TERM for \$150 and selects MT 2 (Seniors) and ACTING 2 (Seniors) when enrolling.
- **3)** Phoebe, a 15 year old, is an experienced CSS member and wants to participate in streams the entire year. She knows she is available all year on the days listed above in the timetable. She selects 2 STREAMS 1 year and selects MT 2 (Seniors) and ACTING 2 (Seniors).

## **Payment Options**

Payments for 2024 are ONLY available online, this will also be where you place all your/your students' details. You can find the online link at our website - <a href="https://www.beenleightheatregroup.com/youth-theatre/">www.beenleightheatregroup.com/youth-theatre/</a>

Fees are due by week 4 of each term (or the end of the student's trial period).

If you have any payment issues, please contact the Crete Street Studio Coordinator via the Crete Street Studio Facebook Page or via email at csstudio@beenleightheatregroup.com

# Crete Street Studio's Values and Expectations

Beenleigh Theatre Group and its reputation relies completely on those who represent it. It is due to this that certain expectations are placed upon all members to maintain and uphold the good name of the theatre.

- Promptness and timeliness
- Organisation and preparation
- Courteous and respectful to students, parents, volunteers, and tutors at all times
- Creative and adventurous in theatrical exploits
- Clear and open communication in all operations

At Crete Street Studio we understand that teaching our youth how to behave in a theatre environment and to work collaboratively is important. We appreciate any support from the youth students' parents/guardians in achieving these objectives.

We understand that there may be some 'teething' issues and the BTG Committee will appreciate any feedback/concerns from our students or their parents/guardians.

#### 1. BE A PERFORMER

The primary aim of our youth program is to facilitate and promote students' growth as a performer.

This happens when you;

- Give your individual best effort to classes and activities.
- Contribute positively to classes and activities.

#### 2. BE SAFE

Crete Street Studio thrives on providing a diverse and inclusive environment.

In order to do this, we place a high value on the physical and emotional safety of all our students. Theatres can potentially be dangerous places. We can ensure safety when you;

- Respect the personal space and property of others.
- Do not touch props and equipment that are not in use by your Studio class.
- Follow theatre etiquette and protocols at ALL TIMES.
- Move safely around the theatre especially on and around the stage.
- Solve problems and conflicts without violence of ANY type.
- Use equipment with supervision or instruction of an authorised person.

#### 3. BE RESPECTFUL

At the Crete Street Studio, we expect each and every student to treat others with respect and courtesy at all times.

We act and communicate in a manner that reflects the awareness of the rights of others.

You are being respectful when you;

- Act and speak in a way that shows you care about the rights, emotions and ideas of others.
- Treat other people's property with care.
- Listen attentively to your fellow students, your tutors and BTG Committee members.
- Learn and follow the theatre protocols/etiquette consistently.
- Choose to work in positive ways with other theatre group members.

#### 4. BE RESPONSIBLE

Crete Street Studio values the importance of learning to self-manage, being able to make appropriate behavioural choices and accept responsibility for the choices that are made.

You are being responsible when you;

 Make an effort to be organised – be punctual to classes, learn lines and choreography, bring props and costumes when asked.

- Follow directions from Tutors and ALL responsible adults of the BTG Membership.
- Accept that you are responsible for the choices you make and the consequences for those choices.
- Are committed to improving your ability to make good choices.

#### 5. BE COOPERATIVE

Drama is a group activity which fails totally if one member is not cooperating, cooperation is ESSENTIAL to participate in the Crete Street Studio programme.

You are being cooperative when you;

- Show concern for others.
- Act and speak in a way that demonstrates good manners towards others (Tutors, Students, Parents and other BTG Members).
- Listen attentively when others are speaking.
- Resolve problems and conflict without verbal and physical aggression.
- Choose to work with others in respectful and positive ways.

#### Thank You!

We hope you find this pack informative and useful during your time with the Crete Street Studio.

Crete Street Studio Management Team & BTG Committee

## **Frequently Asked Questions**

- 1. Can I trial a class before committing to pay?
  - a. Yes! We allow a 2 week trial period before we request payment be made.
- 2. Can I join a class at any time?
  - a. Yes! Classes can be joined at any time; however, we don't recommend joining close to a showcase as classes will generally be preparing for that.
- 3. How do I enrol?
  - a. You can enroll by following the link on our website <a href="https://www.beenleightheatregroup.com/youth-theatre/">www.beenleightheatregroup.com/youth-theatre/</a> which will take you to our Trybooking. A 'How To' guide for navigating enrolment is located below.
- 4. What is the best way to contact tutors?
  - a. Messaging our Facebook page is the quickest way to contact a tutor, unless they have specifically arranged something different. Otherwise, sending us or the tutor an email will also work.
- 5. What/where is the 'Green Room'?
  - a. The 'Green Room' is just like a large room in a theatre; however, it is usually where rehearsals and other similar activities take place. At Crete Street Theatre, the Green Room is accessed through the undercover car park. As you come down into the car park, you'll see the double Red Door on your left, near the air conditioning units.
- 6. How do I pay?
  - a. Payments are made when you officially enrol into Crete Street Studio. Payments are ONLINE ONLY. Make sure you select the correct Streams for what you want to enrol into. (If you do make a mistake, we will happily refund, however this does take a couple of days.)

#### 7. Refunds?

a. Crete Street Studio does issue refunds on a **case-by-case** basis. Please contact us via email or Facebook if a refund is requested.

#### 8. Who runs CSS?

- a. Crete Street Studio is run by a team of **VOLUNTEERS** who are part of the Beenleigh Theatre Group Committee and membership. These people are;
  - i. Trinette Avery (*CSS Coordinator*) TheatreProfessional | Dance Teacher | Performer/Creator
  - ii. Chris Art Registered Teacher | Theatre Nerd
  - iii. Bradley Chapman Registered Teacher | Performer/Director/Creator

#### 9. When are classes?

a. Classes are held Mondays - Thursdays from 4pm. A specific timetable is provided above.

## What do I need to bring or wear to CSS Classes?

- a. Please make sure you bring a drink bottle of water. We have a water cooler available for refills.
- b. Please do not bring food to eat during classes. Please allow time for students to eat before class. (Medical exceptions allowed of course, please note these on their enrolment)
- c. Enclosed shoes **MUST** be worn during classes for safety. NO thongs, slides or sandals, as these can be a trip hazard for students.
- d. Comfortable clothes that allow movement, students may do activities that take place on the floor. Please wear bike shorts under dresses or skirts.

## **How To Enrol**

## 1. Navigate to website -

www.beenleightheatregroup.com/youth-theatre/

https://beenleightheatregroup.com/youth-theatre/

## 2. Select 'Enrolments & Payments'

Enrolments & Payments

This will open a 'TryBooking' page

#### 3. Select 'Book Now'



## 4. Select how many streams and either year or term payment.



#### **CSS Back Print Logo Shirt**

In 2024 we have also added a CSS Shirt option, shirts are optional, please check the sizing when ordering – Child & Adult sizes available at \$25 each.

Once you have chosen your enrolling/paying/shirt options, click 'next'

In the below example, 1 Stream for 1 Year is selected, as well as a CSS shirt.

**Crete Street Studio 2024** 

<b>Select tickets</b> Crete Street Studio 2024		
1 Stream 1 Term	\$100.00	_ 0 +
2 Streams 1 Term	\$150.00	- 0 +
1 Stream 1 Year	\$300.00	- 1 +
2 Streams 1 Year	\$450.00	- 0 +
CSS Student Shirt	\$25.00	- 1 +

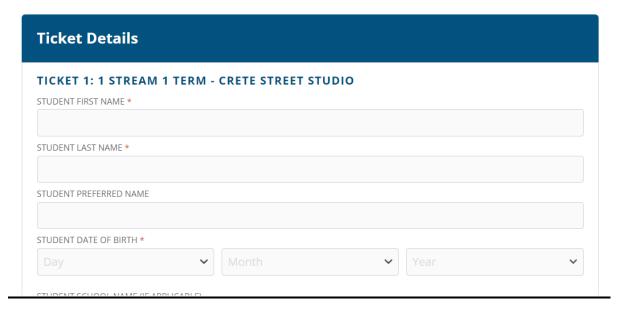
#### 5. Fill out Student information

If you select more than 1 ticket on the previous page, you will have to fill out the below for each 'ticket'. This option works if you are enrolling multiple students at once.

<u>Please ensure ALL information is correct as this is what we will use to contact you.</u>

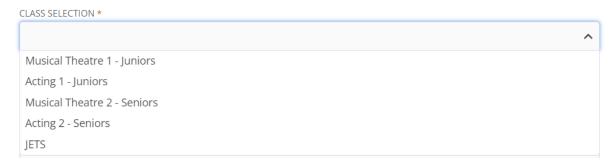
#### **Crete Street Studio**

Before you proceed to the check out, we'd like to ask you for some more details about your booking and the tickets you've selected.



## 6. Select Classes and fill out special information, the click 'next'

This is on the same page as step 5. Please ensure you have looked at the timetable before selecting classes. Class names are listed on the timetable to ensure you select the correct one. Only select classes you are paying for. For example, if you have selected 2 streams, you should be selecting 2 classes.



## 7. Fill out payment details and click 'purchase'

Please use the <u>STUDENT NAME</u> in the booking details name section. This makes it easier for us to locate your booking if required.

You will then see a booking confirmation page. Your 'ticket' information will also be emailed to you.

You should then receive an email from us in a couple of days confirming your enrollment and class selection.

