

Testimonials 2019

Congratulations on another wonderful show. We're always amazed and delighted by the performances of the different age groups and how beautifully the music, sets and the costumes are coordinated. The show is an inspiration for CBCC students and brings out the best in everyone involved. We simply love your work and enjoy watching the energy of the students and the dynamic choreography of the dances. I forgot I was watching a dance school's show it was very professional and polished. Well done everyone, can't wait to see next year's show!

congratulations on a high energy, inclusive and fun show - just outstanding. The choreography was terrific and the pitch - perfect.

I just wanted to say congratulations on a fabulous show. My whole family loved it. Both [my daughters] can't wait to return next year and do it all again! I hope you have a well earned rest over Christmas.

Wow! Wow! Wow! What an amazing performance! It was just wonderful. [My daughter] is so blessed to have been part of it. Thank you for all your time and effort. It is very much appreciated. [My daughter] loves dancing at CCBC and is looking forward to another fantastic year in 2020. Enjoy your well deserved break.

Congratulations Lorraine, the show was absolutely stunning last night - a real testament to your exceptional ability to set a vision, and then surpass it. Keep taking risks!

Thank-you to you and your wonderful family for your generosity and another wonderful year!

Thankyou for an amazing year with cbcc! The show was so much fun. Im really excited for next year, im going to work even harder to improve and strengthen to become a better dancer. I hope you have a nice christmas and new year.

Congratulations for the show. We enjoyed it very much.

I just wanted to thank you again for all of your teaching for the few years I was at CBCC. Your teaching and words have stuck with me throughout the years, even though I wasn't in Canberra for very long, and ultimately inspired me to apply for a [teaching] course. I feel very lucky and privileged to have been taught by you, and I wish you all the best for the coming year!

Thank you again for all of your support!

I was so sad to miss the concert but the extended family just loved it. [My daughter's] younger cousin sat on the edge of her seat the entire show. I look forward to the video.

Thanks again for a wonderful year and I hope you enjoy a relaxing Christmas break with your family.

The Nutcracker was awesome. The opening scenes, in particular, were so lovely visually and drew you in straight away. There were so many dances that were just fabulous we could not pick a favourite. It was clear the dancers were enjoying every minute of it on stage and, helping with costumes and dressing, I saw they had great fun backstage as well. We have an ever growing band of family and friends who love coming each year, although they do not go to ballet performances at any other time. A real testament to just how good the show is.

Congratulations and I hope you have a fantastic Christmas and new year.

Thank you so very much for such an amazing concert over the weekend. [My daughter] had a great experience and it was such a fabulous show. Thank you and your teachers for putting this all together - amazing.

Congratulations again on such a wonderful show!! The kids are having withdrawal symptoms and missing dancing already.

Dear Lorraine,

Another beautiful concert. I loved watching all the pieces and [my daughters] loved being part of it all. I really feel that both girls have grown this year in their confidence and am so grateful for the part you and CBCC have played in this.

It has been a big year for you and I hope that you can smile at all that you have achieved, have a brief moment and a bit of peace, before taking another smile and deep breath into 2020 and heading onward and upwards again ... for the greater good!

Dear Lorraine,

Thank you again for leading [my daughter] on a wonderful journey to the performance, and also for the course of the year. [My husband] and I truly value the care you take with her and the standard that you ask her to aspire to.

Hi Lorraine

I just wanted to write to say both thank you and, wow, regarding the concert. My two little ones [...] had a ball. As for the concert, we went to both shows and I'm a bit lost for words. It was outstanding in every way, so energetic, athletic and completely professional. The dedication of the dancers to every move was incredible. The costumes, the music and most of all the choreography was inspired. I now understand the logistical gymnastics that were necessary! [My elder daughter] has been ballet walking around the house for weeks and is certainly looking forward to next year. [...] Congratulations and thank you again

[...] you have an amazing team. The show was incredible, we saw the Friday night one, and it was simply amazing.

Dear Lorraine

This year has been a tough year for [us ...] – but the one constant for [my daughters] has been the supportive and caring community at CBCC that [my husband] and I will be forever grateful.

Your dance studio is a place where the girls feel happy and included. Thank-you for all you do for [my daughters] They have both shone under your guidance and direction.

We look forward to 2020.

Hello Miss!

Well done Miss for an other wonderful performance! We feel so privileged to be your students 🍷🙏.

[...] And congratulations again to you and your team on a beautiful show last week! CBCC's Nutcracker was just divine. I love how much joy your concerts bring to the students (and families ;) The community you have created is just wonderful!

I also want to congratulate you on a wonderful concert. [My daughter] was ecstatic following it and loved every minute especially the 'performing in front of people' part, which speaks volumes for her increased confidence. Have a wonderful Christmas holiday and New Year and we will see you next year.

Thank you so much for the ticket to the show. Some amazing costumes (who did them!), beautiful choreography and dancing. I can see why you have a strong focus on the end of year concert; very impressive, flowed from one piece to the next so well. As far as a reward for parents and kids that seems like a better one than being exam obsessed.

[...] Anyway, really impressed i think you have done a great job and I thank you for inviting me to see what all your hard work has created.

Firstly huge congratulations for another fantastic show. It was sooo impressive! Each year it seems the standard of dance across all the levels increases and the costumes and sets were fantastic. It was so much fun to have Christmas theme show just before Christmas and I loved the festival of Christmas that was Act 2. Wonderful to see everyone's hard work pay off like that (teachers, students, helpers etc). I can't wait for next years show 😊.

I thought the show was absolutely amazing. The costumes were magnificent - the way they looked on stage but also how they blended with the backdrops and lights. It was just wow!! The girls had an amazing time participating and we had an amazing time watching. Thank you!

Wonderful! Honestly, it is my absolute pleasure to help. The community spirt is lovely. I was quite chuffed to be helping with flowers for the Waltz of the Flowers - it doesn't get much more Nutcracker than that!

And thank you again for your guidance of [my daughter] - her confidence and resilience (not to mention her coordination and strength) are just growing and growing, much of which we attribute to her dance classes.

Btw, the 2019 show was fantastic as all CBCC productions have always been! Thank you again for your hard work in guiding the kids through their journey of discovering the beauty of ballet!

Miss Lorraine

I am so grateful for the opportunity you gave when you let me in to performance group last year. It was a challenging but rewarding experience that I will never forget.

Hope you had a lovely Christmas break and have had a much deserved rest – what a wonderful production the Nutcracker was!!!!

[...] It has also been on my list of things to do to write and thank you for a fantastic show. [My daughter] thoroughly enjoyed the whole experience and came skipping out of each rehearsal in delight. Her smile throughout the performance was genuine. Thanks so much for all the work and enthusiasm you put into it all.

All the best for the new year and see you in February,

Hi Lorraine,

Thank you for all your hard work to coordinate such an amazing year and end of year show for the students.

[My daughter] has loved every moment of her time at CCBC and is very keen to do it all again next year!

Congratulations again on a great show. We all really enjoyed it!

Congratulations on another wonderful performance. I'm sure you're exhausted and looking forward to a break. [My son] thoroughly enjoyed it and his nutcracker is on the Christmas tree.

Thank you for a wonderful year and amazing concert. My youngest daughter [...] was with Miss Christina in the preschool class and is extremely shy/introverted and she participated in the Friday class and I was so happy that with miss Christina's quiet, calm and gentle nature, she could feel comfortable to join in. [My other daughter] loved her first go at tap this year too.

I am planning to re-enrol my daughter [] for 2020 (she had such a fabulous time participating in the Nutcracker!), and wanted to confirm which class to enrol her in.

[...] Thank you for the opportunity for her to be able to join the other pre-schoolers last weekend – it was such an exciting time for her, and a beautiful performance by all the students. You must be very proud of them!

Dear Lorraine

Congratulations on another amazing show! The incredible skill that you have in pulling it all together is just amazing and inspiring! I hope that you now get some well deserved time to rest and rejuvenate.

I appreciate your enormous investment in your students.

The performance show last night at Canberra Theater was great! I am so happy to see my daughter [...] enjoyed to be a part of it. She is so proud of herself:)

First of all thank you so much for putting together such an amazing show this year, I really enjoyed your adaptation of the Nutcracker. All groups were really good but in particular the performance group this year was outstanding the choreographies really suit them!. My mum and a friend, who came from Spain this year for Xmas, were really impressed.

Thank you for a wonderful performance for Christmas last year. [My daughter] hasn't stopped talking about her experiences. She especially talks about wanting to be a snowflake as a Kindergartener this year. Although I've tried to explain it's a different performance every year, she is adamant that she is a snowflake this year! Lol kids!

Looking forward to seeing [my daughter] continue to grow and develop her love of dancing. I'm finally getting a chance to write to you, almost three weeks after we left Australia. The kids are settling in pretty well to our new life ... and [my daughter], in particular is doing incredibly well.

Just thinking about your lovely ballet school makes me sad (again) that we have left. I really hope that we will be able to return when we get back from [our new home].

[My daughters] had a fantastic time [in class]! All evening they were saying 'I want it to be Wednesday again so we can go back to ballet'. [My 'second to try dance'] was a little nervous going into the class because [her sister] had been last year and she hadn't, however afterwards she couldn't wipe the grin off her face!

Thank you and see you next week, the girls will be counting down the days.

Dearest Lorraine

Ten or so (at least) years ago, I sat at this keyboard and wrote to you late after a closing night to commend and thank you on that most remarkable production. I think I mentioned my 'little girl's' joy and absolute thrill at being on stage at the theatre, the lights, the music, the magic of performing! Little did I ever think that, in her 19th year and after 14 years with you, I would sit at the same keyboard with a more expansive mix of feelings masked by a surreal sense of, dare I say, numbness. So here I am, again remarking on yet another a stunning, visually and technically amazing show! The incredibly choreography, the sensational costumes, the beautiful sets and lighting, and the stunning range of music, and especially this year the spine-tingling choral pieces!! I appreciate Frosty the Snowman was a useful, chirpy contribution! ha!!!

Both my girls have grown into (what I will admit) are beautiful strong young women under your tutelage, care and guidance... to jump that little bit higher, point and turn out that little bit harder, stand that little bit taller. Your discipline has taught them discipline, your strength in adversity has taught them strength in adversity, your pleasure at a technique mastered is their pleasure at working hard and reaping that reward: characteristics that will take them, and stay with them, well into their respective futures! Dare I say, you have likely spent many more hours with my girls at times over the years than I, and for that I am truly grateful because you have cared for them in ways beyond simply the technical but also their well-being as a whole. I am grateful also for the trust and friendship that has grown in our collective journey. It's a funny old thing that [my daughter's], and for a time [my second daughter's], journey through the trials and tribulations of performance group rehearsals, eisteddfods, exams and watching weeks, not to mention the mammoth effort that is the end of year concert, also became my journey...which I've truly loved!

I am grateful and inspired by your strength, passion, vision and your commitment to that vision, your dedication to always strive for good, better, best in your students and yourself, and your preparedness to be honest in the tough times. Thank you!