

“2008 events!”

What a year it was!!! 2008 had been a significant year for providing students at Directions Dance Academy with a broad range of activities to further extend their dance skills and performance opportunities.

Students were involved in community performances throughout the year, gaining vital experience in live performances and being part of community events both at Minda Incorporated and Black Forest Primary School.

Once again in 2008 students were provided with the opportunity to participate in a school holiday winter workshop. Students had classes in contemporary dance, funk, acrobatics and drama, with professional practitioners working in the arts & educational industry. The days overarching success was seen as students demonstrated short performance pieces which were shown with enthusiasm, energy and fun. Another great day!

2008 also marked our 2nd year of international ISTD dance examinations. The ISTD (Imperial Society of Teachers of Dancing) is the world's leading dance examinations organisation based in London. This registered educational organisation is the only organisation that covers the full spectrum of dance examinations on a truly global scale. The ISTD's chief objective is "To educate the public in the art of dancing in all its forms". As registered teachers of this organisation we entered 35 candidates for Modern Theatre and Imperial Classical Ballet examinations. All students passed with excellent results, congratulations and well done for all your hard work!

Our end of year performance marked our final event for 2008. A great night showcasing "The Nutcracker" and "At the Movies". Congratulations to all the students who were involved, you did a magnificent job!!!! The show's success was also as a result of having a fantastic cast of volunteers. Thank you for all your time and support in assisting us with our end of year performance. We could not have done it without you!! We would also like to thank Vicki Kanakaris for her help and support in so many ways! Thank you Vicki for all your efforts in 2008, we appreciate it!!

In addition we would like to take this opportunity to express our sincere thanks to our teachers Melissa Hill and Jo McDonald who both worked tirelessly last year with their students. We value their contributions and are thrilled to have them as part of our teaching staff. Well done, we make a great team!!!

Finally we would especially like to thank the students and parents for their continued support and commitment to the school and look forward to seeing you all in 2009.

Kindest Regards,

Effie and Leigh