



'The Lion King Jr.' - Postponed

The lion sleeps tonight, but not forever!

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Dear Lion King Lead Role Parents/Caregivers,

We are writing to inform you that, in line with COVID-Safe regulations for NSW, that Glendore Public School's production of Disney's 'The Lion King Jr.' (TLK) will be necessarily delayed. This morning, the production team met with lead students to explain the complications of restrictions around rehearsals in line with current advice for all sporting and performing arts activities. These make ongoing rehearsal of dance, drama and music items particularly challenging or impracticable outside of within-class settings. Limitations on audience numbers are also a significant impediment to artistic and sporting endeavours, with definitive government advice around these activities.

The key message we have provided our students is that to be responsible to all, that TLK needs to be rested to allow time for re-planning, re-booking of venues, and of course, current governmental advice and regulations to change once the immediate health conditions have passed. We cannot indicate when either of these will occur, nor how we will continue. The positive we can leave you with is our vision above: *Whilst the lion may sleep tonight, it is not forever.*

Our partner school, Callaghan College Jesmond Senior Campus (CCJSC), which was providing our state-of-the art venue, has been similarly impacted with its senior production of the musical, 'Grease'. They too are re-visioning and re-planning for a time when that production may be authentically delivered.

We do look forward to bringing to Callaghan, and on behalf of Glendore and CCJSC what will be a momentous piece of musical theatre, teamwork, perseverance, and collaboration. Whether students are performing, producing, stage-assisting, costuming, set-building, prop/costume building, key elements of the Creative and Performing Arts, English, Mathematics, Science, Technology and Applied Sciences, and Personal Development syllabi will be delivered. In addition, our Stage 6 student partners will achieve a range of their VET and Preliminary/HSC competencies.

For now, we need to wait until the timing is right, until we can provide you with more advice and to maintain that passion. I encourage all lead role students to keep learning their dialogue at home and their vocals. We will not be rehearsing at school for the near future. No fees nor tickets will be charged. However, we will be in touch as soon as possible, and again when plans solidify.

Maintain the faith – when we do deliver TLK, our community will know what Glendore and Callaghan can achieve.

We sleep tonight, but not forever,

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