

# PRESS RELEASE

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## ***Bridal gowns become tutus at St Giles***

Five little girls attending physiotherapy at St Giles have received tutus donated by the Tutu Program Australia to make their therapy sessions even more fun.

The group, aged from four to nine, are part of a three week Beautiful Ballerina Program which starts tomorrow (**Thursday, January 22**) at St Giles, Newstead.

With guidance from Occupational Therapists and Physiotherapists the girls will work on fine motor skills for tasks such as dressing, while their gross motor ability and strengthening is helped through dance.

The tutus came from the Canberra-based Angel Gown Program, where wedding dress fabric is made into shrouds for children who have passed away.

Remnant lengths of tulle are used to make tutus and monster suits for children with special needs or children in hospital who are unwell and need a bit of colour, sunshine and surprise in their life.

Therapists Jacqueline Scanlan and Anna McCauley and the participants in the Beautiful Ballerina Program are available at St Giles **tomorrow** at 9.45am.

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