



TECH STEPS
DANCE STUDIO

Studio Handbook

Believe

Our classes have maximum 12 students to ensure each child gets adequate coaching to progress



We work to inspire confidence and self esteem in all our students



OUR STUDIO VALUES

Perform

Dancers have many and various opportunities to shine on stage and in life



Rise

Our students develop consistent work ethic to meet goals and achieve success in dance



YOUR CHILD'S DANCE JOURNEY

Tot bots

Ages 3-5
Movement vocab,
body awareness,
balance, confidence

Pre-primary, Beginners Tap, Little Leprechauns

Ages 5-7
Co-ordination, foundations of technique

Primary Jazz Primary Tap Primary Hiphop

Ages 7-9
Technique
development, core
skills and steps

Competition team

Invite only to dancers
who meet criteria,
dancers perform at
local competitions
and events

Elementary-Advanced

Dancers who have
successfully completed
Grade 5. Higher level
dancing to prepare for
industry standards in
Teaching or Dancing

1-5 Grades in Hiphop, Jazz, Tap, Acro, Contemporary & Junior Jiggers

Further developing movement repertoire, skills, flexibility, strength and knowledge of anatomy and terminology

STAFF & AFFILIATIONS



Jess

Tap, Hiphop, Jazz,
Contemporary,
Acro
Theatre



Lisa

Tap, Tot Bots, Jazz,
Yoga, Acro



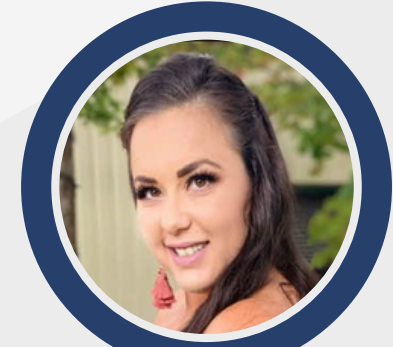
Eve

Tap, Tot Bots, Jazz



Sam

Irish



Emma

Jazz, Hip Hop, Tap,
Ballet, Samba



Taryn

Tap, Jazz, Acro



Nicky

Tap



Excellence in dance education

Our teachers are trained in the BAL syllabi in Jazz, Tap & Hip Hop. We hold exams in most grades every August which is moderated throughout Australasia.



We hold exams through the Acrobatic Dance Association Levels every year for students to progress.

FEE STRUCTURE

Enrolment fees

Tot Bots \$35/year
Formal classes \$55/year
Re-enrolments \$50/year

Class fees

***inclusive of GST**

Jazz \$11.55
Classical tap \$11.55
HipHop \$11.55
Irish \$11.55
Contemporary: \$11.55
Tap'n'beats \$9
Acrobatic Dance \$14.85
Payment is per school
Term and due by week 4
of each Term

Offers & Extras

- Tot bots receive a Studio uniform leotard
- Secondary classes receive 10% off
- Tap shoe hire \$2/week
- First week pay for one class but try any/all
- Costume and other production fees are subsidised by our fundraising committee and usually incur a hire fee of \$25-40



UNIFORM

- Jazz/tap/contemporary:
leotard or black top and shorts

- Hiphop: top and pants

- Irish: black skirt or pants,
black or blue top

	<i>Child size</i>	<i>Adult size</i>		<i>Child size</i>	<i>Adult size</i>
Blue Leotard <i>(Needed for jazz & tap exams and Acro classes)</i>	\$28.60	\$33	Black Shorts <i>(Needed for Jazz & tap exams)</i>	\$24.20	\$26.40
Black Senior Leotard		\$38.50			
Cami top blue/black <i>(Needed for Hip hop exams & Irish)</i>	\$28.60	\$33	Hip Hop Pants <i>(Needed for Hip hop exams)</i>	\$40.70	\$45.10
Boys T-shirt	\$33		Boys sleeveless top	\$33	
Cami bra top	\$16	\$20	Dance tights/stockings	\$13.20	\$15.40
			Body stockings	\$33 (P/S or M/L)	
Black racerback top	\$28.60	\$33	Black circular skirt <i>(Needed for Irish)</i>	\$38.50	\$49.50
Studio Jackets	\$45.10	\$53.9	Jazz shoes	\$41.80	
			Neopreme Turners	\$22	
			Ballet flats	\$33	

- Orders can be made through your app *PORTAL - MORE - STUDIO STORE*

EVENTS CALENDAR

- January & July: new enrolments accepted
- May 9 - 13: Dance for Sick Kids week
- June 25/26 & July 2: Mid-Yr showcases
- July 9: Production auditions
- August/Sept: Exams in Jazz, Tap, Acro & Hiphop
- October 30: photo/costume day
- November 12: whole Studio rehearsal
- November 21 - 25: Last week of classes
- November 28 - December 4: Production week



EXPECTATIONS

We pride ourselves on creating a positive and supportive culture within our dance community where we lift each other up, encourage, and build trust and friendship.

Our Parents/Guardians....

- get children to class on time & prepared
- note down any dates in advance when their child is required & let us know if their child is unavailable
- read all information available & ask questions if need
- contact teachers through the studio chat app if need
- Help children with hair, make up and costume care for our end year production

Our Students....

- are ready for class
- practise in their own time
- have maximum effort in class
- uphold our studio values in public
- make decisions about their dance careers (exam participation and/or auditions for competition teams etc)
- build strong and healthy relationships with staff members and peers
- learn and practise theatre etiquette at all performances

Our Teachers....

- take the health and well being of our students seriously and put measures in place to support this
- know and continue to learn syllabus content
- track student growth
- regularly engage in professional learning to further dance teaching, strategies and knowledge
- plan for and deliver effective classes to progress student growth



WHAT ARE EXAMS?

For Jazz, Tap & Hip Hop

The BAL exams comprise of a series of steps that a student must execute to the best of their ability and is marked by a BAL registered examiner.

The exams are moderated throughout Australia, New Zealand and Indonesia. Once completing a grade, a student can advance to the next level the following year.

Entries are made by July each year and exams are in late August/early September.

We also hold ACRO exams every August as well through the Acrobatic Dance Association

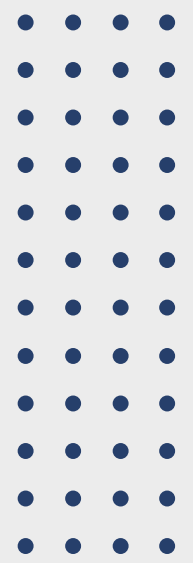
WHAT IS THE PRODUCTION?

A whole studio dance performance

We believe in teaching our students about professional theatre etiquette and the commitment, dedication, team work and collaboration involved in working on a show together. The skills learned while working on a show are transferable to a wide variety of career paths and aspects of life.

students are invited to audition for lead roles and whole studio is involved in putting the show together.

We perform in a working theatre and students learn about technical theatre elements and terminology.





KEY INFORMATION



You can keep up to date by doing the following:

- Request access to our Parents & Student Facebook group
- Subscribe to child's Dance genre in your app to receive updates
- Follow us on Instagram
- Regularly check emails and/or the studio announcements in your app

Frequently asked Questions

What do I do if my child is sick or absent?

You can lodge an absence through your app. Go to PORTAL - MORE - ATTENDANCE and click on the child and the date they will be absent from class.

How can I support them at home when working towards a dance or exam steps?

When teachers have a music track for a performance it can be added to your portal files in your app at your request. At the beginning of Term 3, teachers also upload a list of exam steps and a music list for students to practise. We are also able to upload short videos of steps if students have missed a lesson or two. There is also a report card so you can see how your child is progressing and work on the steps that they need improvement in at home.

Can I pay my outstanding bill in parts?

Yes, sure thing! You can pay in instalments via the app by going to PORTAL - PAY - select 'other' - select 'balance' and put in the amount you wish to pay off your balance. You can also pay via direct deposit using details at the bottom of our statements that are sent out each month.

My child has outgrown their dance gear, what can I do?

You can add them to our Facebook Buy and Sell group. Just take a photo and upload letting everyone know what condition the item is in and how much you would like for it.

Is make-up involved in preparing for a show??

Only for our end of year production, photos and public events such as eisteddfods or community functions. Before our production, we send out instructions complete with photos on how to apply proper stage make up on your child.