

2024 INFORMATION PACK

# ABOUT MOVE DANCE CO

#### Who are we?

Move Dance Co is a dance school located in Thomastown. Move Dance Co was established in 2007 and finally moved to their new spacious, fully equipped studio in 2014. Move Dance Co aims to provide a fun, exciting environment for students to build new skills and enjoy a love for dancing. We cater for all ages from our Tinies class (14months) to Adult classes. Please make sure you have 'liked' our page on Facebook (www.facebook.com/movedanceco) and Instagram @movedanceco.

#### **Mission Statement:**

Our mission at Move Dance Co is to create a unique experience for every single student. We aim to provide professional dance instruction and instil an appreciation for the art of dance in a safe and comfortable studio environment. Move Dance Co encourages self-confidence, self discipline, self discovery, responsibility and unity in our dancers. We also aim for a wider understanding of achievement as we hope to develop both personal and social skills in our young people.

#### **Vision Statement:**

- To be a welcoming, imaginative, child-centred learning environment that supports diverse families in nurturing their children's creativity and curiosity.
- To educate all in the philosophy of dance as art, with equal emphasis on the creative process and the product.
- We believe in the value of play and provide opportunities for experiential learning, and multisensory, object-based exploration.
- To be fun & engaging in our classes. For students to derive the most benefit and learn, they must enjoy what they are doing.
- To be inclusive. We genuinely believe that dance is for everyone. We will work in partnership with parents and students to ensure that class placement is appropriate and we deliver content in a way that meets the needs of learners.
- To hold a strong sense of community value. We will always look for ways to engage our students and families in local activities that promote dance and our students.
- Excellent staff that are committed to ongoing training and development to deliver the best programs.







# CLASS AGES

#### **Class Ages**

Below are the appropriate class names for your dancer/s age group

**Tiny Movers** 16 months - 3 years old

Mini Movers 3 & 4 year old kinder

**Primary** Prep and Grade 1

**Junior** Grade 2 and 3

Inter Grade 4 - 6

Senior Grade 7 - 9

**Advanced** Grade 10+

Open Ages 18+

#### GRADE - is the class they are in at school

- \* Please note that the acro, extension and pointe classes are an extension class and cannot be taken on their own. These classes require students to take another class for technique.
- \*\* Please see Move Dream Create Info Pack for more information on Tiny and Mini Mover classes.

## FEES

#### DANCE CLASS PRICING

1 Class \$160.00

2 Classes \$280.00

3 Classes \$370.00

4 Classes \$460.00

5 Classes \$550.00

6 Classes \$630.00

7 Classes \$680.00

8 Classes \$720.00

9 Classes \$760.00

10 Classes \$800.00

Registration Fee is a once off yearly fee per student. This includes a Move Dance Co Tshirt in a size of your choice.

\$55.00 per student up until - 31st Dec 2023

\$65.00 per student from - 1st January 2024

# DANCE STYLES

### ACROBATICS

Students will begin to learn the basics of gaining flexibility and the ability to control and master dance tricks of the trade, including cartwheels, aerials and more! Students will be working from the Acrobatic Arts Syllabus. This class is an extension class.

### BALLET

Ballet is a traditional style of dance with exercises at the barre, centre and from the corner, with special attention to ballet footwork and posture.

Students will be working from the Australian Teachers of Dance (ATOD) Syllabus

# BREAKDANCE

This style is an athletic style of street dance. Incorporating fundamentals of tricks to accompany their choreography.

This class is for everyone interested in learning the tricks of the trade of spinning on your head, power moves and freezes.

## **BROADWAY JAZZ**

Broadway dance offers fun & theatrical choreography based what you might see in musical productions like Chicago, West Side Story and Moulin Rouge.

The classes are perfect for light-hearted fun & fitness, and open to all students from Inter level upwards

### CONTEMPORARY

Contemporary is unbound by the normal rules of dance, giving students the ability to transform a performance based on their own interpretations. This is achieved through certain techniques such as strong ballet-influenced leg movements, fall and recovery, floor work and further improvisational elements.

## **EXTENSION**

This class enables students to develop and improve core skills and abilities. We work on the technique, preparation, transition, execution and landing of every turn, leap, and jump to ensure optimal performance for dancers.

### HIP HOP

HIphop includes fun, funky movements to fast-paced music! Our warm-up concentrates on building stamina, improving strength and flexibility, body conditioning and rhythm isolations. We follow the Australian Teachers of Dance (ATOD) Syllabus.

#### JAZZ

This weekly class students
learn safe warm-up practices,
technique and class routines.
This is our most popular
class offered at our studios,
as it includes fun, upbeat
moves to current top hits
from the radio!

### POINTE

Students must be have their ballet teacher's approval to enrol in the pre-pointe/pointe class. Students taking pointe must also take a ballet technique classes during the week in addition to ensure that they are building strength and endurance to be ready for pointe

### REPERTOIRE

Our repertoire class allows students to learn classical dances away from the syllabus including solo, pas de duex, duo and corps de ballet pieces from existing famous works and original pieces alike. These pieces will usually link into our end of year performance.

## STAGECRAFT

Stagecraft allows dancers to work with their teacher to build their repertoire of choreography techniques. Dancers work independently and as a collective to construct dance pieces. This class involves improvisational elements, building the confidence of dancers.

#### TAP

Tap dance teaches rhythm and coordination in a way no other dance style can. It is challenging and helps to develop musicality.

# UNIFORM

Move Dance Co does not have compulsory uniform for our dancers aged Foundation and above, however we have a uniform guide and required items for each class (please see below) that we strictly enforce. We do ask that all our students wear dance attire that must be black. No buttons and zips on pants or shorts, no oversize or baggy tops or pants and NO SCHOOL UNIFORM. All hair must be off the face for dancing and no jewellery is to be worn. Wearing correct clothing will help teachers to correct body alignment, technique and teach safe dance practice and injury prevention. Move Dance Co does have a wide range of uniform that can be purchased on our online shop at www.movedanceco.com.au/shop.

#### **Jazz, Lyrical & Extension classes**

Black leotard, tight clothing - shorts or wrap skirt (NO TUTU SKIRTS OR DRESSES) Tan Tights and Tan jazz shoes

#### **Ballet Classes**

Pink ballet tights and pink ballet shoes
Black Leotard and/or wrap skirt (NO TUTU SKIRTS OR DRESSES)
Leg warmers and crossovers may be worn in colder months
Hair in a bun

#### **Hip Hop and Breakdance Classes**

Black clothing
Sneakers or high-top shoes

#### **Contemporary and Acro Classes**

Black tight clothing
Bare feet

#### Tap

Black leotard, tight clothing - shorts or wrap skirt Tan tights and Tan tap shoes

Please see the below local dance stores, where these will be available for purchase.

Kids on Broadway - 228 Broadway, Reservoir

Dance More Dancewear - 15/8 Oleander Dr, Mill Park

Bloch - Shop G001, Westfield Doncaster, G001/619 Doncaster Rd, Doncaster

Energetikds - 4/63 Upper Heidelberg Rd, Ivanhoe

### 2024 STAFF AND IMPORTANT DATES

**STEPHANIE GAYNOR - Co-Director and Teacher** 

Bachelor Contemporary Arts (Dance/Media)

**Bachelor Teaching (Primary/Secondary)** 

**KEIR JASPER - Classical Ballet Coordinator** 

**Bachelor of Education (Primary)** 

A.I.S.T.D (CBS) (London) Associate Diploma

A.I.S.T.D Modern Theatre Dance Branch

**Advanced Certificate** 

Certificate of Creative Dance and Improvisation

(Mangala Studio)

200 Hour YTT (Grow School Yoga)

**ZOE ARSANA** 

**Bachelor of Education (Primary)** 

JOSH PEREZ AARON VIDOT

COURTNEY WARNEFORD LILLI FIDDES

**SHANA-SANDRA COLLINS - Co-Director and Teacher** 

Bachelor Contemporary Arts (Dance/Drama)

Diploma Secondary Education (Creativity in the Arts)

A.I.S.T.D Modern Theatre Dance Branch Advanced 2 Certificate

Affiliate Member Australian Teachers of Dance (Affil A.T.O.D)

**JACQUI ROGERS** 

Acrobatic Arts Accreditation (Module One AACI)

**Bachelor of Education (Primary)** 

**RACHEL KOENIG** 

Diploma of Dance in Elite Performance

Cert 4 in Dance Teaching and Management

SARAH WISE ASHLEY LEAN

ALICIA LAZAROVSKI ERIN BACKX

ROSALIANA PLATA MADDISON NEWMAN

#### **Term Dates 2024**

Term 1: Monday 29th January - Thursday 28th March 2024

Term 2: Monday 15th April - Saturday 29th June 2024

Term 3: Monday 15th July - Saturday 21st September 2024

Term 4: Monday 7th October - Saturday 30th November 2024

\*Move Dance Co does not open on any Victorian Public Holidays

#### Performances & Events 2024

<u>Term 2:</u> <u>Term 3:</u>

CONTEMPORARY SHORT WORKS: SHOWCASE:

April 2024 May 2024

SHOWCASE: <u>Term 4:</u>

May 2024 PRODUCTION:

October 2024



#### How does the free trial work?

We offer a free trial to all new dancers in the program. Simply sign up via our parent portal, select the class you would like to try and come along! Dancers can wear comfy clothes on the day and bare feet. You are welcome to sit in the room for the trial class to see how your dancers goes and how the program runs.

#### What is the Mid Year Showcase?

Students work on a dance routine throughout term 1 and 2 to perform. Dancers remain backstage until they are called up to perform. Dancers wear their Move Dance Co uniform for this performance.

#### What is the End of Year Production?

The End of Year Production is an exciting opportunity to perform in a professional theatre. Students work on a dance routine throughout term 3 and 4 to perform with their dance friends and teacher. Dancers remain backstage with their teachers and return to their family once the show is complete. Dancers wear a costume for this performance.

#### Do I need to sew or make costumes?

Not at all! We do it all. Move Dance Co understands the stress of showcase time without worrying about dance costumes, sewing and sequins. Move Dance Co hire out costumes to all students for performances. Hiring is a cost effective, hassle free alternative and it means that parents need not worry about any costuming for their child. You will receive your costume invoice at the start of the term that the costumes are required.

#### What syllabus does Move Dance Co teach?

All of our classical ballet, Hip Hop and Contemporary classes at Move Dance Co follow the Australian Teachers of Dance Syllabus (A.T.O.D). You can check out more information about this syllabus at www.atod.net.au. All of our Acro classes follow the Acrobatic Arts Syllabus. You can find out more information over at https://www.acrobaticarts.com

#### Do we pay by term or weekly for classes?

Fee's are invoiced to the email used to sign up via the parent portal in the first week of term. Your fees are paid by term. If you join mid-way through a term, we invoice you for the remainder of the term. If you would like to go on a payment plan, this can be arranged by contacting a member of the Move Dance Co team - hello@movedanceco.com.au

# FREE TRIAL & ENROLMENT

#### Want to try a class before committing?

We understand that for little people it can be tricky to know if they are going to love an extra-curricular activity before they've given it a go. Move Dance Co provides a free trial to all dancers trying the program for the first time.

#### Signing up for a free trial

To sign up for a free trial, it is simple as ever!

- 1. Head over to: https://dancestudio-pro.com/online/movedanceco and create an account for you as a parent and an account for your dancer.
- 2. Select which class you would like to trial.
- 3. Once enrolled in your selected class, you should receive a confirmation email.
- 4. Come along to your trial class! We recommend comfortable clothing and bare feet for dancers on their trial class. After the class, the teacher will chat to you about how your dancer went during the class, answer any questions and finalise enrolment details should you choose to return.

#### **Enrol today!**

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If you have any further questions or require any assistance, please get in contact with our friendly team today.

**Email:** hello@movedanceco.com.au **Web:** www.movedanceco.com.au

Phone: 9088 8010

#### **STUDIO**

3 Prime Street, Thomastown

