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**WELCOME TO ALLEGRO DANCE FOR 2019**  
**Introduction to Dance for 5 & 6 years old**

**Saturday 9.30am – 10.30am**

\$10.00 per Session – payable weekly  
\$10.00 Annual Registration Fee - payable at first class

Thank you for enquiring about our classes and I hope you enjoy dancing with us. We aim to provide a welcoming environment for you and your children, low hype and lots of fun while teaching great dance technique.

Following is some information. If you have any further queries, please either call or email me as per the details above.

**2019 Term Dates**

Dance terms co-incide with school terms, ie: we do not dance during school holidays.

Term 1	Saturday 2 February – Saturday 6 April
Term 2	Saturday 4 May – Saturday 29 June
Term 3	Saturday 27 July – Saturday 28 September
Term 4	Saturday 19 October – Saturday 30 November

The annual concert will be in early to mid December 2019. There are no classes for the rest of the year following the concert.

**What style of dance should we enrol in?**

For 5 & 6 year olds, our Introduction class is a mix of ballet and jazz with some simple acrobatics included:

- jazz – a modern and upbeat class using popular music,.
- ballet – the traditional form of classical dance that is the foundation for all other dance styles, essential to develop a well-rounded dancer.
- acrobatics –tricks including stretching, cartwheels and bendbacks.

Students can also learn tap – a percussive style of dance in tap shoes that teaches timing and rhythm, develops feet, ankle and leg co-ordination. At Allegro Dance we have a policy that students cannot enrol in just tap, as this does not provide them with sufficient training to dance well. Tap is Tuesday 3.45pm – 4.30pm.

## **Uniforms**

For classes, there is no set uniform - students can wear any dancewear in any colour they prefer. Tight fitting is best so that I can see their bodies to ensure safe technique. Dance Wear can be bought from a variety of places including Target, Best and Less and of course any of the local dance shops.

It is great for them to wear a leotard, and leggings, bike shorts or ballet skirt is optional. Ballet skirts are better on a waistband rather than the ones that tie up – as these invariably come undone during class. As it gets colder, please ensure children are well wrapped up in layers that they can take off as they warm up, and then put back on before they leave the studio.

No ballet tights required until weather cools down – socks are fine. Hair should be in a ponytail or bun, and no dangly jewellery.

**Shoes**            *Second hand shoes are available at the studio.*

3 – 6 year olds – pink ballet pumps. Bare feet are fine to start the year, however the floor gets very cold during winter so best to purchase shoes as the weather cools.

Tap students – tap shoes are required. If you are beginning tap, sneakers are fine for the first few weeks while students decide if they want to continue. Tan coloured tap shoes please. If you purchase second hand taps that are black, these will need to be colour changed for exams / concert.

## **ONLY DANCE SHOES OR BARE FEET ARE PERMITTED ON THE STUDIO FLOOR**

Dance shoes are to be put on at the studio, not worn outside. I really appreciate your assistance with this so we can avoid sand, prickles and other nasties from outside ending up on the dance floor.

## **Concert and Costumes**

*Please note that all costs are estimates based on previous years.*

In Term 3 & 4, all students learn routines for the concert. We try to keep the costs very affordable. You are required to purchase a costume, these range from \$20 to \$80 depending on the group that your child dances in. Most groups wear the same costume even if they are in a couple of concert items.

Other concert costs include rehearsal fee for stage practice (approx \$20) and tickets for the show (range between \$20 & \$25).

USBs / DVDs are available for the concert for around \$25 - \$30.

We generally do a Cadbury Chocolate Fundraiser each year to assist with covering the costs of the concert and to keep the other fees affordable.

## **Watching Classes**

It is much preferred if parents ***do not*** stay to watch classes as this creates extra noise in the studio and can be distracting for the teachers and dancers. However, especially for new parents, we understand that you are keen to ensure that the classes are appropriate for your child and some children require your presence to feel comfortable during their first classes, so you are welcome to stay. However, other siblings ***ARE NOT PERMITTED*** in the studio during class, and a maximum of 1 adult per child. If you would like to have a chat with other parents, or bring other children, can you please wait in the reception area during classes.

Thank you for being part of the Allegro team, I am really excited about this year and hope that you are also looking forward to 2019.

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