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## WELCOME TO ALLEGRO DANCE FOR 2021 Introduction to Dance for 5 & 6 years old

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.

### 2020 Term Dates

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

Term 1	Monday 1 February – Thursday 1 April
Term 2	Monday 19 April – Friday 2 July
Term 3	Monday 19 July – Friday 24 September
Term 4	Dates to be confirmed

The annual concert will be in early to mid December 2020. 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 there are 2 options:

1. **Classical Ballet class** (this is for 6 – 9 year olds, so not really suitable for 5 year olds) – Wednesday 3.45pm – 4.45pm = \$12 per class  
The traditional form of classical dance that is the foundation for all other dance styles, essential to develop a well-rounded dancer.
2. **Combo class** – Saturday 10am – 11am = \$12 per class  
This class is a mix of jazz, acro & tap:
  - jazz – a modern and upbeat class using popular music.
  - acrobatics –tricks including stretching, cartwheels and bendbacks.
  - tap – a percussive style of dance in tap shoes that teaches timing and rhythm, develops feet, ankle and leg co-ordination.

If a student does both classes, then it will be \$20 per week.

### 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 or crop top, 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 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.*

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 \$60 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 (approx \$30).

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

### **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 2021.

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