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STUDIO INFO PACK



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Studio reception hours:

4:00pm - 6:00pm, Monday - Thursday

9:00am - 1:00pm, Saturday

Our studio motto:

It's *nice* to be *important*, but
it's more *important* to be *nice*.

Kia ora!

Whether you're a new dancer at our studio or one of our many returning students, welcome to 2024 and another amazing year of dance!

This info pack contains information to help you navigate through our dance year, beginning with enrolments, right through to our end-of-year production.

Throughout the year, we aim to keep everyone as informed as possible. We also ask that you help us by checking the information we have available.

You can find details about what's happening around the studio on our website, our social media channels, our parent's page on Facebook, the studio noticeboard and in the emails we send out.

TERM DATES

Term 1: Monday, 5 February - Saturday, 13 April*

Term 2: Monday, 29 April - Saturday, 6 July

Term 3: Monday, 22 July - Saturday, 28 September

Term 4: Monday, 14 October - Friday, 14 December

*No classes will be held on the Saturday of Easter weekend, 30 March. Classes for this date will be made up on 27 April.

All Public Holidays are observed unless otherwise advised.

ANNUAL STUDIO EVENTS

Medal Test: TBC - Will be a weekend in June (Term 2)

Exams: TBC - Usually the last week of Term 3

Production: Friday, 6 - Friday, 13 December (Term 4)
Theatre Rehearsals from Monday, 25 November



OUR TEAM

We have an amazing team of teachers, who absolutely enjoy sharing their love of dance with their students. While each class is assigned a specific teacher at the beginning of the year, there are on occasions, where your dancer may have a different teacher for a variety of reasons including; sickness or dance events outside of the studio.

STUDIO DIRECTORS

Sarah De Lille + Scott Medcalfe

TEACHERS

Sarah De Lille - Tap, Jazz + Performing Group

Zoë Collister - Jazz + Performing Group

Olivia Homan - Jazz + Ballet

Krez Yates - Senior Ballet

Dani Taylor - Hip Hop, Jazz + Contemporary

Tracey Rogers - Contemporary

Kate Doidge - Jazz + Stretch

Chloe Vega - Hip Hop

Samantha Olesen - Ballet

Brooke Motresku - Jazz

Max Motresku - Jazz

Elise Jennings - Jazz

Brooke Taylor - Tap + Jazz

Piper Barton - Tap

Brooke Scully - Jazz

Sophie Homan - Ballet

Melissa Main - Hip Hop

Elise Jennings - Jazz

Tyler Brown - Ballet

Liam Sayers - Contemporary + Hip Hop

Lauren Noakes - Ballet

Shelbie Wilson - Hip Hop



RECEPTION TEAM

We have an amazing reception team who are always happy to help. Our reception hours are 4pm-6pm (Mon-Thurs) and 9am-1pm (Sat).

Visit our website to find out more about our teaching team - www.stewartdancestudios.co.nz/our-team

YOUR ENROLMENT

If you'd like to join us, enrolling is simple - jump online and create an account via our studio portal, powered by DanceStudio-Pro. Select the classes you're wanting to enrol your child in and we'll look after the rest!

Please note that **your enrolment is for the full year**. You do not need to re-enrol each term. If you wish to add/change classes or un-enrol, please email us.

If you're unsure what classes you'd like to enrol in, you're welcome to trial a class first. Please get in touch to organise this.

TERM FEES

Once you've enrolled, term fees will be applied to your account. Payment is required two weeks after your fees are applied unless a payment plan is in place.

When you first enrol, an annual administration fee will be added. During term 3 and 4, our small production and costume levies are also added.

As your enrolment is for the entire year, fees will be applied to your account each holiday break for the upcoming term of classes. Should you decide that dancing's not for you, please let us know to avoid fees being applied.

If you ever have any questions about your account, please don't hesitate to ask.



Visit our website to view our term fees - www.stewartdancestudios.co.nz/term-fees

PAYMENTS

Your term fees are due two weeks after they're applied to your account. Your account statement will outline your due dates.

Payment is possible, and preferred, using a credit or debit card via our studio portal, powered by DanceStudio-Pro. You are also welcome to pay by cash or EFTPOS at reception.

Please email us if you wish to discuss a payment plan.

U N I F O R M

Our studio uniform is available to purchase from reception. Dancers are welcome to wear their uniforms in class, however, it's not compulsory.

For those who choose not to wear the uniform in class, appropriate dance attire or activewear for the style must be worn.

For example: bike shorts, hot pants, leggings, crop tops, singlet tops, or a fitted tee. A baggier tee and shorts or trackies are appropriate for hip hop classes. Ballet dancers must wear a leotard with or without a skirt. Tights are optional.

Hair must be tidy and off the face, appropriate for the style. For ballet, hair must be in a bun.

Ensure you also have the appropriate shoes for each class.

Studio uniforms must be worn at Medal Test and when sitting NZAMD exams.



MEDAL TEST

Each year we hold our Medal Test weekend at Hawkins Theatre, giving all students from Pre-Schoolers to Seniors, the opportunity to gain valuable stage experience and encouragement.

Medal Test also helps dancers build confidence in a relaxed, friendly atmosphere and gives our junior students the opportunity to watch senior dancers, competition pupils and teachers perform on stage.

All exam students are able to practice their exam dance in preparation for sitting their exam in September and even if you're not sitting an exam, we offer a range of self-choreography classes.



NZAMD EXAMS

We teach structured syllabus classes by the New Zealand Association of Modern Dance (NZAMD) with exams held each year in September. Exams are held at the studio with an approved examiner set by NZAMD.

While all students are encouraged to sit exams, they are optional. Entry details and exam costs will be made available during term 2.

ANNUAL PRODUCTION

Each year we hold our annual dance production at Hawkins Theatre in Papakura. This is the highlight of our dance year and everyone involved from our dancers through to our backstage crew absolutely love showcasing the talent our studio has to show.

Younger children tend to find performing every night tiring, so we split them into two groups, and they perform on alternate nights - dancing in four of our eight shows.

Small production and costume levies are added to your term 3 and 4 fees for those taking part in production.



To read more about the events we have throughout the year - www.stewartdancestudios.co.nz/events



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