



RSD Studios

2022 INFORMATION PACK



WHY RSD?

Mission Statement

At RSD, we provide our students with access to professional and inspiring teachers who are dedicated to bringing the highest quality of training in all styles of dance, acrobatics and vocal. With a fresh outlook on dance training for all dancers of any standards, we support and encourage students to achieve their goals and reach their full potential. We promise to achieve results at RSD.



MEET SHANNEN CASS

Shannen, RSD Studio Director, started dancing when she was two years old. Shannen always dreamed of owning her own studio and creating a space where dancers could feel nurtured and inspired.

Shannen completed her full time studies at Patricks School of the Arts and went on to perform in a number of shows, most notably Le Grand Cirque, Fashion Aid and many more. Before opening the studio in 2015.

With over 12 years teaching experience, Shannen prides herself in providing a safe and supportive studio which has strong family values.

When you decide to join us at RSD dance studios, you too will be able to take advantage of our professional staff at our fully-equipped and recently renovated studio. Whether you're a beginner or an experienced technical dancer, we guarantee you'll find it here.

HOW DO WE ACHIEVE THESE GOALS? STUDIO OVERVIEW

Provide each student with a safe, organized, vibrant & positive environment.

Develop work ethics, self-discipline and behaviour that will benefit each child not just associated with dance but in life.

To offer opportunities for students to display their accomplishments through performances and competitions.

Learning to work in a team environment and making friendships & memories that will last a life time.

Providing the best possible facilities to achieve the best potential out of all dancers who walk through RSD's studio doors.

We are a modern, energetic dance studio who strives to bring out the best in all dancers.

We offer every style of modern dance, acrobatics and vocal. We are up to date with the dance industry of today, offering classes for all ages and standards, girls and boys.

We have a wide range of recreational classes for those wanting to explore dance and have fun.

Advanced & Elite (audition only) classes come along with many performance opportunities and Cecchetti Ballet exams.

Elite competition solo opportunities are also offered and given to students who show passion, commitment, drive and determination.

We do not tolerate any negative behaviour. We all support and encourage all of our students immensely.

OUR STUDIO

Facilities

Our Scoresby studios are modern, professional and friendly.



The Studio includes:

3 large dance studios with mirrors, sprung flooring, ballet barres and air conditioning in two of the three studios. Our largest studio has tarkett flooring.

Specialised acrobatic equipment to ensure student safety including airtracks.

Air-conditioned waiting room and private change rooms for students.

Kitchen with microwave & kettle. (Please note: Students are required to supply their own food during breaks.)

WHAT WE WEAR?

Uniform

We have a fresh uniform, with pieces that suit everyone. In 2021, uniform will be compulsory for all students in all classes - except trial students. The pieces are versatile and can be mixed and matched with other pieces to get that unique style and look. We expect all students to be neat and have their hair tied back.

Some of the class specifics include:

Acro - All students must wear tight fitting uniform options and bare feet.

Ballet - students must wear correct leotard, skirts and salmon pink ballet shoes. Hair must be neatly tied back in a bun.

Jazz / Tap & Musical Theatre - students are required to wear black slip on jazz shoes.

Contemporary / Lyrical - All students are required to have Energetiks tan knee pads and salmon pink half ballet shoes.

Hip Hop - All Students must wear any of the RSD uniform pieces as well as black high top hip hop runners or other street runners can be worn.



UNIFORM PRICE LIST

(as at December 2021 - prices subject to change)

CROPS, JACKETS & TEES

- Ariana Crop - \$50.00
- Posh Crop - \$50.00
- Cross Crop - \$45.00
- Ladies Crop Tee - \$30.00
- Adult Tank Tee - \$40.00
- Kids Tank Tee - \$30.00
- Long sleeve Tee - \$30.00
- RSD Jackets - \$100.00

SHORT PANTS & LEGGINGS

- Audition Undies - \$40.00
- Cheeky Shorts - \$50.00
- Bike Pants - \$50.00
- Tight Shorts - \$40.00
- Leggings - \$65.00

BALLET

- Junior Leotard (Blue) - \$25.00
- Senior Leotard (Black) - \$35.00
- Ballet Skirts (Black) - \$25.00

OTHER

- RSD Beanie - \$15.00

Uniforms (as mentioned above) can be purchased at the studio. Please go to the office and speak with our friendly office staff.

If you are wanting footwear, you will be required to visit an external dance store. We recommend Knox Dancewear (opposite Westfield Knox) or Energetiks.

WHO WE ARE?

Faculty

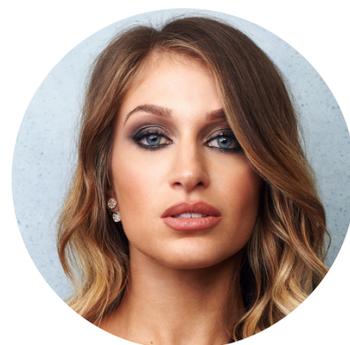
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Shannen Cass - Director
(All styles)



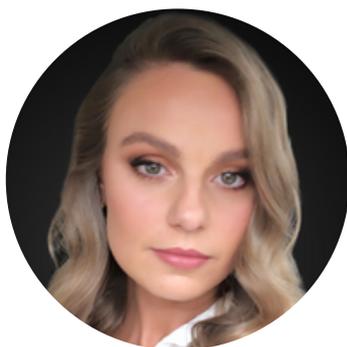
Peta Byrne
(Head of Ballet -
Cecchetti Syllabus)



Karla Tonkich
(Head of Vocal & MT)



Taylor Diamond-Lord
(Acro, Hip Hop)



Claire Thompson
(Elite Teacher - All Styles)



Dylan Speedy
(Acro, Tap)

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All teachers and staff are equipped with First Aid & Working with Children checks.



Casey Chellew
(All Styles)



Liv Steny
(All Styles)



Cassidy Lemon
(All Style)



Megan Hedges
(Ready Set Dance,
Junior Teacher)



Jade Piva
(Acro, Hip Hop)



Amanda Delaine
(All styles)



WHAT WE OFFER?

Classes

We offer all styles of dancing for all ages.



JAZZ (COMMERCIAL, TECHNICAL & BROADWAY)

An energetic dance style with a focus on isolations, contractions, flexibility, turns and leaps. Students will learn to connect these movements through combinations.



BALLET (CECCHETTI - ALL GRADES INC POINTE)

Ballet focuses on the terminology and technique that is the foundation of all other styles of dance. Dancers will learn posture, alignment and fluidity. At RSD Studios, we focus on the Cecchetti style.



LYRICAL

Lyrical allows dancers to express themselves by using their music and movement to tell a story. It is a combination of the slow fluidity of ballet and the turns and leaps of jazz.



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CONTEMPORARY

Contemporary dance uses the technical aspects of ballet along with the contract-release, floor work, recovery and fall of modern dance.



ACROBATICS

Acrobatics allows dancers to take gymnastics to the dance floor. Dancers will learn tumbling tricks that they will be able to use in their dance routines such as cartwheels, walkovers & aerials.



HIP HOP

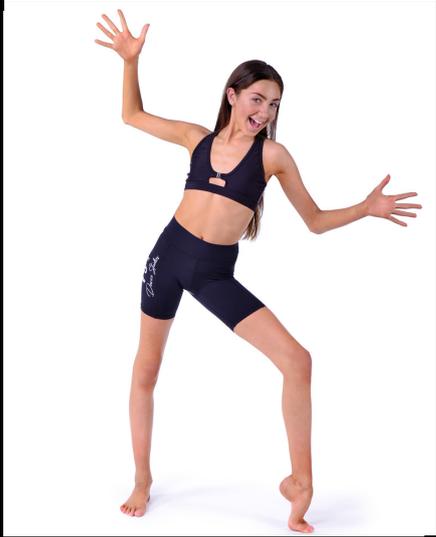
Hip Hop is a modern style of dance involving intricate and sharp movements. Dancers have fun with this upbeat style as they learn combinations to popular and high-energy music.



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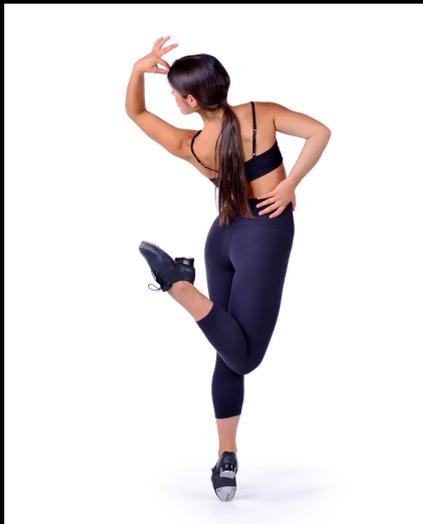
TRIPLE THREAT

Triple threat is a jazz-based class filled with Broadway style dancing, singing and acting. Classes incorporate the style of dance one would typically see on a Broadway stage. This class emphasizes learning performance skills such as connecting with the audience and facial expressions.



STRENGTH & CONDITIONING

This class concentrates on improving technique needed for all turns, kicks and jumps. This class also teaches strength and flexibility that can be applied in all genres of dance.



TAP

Tap teaches dancers musicality and rhythmic patterns. This style involves tapping to different musical patterns and connecting various steps.



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VOCAL LESSONS

Vocal students learn how to sing effectively through private voice lessons, group rehearsals under the supervision of our expert instructors, and eventually live performances. Singers improve through vocal training, proper warm ups, and useful microphone techniques as they prepare to perform live on stage.



THE STEP UP

The Step Up is a fun and energetic combination class of Ballet and Jazz designed to introduce Ready Set Dance students into the RSD mainstream. This is the perfect class for prep to grade 3 students and any young dancer wanting to step into dancing.



THE STEP OUT

The Step Out is extension of The Step Up offering a combination class Ballet, Jazz and lyrical. We recommend students combine this class with Mini Hip Hop to give students well rounded dance technique.

IT'S TIME TO GET MOVING!

Ready Set Dance



About the program:

READY SET DANCE is a one hour combo class of JAZZ, TAP, HIP HOP, SINGING and MUSIC. and a whole lot of fun!

The program caters for children aged 2 - 5 years and has the following characteristics and development aims:

JAZZ - Develop muscle strength, control and balance and achieve coordination milestones like skipping before going to school.

HIP HOP - Bust out some ice cold moves just like Freeze to our original hip hop tracks.

MUSIC. - Develop the musical ear, dynamics and tempo while having fun with instruments and the parachute.

SINGING - Sing like Twirl and build confidence singing on the microphone

TAP - Learn the fundamentals of tap in a playful and creative way splashing in puddles and shuffling like a penguin. All these ingredients together create a super hour of fun!



Uniform Price List:

- Ready Set Dance Tutu - \$45.00
- Ready Set Dance T-shirt - \$25.00
- Ready Set Dance Crossover - \$45.00
- Ready Set Dance Jacket - \$50.00
- Ready Set Dance Bow - \$8.00
- Ready Set Dance Bobble - \$8.00



READY FOR MORE?

Competition Teams

If you have ever wanted to dance competitively, we have many different groups that might be of interest to you.



Junior / Inter / Senior Performance Team

The performance teams are for those who are wanting to take the next step towards the Elite teams. Students in the performance groups may compete in one or two competitions per year and classes are between 1.5hr for the juniors and 3 hours for the Inter and Seniors.

Mini Elite Team

The Mini Elite team are for those students who are 8 years old (or under) as of 1st January, 2022. We aim to participate in one to two competitions each year. Class time is expected to be 3 hours per week - over two days. The team will complete the following styles; Jazz, Ballet, Contemporary, Lyrical, Acro and technique classes.

Junior Elite Team

The Junior Elite team will compete in two to four competitions each year. There will be 5 hours of classes which covers Jazz, Ballet, Acro, Contemporary, Lyrical and technique. Students need to be 11 (or under) on 1st January, 2022. Other options classes will be offered, including Hip Hop or some recreational classes if desired.

Pre-teen & Teen / Senior Elite Teams

The Pre-teen and Teen Elite teams will compete in two to four competitions each year. There will be 7 hours classes which covers Jazz, Ballet, Acro, Contemporary, Lyrical and technique. Students can be open age for the Senior Elites, and need to be 18 years (or under) on 1st January, 2022 for the Teen Elites and 13 (or under) for the Pre-teen.

RSD Company Team

We are excited to be offering a Company team again in 2022. There are two teams, Junior and Senior. Students are selected by audition only and selected by Shannen. The hours for the teams will be 8 - 10 hours and students are expected to participate in the corresponding Elite team.

CLASSES

2022 Timetable

2022 will be our best year yet! Come and join some of our amazing classes!

Timetable Age Guide (indication only - please contact us for further advice):

- Mini - approx 5 to 7yo (prep - grade 2)
- Junior - approx 8 to 11yo (grade 2 - grade 5)
- Inter - approx 11 to 13yo (grade 6 - year 8)
- All Cecchetti Ballet classes are graded. Please contact us if you are interested in these classes for further advice
- Junior Company - by audition only
- Elite Teams - Mini / Junior / Preteen / Teen / Senior - by audition only. Please contact us if you are interested.
- Junior / Inter / Senior - Performance teams - Please contact us if you would like to trial and we can assess suitability.

MONDAY			
Time	Class	Age / Group	Studio
4:00 - 4:45pm	Preteen / Teen Elite - Strength & Conditioning	Preteen / Teen Elite	1
4:00 - 5:00pm	Senior Elite Advanced Tech - Turns, Kicks & Jumps	Senior Elite	2
4:15 - 5:00pm	Junior Elite / Advanced - Hip Hop	Junior Elite / Advanced	3
4:45 - 5:30pm	Preteen / Teen Elite - Jazz	Preteen / Teen Elite	1
5:00 - 6:00pm	Junior Elite - Contemporary / Lyrical	Junior Elite	2
5:00 - 5:45pm	Senior / Advanced - Hip Hop	Senior / Advanced	3
5:45 - 7:15pm	Senior Elite - Jazz / Contemporary / Lyrical	Senior Elite	1
5:45 - 6:30pm	Preteen / Teen / Advanced - Hip Hop	Preteen / Teen / Advanced	3
6:00 - 7:30pm	Senior Performance - Tech / Jazz / Contemp / Lyrical	Senior Performance	2
6:30 - 7:15pm	Junior Elite / Preteen - Acro	Junior Elite / Preteen	3

TUESDAY			
Time	Class	Age / Group	Studio
4:00 - 5:00pm	Mini Elite - Jazz	Mini Elite	1
4:00 - 5:00pm	Junior Performance Jazz	Junior Performance	2
4:15 - 5:00pm	Mini / Junior - Recreational Jazz	Mini / Junior Rec	3
5:00 - 5:45pm	Intermediate Acro	Intermediate level	1
5:00 - 5:45pm	Mini / Junior - Hip Hop	Mini / Junior Rec	2
5:00 - 5:45pm	Primary / Grade 1 Ballet (Cecchetti)	Primary / Grade 1	3
5:45 - 6:30pm	Beginner Acro	Beginner Level	1
5:45 - 6:30pm	Intermediate Hip Hop	Intermediate	2
5:45 - 6:30pm	Grade 3 Ballet (Cecchetti)	Grade 3	3
6:30 - 7:30pm	Inter Performance - Tech / Jazz / Contemp / Lyrical	Inter Performance	1
6:30 - 7:15pm	Junior - Lyrical / Contemp	Junior	2
6:30 - 7:15pm	Grade 2 Ballet (Cecchetti)	Grade 2	3
7:15 - 8:00pm	Grade 4 Ballet (Cecchetti)	Grade 4	3

WEDNESDAY			
Time	Class	Age / Group	Studio
4:00 - 5:00pm	Preteen Elite Rehearsal	Preteen Elite	1
4:00 - 5:00pm	Junior Elite Ballet	Junior Elite	3
5:00 - 6:00pm	Teen Elite Rehearsal	Teen Elite	1
5:00 - 6:00pm	Senior Ballet	Senior Elite	3
5:00 - 6:30pm	Junior Elite - Conditioning / Jazz / Rehearsals	Junior Elites	2
6:00 - 7:00pm	Preteen / Teen Ballet	Preteen / Teen Elites	3
6:00 - 7:15pm	Senior Rehearsals	Senior Elite	1
7:00 - 7:45pm	Junior Company Extension Ballet	Junior Company	3
7:45 - 8:30pm	Pointe / Advanced Ballet	By Invitation Only	3

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THURSDAY			
Time	Class	Age / Group	Studio
4:00 - 5:00pm	Mini Elite - Lyrical & Contemporary	Mini Elite	2
4:00 - 5:00pm	Junior Company - Triple Threat	Junior Company	3
4:15 - 5:15pm	Teen / Senior Elite - Acro	Teen / Senior Elite	1
5:00 - 6:00pm	Junior Company - Rehearsals	Junior Company	1 / 2
5:00 - 6:00pm	Mini / Junior / Inter - Triple Threat	Mini / Jnr / Inter	3
5:15 - 6:00pm	Intermediate / Senior - Tap	Intermediate / Senior	2
6:00 - 6:45pm	Junior Company - Acro	Junior Company	1
6:00 - 6:45pm	Teen / Senior - Triple Threat	Teen / Senior Elite	3
6:45 - 7:30pm	Junior Company - Tap	Junior Company	2
6:45 - 7:45pm	Senior Rec - Jazz	Senior	1
7:45 - 8:30pm	Senior Rec - Lyrical	Senior	1

FRIDAY			
Time	Class	Age / Group	Studio
4:00 - 4:45pm	Junior / Inter - Hip Hop	Junior / Inter	1
4:00 - 4:45pm	Primary / Grade 1 Ballet (Cecchetti)	Grade 1	3
4:45 - 5:30pm	Junior / Inter - Acro	Junior / Inter	1
4:45 - 5:30pm	Grade 2 Ballet (Cecchetti)	Grade 2	3
5:30 - 6:15pm	Junior / Inter - Jazz	Junior / Inter	1
5:30 - 6:15pm	Grade 3 Ballet (Cecchetti)	Grade 3	3
6:15 - 7:00pm	Grade 5 Ballet (Cecchetti)	Grade 5	3

*** Please note: Company Workshops will be scheduled periodically on Friday afternoons.

SATURDAY			
Time	Class	Age / Group	Studio
9:00 - 9:30am	Primary Ballet (Cecchetti)	Primary Grade	3
9:00 - 10:00am	Ready Set Dance (Level 1)	Level 1 (2-3 year old)	2
9:30 - 10:15am	Mini / Junior - Jazz & Tap Combo	Mini / Junior	3
9:30 - 10:15am	Grade 1 Ballet (Cecchetti)	Grade 1	1
10:00 - 10:30am	Tutus and Tiaras Preschool Ballet	Preschool	2
10:15 - 11:00am	Mini / Junior - Acro	Mini / Junior	1
10:15 - 11:00am	Grade 3-5 (Cecchetti)	Grade 3, 4, 5	3
10:30 - 11:30am	Ready Set Dance (Level 2)	Level 2 (4-5 year old)	2
11:00 - 11:45am	Mini / Junior - Lyrical / Contemporary	Mini / Junior	1
11:00 - 11:30am	Pre-pointe Ballet	By Invitation Only	3
11:30 - 12:30pm	Step Up	Prep - Grade 3	2
11:30 - 12:30pm	Performance Ballet Class	By Invitation Only	3
11:45 - 12:45pm	Step Out	Prep - Grade 3	2
12:30 - 1:30pm	Ready Set Dance (Combined)	Level 1&2 (2 - 5 year old)	2
12:30 - 1:15pm	Junior Company - Advanced Tumbling	Junior Company	3
12:45 - 1:30pm	Mini / Junior Hip Hop	Mini / Junior	1
1:15 - 2:30pm	Junior Company - Rehearsals	Junior Company	1

FEES

2022 Fee Structure

Please see below our term fees for all recreational and performance classes.

30 MINUTE CLASS

Per term

\$135

45 MINUTE CLASS

Per term

\$150

60 MINUTE CLASS

Per term

\$170

90 MINUTE CLASS

Per term

\$235

PRESCHOOL DUO

Per term

\$250

- *Includes Ready Set Dance & Tutus and Tiaras*

Recreational Class Discounts

- A 5% discounts will be applied for students who are enrolled in 3 or more classes each term. The discounts will only apply to students who pay their fees upfront or who are on an approved payment plan.
- 3 or more siblings - 5% discount
- Please note that discounts are only applied to recreational classes (not including unlimited packages). There will be only one discount applied.

Elite & Company Team Packages

- Elite and Company team packages are available upon request and subject to a successful audition.

Annual Enrolment Fee

- There is an annual enrolment fee which covers the cost of insurance and other administration fees;
 - One student - \$40
 - Two or more students - \$50
- Costs are based on family.

Payment Options

- We offer many payment options, including bank transfer, GoCardless Payment Plans, IntegraPay, EFTPOS, Credit Card or cash.
- All fees must be paid or payment plans arranged on or prior to the invoice due date. Failure to do so, may mean your student will be unable to participate in classes.
- During term 4, all term fees and costume fees must be paid for prior to being able to participate in the End of year showcase.
- If you pay with credit card or IntegraPay, some merchant fees may apply to some cards.

Other Charges - Annual Showcase Fees

- There will be some additional charges in relation to our End of Year Showcase during term 3 and term 4.
- There will be a theatre rehearsal and concert fee charged - which will range from \$30 - \$50 per students.
- Costumes deposits are taken in term 3. All costumes are sourced and imported from USA. Whilst we make every effort to minimise costs, costumes range from \$30 to \$100 per costume. Students keep the costumes once purchased.

Frequently Asked Questions

If you have a questions we have not answered, please email us at rsdstudiosaus@gmail.com

We would love to come for a trial, how do we organise this?

We offer a free trial class or private audition for our elite / company teams. Please feel free to email us and we can discuss the interests of your child and suggest the most appropriate options for you. Please email us at rsdstudiosaus@gmail.com.

My child loves to dance, but we aren't sure what style is best. Can you please help?

We sure can! Whilst we know every child is different, we do have some suggestions:

If your child is energetic and loves a faster pace, we suggest the higher energy classes like Jazz, Acro and Hip Hop.

If your child enjoys slower and more controlled movements, we recommend styles including Ballet, Lyrical, Contemporary and Tap. These styles encourage expression and attention to detail.

Finally, if your child is theatrical and loves to sing, act and dance, we would strongly recommend you try our triple threat class. It is so much fun! In 2022, we are also offering vocal coaching.

What should my child bring to class?

If you are trialling any classes with us, we encourage you to wear comfortable and moveable clothing such as activewear. If you are doing an acro class, fitted activewear is encouraged.

If you are an existing RSD student, you are required to wear any combination of current uniform and correct footwear. All students are asked to bring a water bottle to class.

Can parents watch class?

Currently we require parents to drop and go! Whilst we don't facilitate parent viewing, you are welcome to come for a tour of our studio and to view your child's trial class. This is in line with our COVID safe plan as we try and minimise COVID outbreaks. We have since found that our students are less distracted without parent viewing, which has helped in many ways.

Can I attend a make-up class if I miss a lesson?

Unfortunately, we cannot offer make up classes for missed lessons. This is due to class numbers and disruptions.

How is information communicated to parents and students?

Newsletters will be sent regularly throughout the term. Please ensure you read them carefully to ensure you stay up to date with all the fun, important and exciting things we have going on at RSD.

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Can you please tell me about the type of competitions teams you have at RSD Studios?

We have three competition streams at the studio: Performance, Elite and Company. The teams are selected by an audition process, which is held after our End of Year Showcase. We have provided further details in the information pack. We are happy to hold private auditions for those who can't attend our group auditions.

I am not ready for the Elite stream, what can I do to bridge the gap?

We would strongly encourage students interested in any of our competition teams to take technique privates. These are a great way to improve strength and skill. If this is not for you, we would recommend that students take the additional ballet classes or stretch and strengthening class to accelerate their growth.

I would love to do ballet exams, how can I achieve this?

If you're an elite student, Ms Peta Byrne, our head of ballet will assess your child and advise whether they are ready for their exams or what is required of them to be ready.

If you are not an elite, ballet exams may still be an option. We are very fortunate that Ms Peta teaches on several days at RSD. If you believe your child is at a very high level of ballet, please speak with Shannen and she can discuss whether an independent assessment is right for your dancer.

If my child only does acro, will they participate in the end of year concerts?

If your child only participates in acro classes, they will not be performing in the End of Year Showcase. When our Covid guidelines permit, our last week of acro classes for the year will be open for parent viewing.

Does my child have to perform in the end of year showcase?

Dancing in the End of Year Showcase is not compulsory, however we would strongly encourage students to perform as it is great for development. If your child is not intending to perform, we do ask that you kindly advise us by the commencement of term three.

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What are the expectations of the end of year shows?

We receive many questions in relation to the concert. There are some really important dates which lead up to the show and it is expected that students performing the show also attend those crucial dates.

Some of the dates include:

- Full dress rehearsal - This typically occurs a week before the concert and students are required to bring all costumes and accessories.
- Theatre rehearsal - This is crucial to ensure the lighting and stage requirements can be made prior to the concert day. Students will also get the opportunity to perform the dance on the stage prior to concert to help prepare them and ease their nerves.

What are the hair and make-up requirements for the concert?

All students are expected to wear stage make-up. The theatre lights can be quite bright on young skin and stage make-up ensures that students do not get lost in the bright lights. As a guide, students will be required to wear foundations, concealer, blush, lipstick, eye shadow, mascara and eye liner. In addition, all students aged 9+ and junior elite students are required to wear false lashes. The hairstyles for your dancer will be given closer to concert day. We expect this to be achievable by all parents.

Ready Set Dance students are only expected to wear a little bit of powder and blush for complexion, mascara and a pink lipstick.





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