



# Information &



## Timetable

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### Welcome

EK Dance Academy specializes in teaching a variety of dance genres for students from age 3 to adult. Please see below for details of the various styles of dance classes that we offer. Throughout the year we participate in dancing exams using the Commonwealth Society of Teachers of Dancing syllabus and the Royal Academy of Dance Ballet syllabus. We also take part in dancing competitions across Perth. Our school prides itself on its happy, creative and caring atmosphere created by the teachers, students and parents. **We are the EK Dance Family!** 





### Our Misson, Vison and Values

To provide professional dance instruction which will enable each student to develop, to the best of their ability and full potential, their skills and appreciation for the Art of Dance in a family friendly, caring, fun, respectful, safe and high quality studio environment.

## Join our family for 2019!



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## **Styles of Dance**

### Jazz

Jazz is a commercial style of dancing that incorporates technique such as kicks, turns and leaps and is great for developing flexibility and fitness. Often associated with musicals such as Chicago or Fame, jazz is also the style used by pop stars such as Kylie Minogue, Madonna and Britney Spears and often features in pop concerts, opening ceremonies and music videos.

#### Classical Ballet

Ballet is the foundation of all dance technique. Ballet classes focus on building technique, strength, flexibility, alignment and core stability. These classes are recommended for all dancers to provide an understanding of the body and movement, and to build a strong foundation of dance technique.

#### Pointe

Pointe is part of classical ballet technique made possible by pointe shoes. This class has a strong focus on building ankle and leg strength. Dancers must participate in ballet class and be recommended to join pointe. Please consult our ballet teachers before enrolling for this class.

### Silver Swans TM

Silver Swans™ Ballet is for adults age 40+ which focuses on the same foundations as Classical Ballet but is tailored for more mature bodies. It will help improve mobility, posture, coordination and energy levels.

#### Dance to your own tune

This is a class designed for children aged from 18 months to 3 years old. It is a creative movement class with a focus on fun and play based learning, using props to guide the learning process in development of co- ordination, balance, awareness of body and space, musicality, rhythm and confidence.

### Contemporary/Lyrical

Contemporary / Lyrical combines the techniques of jazz, contemporary and ballet. It is a creative dance form that combines a strength with a sense of release. It invites dancers to use their bodies to interpret the music. Choreography usually tells a story or portrays a theme. The "lyrical" side generally refers to the expressive, melodic and highly emotional quality of dance. Dancers gain fluidity of movement, grace and control.

#### Creative Dance

This class is designed for children aged 3 – 4. It is a creative movement class that is a combination of Jazz, Tap and Ballet. This class focuses on fun and play based learning using lots of props to guide thelearningprocessindevelopment of co-ordination, balance, awareness of body and space, musicality, rhythm and confidence.

### Hip Hop

Hip Hop is a broad category that includes a variety of urban dance styles. Constantly evolving from the earlier styles of breaking, locking and popping, hip hop is a free, funky and soulful expression of movement used by artists such as Usher, Ne-Yo, Chris Brown and Rihanna.

### Tap

This style of dance is very enjoyable to learn and focusses on the rhythm that is kept by the noise of the dancer's shoes on the floor. Tap dancing is often seen in movies or in musicals such as Tap Dogs and Aladdin.

#### Acrobatics

With a focus on stretching, strength, conditioning and flexibility, acrobatics will develop core strength as well as teach lifts, tumbling and balancing positions, giving great improvement to the dancer's agility.

### **Enrolments**

Thank you to everyone who has returned their 2019 enrolment form already. If you have not yet handed your enrolment form back, please do so as soon as possible as this secures your place for the year. You can also enrol using the form on the EK Dance Academy website – www.ekdanceacademy.com. If you are unsure of which class your child should be enrolling in, please do not hesitate to speak with Erin regarding this. Please read the timetable carefully as there have been some changes in class times for 2019.

Please be aware that the Ballet classes are based on ability not age. In the first few weeks of Term 1, we will trial all ballet students and move them into the correct class levels based on their ability.

Please note that the age limits on the classes are only an approximate guide and students who wish to move up an age group must be invited to do so by Erin. A class move will depend entirely on the skill and ability, participation and attitude of the individual student and their previous dance experience. Please do not assume a move to the next level will be automatic because of age.







### **Timetables**

#### Term Dates 2019

Term 1:10 weeks

Saturday 2nd February to Thursday 11th April

Term 2: 10 weeks

Saturday 27th April to Thursday 4th July

Term 3: 10 weeks

Saturday 20th July to Thursday 26th September

Term 4:8 weeks

Saturday 12th October to Saturday 30th November

#### Public Holidays 2019

Please note that classes will not be held on Public Holidays

- Monday 4th March Labour Day
  - Monday 3rd June WA Day

### SATURDAY

TIME	STUDIO 1	PRICE
8:30-10:00am	RAD Ballet - Grade I  Age: 7-9 (school year 2+3, new students school year 4)	\$218
10:00-11:15am	RAD Ballet - Primary  Age: 6-8 (school year 1+2, new students school year 3)	\$182
1:15-12:00pm	Jazz and Tap  Age: 4/5 year-old	\$130
12:00-1:00pm	RAD Ballet - Grade I  Age: 7-9 (school year 2+3, new students school year 4)	\$145
1:00-2:00pm	RAD Ballet - Grade 6 (class I)  Age: I2+	\$145
2:00-3:00pm	Beginner Pointe  Age: By recommendation	\$145
3:00-4:00pm	Intermediate Pointe  Age: By recommendation	\$145
TIME	STUDIO 2	PRICE
9:00-10:00am	Jazz and Tap <b>Age:</b> 6/7 year-old	\$145
0:00-11:00am	Jazz and Tap  Age: 8-10 year-old	\$145
1:15-12:00pm	Junior Hip Hop/Funk <b>Age:</b> 6-10 year-old	\$145
12:00-1:00pm	Pre-Senior Contemporary/Lyrical <b>Age:</b> 14-16 year-old	\$145
1:00-2:00pm	Intermediate Contemporary/Lyrical  Age: 11-14 year-old	\$145
TIME	STUDIO 3	PRICE
9:00-9:45am	Creative Dance - Jazz and Tap <b>Age:</b> 3/4 year-old	\$130
0:00-11:00am	Jazz  Age: 10-12 year-old (if tap below is also taken \$130)	\$145
1:15-12:00pm	Tap  Age: 6-10 year-old (if jazz above is also taken \$130)	\$145
12:00-1:00pm	Junior Contemporary/Lyrical  Age: 8-11 year-old	\$145
1:00-2:00pm	Beginner Acrobatics  Age: Mixed Age	\$145
2:00-3:00pm	Intermediate Acrobatics  Age: Mixed Age	\$145

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## MONDAY

TIME	STUDIO 1	PRICE
4:00-4:45pm	Dance To Your Own Tune  Age: 3/4 year-old	\$130
4:45-6:00pm	RAD Ballet - Grade 2 Age: 8-10 year-old	\$182
6:00-7:00pm	RAD Ballet - Grade 4 (class I)  Age: II-I2+ year-old	\$182
7:00-8:00pm	Silver Swans Adult Ballet - RAD <b>Age:</b> 40+ year-old	\$12/class
8:00-9:00pm	Senior/Adult Recreation Ballet / Discovering Repertoire  Age: 18+	\$145

TIME	STUDIO 2	PRICE
4:00-5:00pm	Jazz <b>Age:</b> 10-12 year-old (if tap below is also taken \$130)	\$145
5:00-6:00pm	Tap  Age: 10-12 year-old (if jazz above is also taken \$130)	\$145
6:00-7:00pm	Senior Tap Age: 16+	\$145
7:00-8:00pm	Senior Jazz Age: 16+	\$145
8:00-9:00pm	Adult Tap  Age: Mixed Age / Ability	\$12/class

TIME	STUDIO 3	PRICE
4:00-5:00pm	Junior Boys Hip Hop <b>Age:</b> 5-9 year-old	\$145
5:00-6:00pm	Intermediate Boy Hip Hop  Age: 10-14 year-old	\$145
6:00-7:00pm	Intermediate Girls Hip Hop  Age: 9-12 year-old	\$145
7:00-8:00pm	Recreational Dance Fitness / Adult Jazz & Hip Hop Development Age: Mixed Age	\$12/class

## **TUESDAY**

TIME	STUDIO 1	PRICE
4:00-5:00pm	RAD Ballet - Grade 4 (class 2) <b>Age:</b> 11-12+ year-old	\$145
5:00-6:30pm	RAD Ballet - Grade 3  Age: 10-12 year-old	\$218

TIME	STUDIO 2	PRICE
4:00-5:00pm	Jazz and Tap Age: 8-10 year-old	\$145
5:00-6:00pm	Jazz Age: 12-15 year-old (if tap below is also taken \$130)	\$145
6:00-7:00pm	Tap Age: 12-15 year-old (if jazz above is also taken \$130)	\$145

TIME	STUDIO 3	PRICE
4:00-5:00pm	Jazz and Tap <b>Age:</b> 6/7 year-old	\$145
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## WEDNESDAY

TIME	STUDIO 1	PRICE
9:00-10:00am	Dance To Your Own Tune  Age: 18 month - 2 year-old	\$145
10:00-11:00am	Silver Swans Adult Ballet - RAD <b>Age:</b> 40+ year-old	\$12/class
4:00-5:00pm	RAD Ballet - Grade 6 (class 2) <b>Age:</b> 12+	\$145
5:00-6:00pm	Intermediate Ballet Development / Intermediate Recreational Ballet Age: 10-14 year-old	\$145

TIME	STUDIO 2	PRICE
4:00-5:00pm	Jazz and Tap <b>Age:</b> 4/5 year-old	\$145
5:00-6:00pm	Senior Contemporary/Lyrical  Age: 16+ year-old	\$145

TIME	STUDIO 3	PRICE
5:00-6:00pm	Pre-Senior Hip Hop <b>Age:</b> 13-15 year-old	\$145
6:00-7:00pm	Senior Hip Hop  Age: 16+ year-old	\$145

### **THURSDAY**

TIME	STUDIO 1	PRICE
6-7:30pm	RAD Ballet - Intermediate	\$218
	Age: 13+ year-old	Ψ210

### **Term Fees**

Within the first two of weeks of each term, I will issue an invoice to the students with the term fees. It would be appreciated if payment could be made as soon as possible but no later than week 3 of each term.

**Sibling Discount** – Families with 2 or more students attending dance classes concurrently at EK Dance Academy will receive the following discounts: second and subsequent siblings attending concurrently: 5% off that student's term fees.

Discounts are assigned to the younger sibling/s and apply to term tuition fees only.

**Fee Cap** – The maximum amount that an individual student will be charged per term will be \$580. A student can attend as many classes as they want, and you will only pay \$580 per term.

**Refund** — If for any reason (including injury or illness) your child misses a class, no refund or credit will be given, as our fees are charged on a term by term basis.

## Payment Options

**Cash:** Please place cash and payment advice sheet in an envelope with student's name, amount and class written on the front.

**Cheque:** Please make cheques payable to "E K Dance Academy" and place in an envelope with payment advice sheet, student's name amount and class written on front.

**Direct Transfer:** Place your payment advice sheet in an envelope with a note saying "direct transfer". Please also indicate (in the space provided by your bank) your child's name and what the payment is for (Eg. Jane Snow T1 fees).

EFT Details are as follows:

Bank: Bank of Western Australia Ltd Name: E K Dance Academy

BSB Number: 306-077 Account Number: 0608330

**Credit Card:** Term fees and EK Dance accessories only – please see Erin.

## Costume Deposit

Payment of a \$50 costume deposit will be requested during Term 2 2019. This deposit along with the concert permission slip gives me the ability to go ahead and order costumes on behalf of the dancer for our end of year concert. The costume deposit will be taken off the final costume account total.

## Important Information

## Competitions

In 2019 EK Dance Academy will again be entering students into Onstage Performing Arts Dancing Competitions. These competitions give students a chance to perform in front of an audience at various times throughout the year and also help your children improve as they compete against many other performers in their age group.

Competitions are run in the April, July and September school holidays over both weeks. We will definitely take part in the April competitions, and depending on the level of interest, decide on the others. Participation in competitions is not compulsory.

All students have an opportunity to enter, however, please note that rehearsals for the April competition will be held on various days during Term 1 (dates and times will be confirmed early in 2019). Students who wish to take part in competitions must be available at the times specified. No other classes will be scheduled for competition practice, if dates and times do not suit.

Students are only permitted to perform a competition in a style of dance that they have experience in Please let me know if you would like to be involved in competitions and in what styles of dance by 18th December 2018. This will give me a chance to sort out rehearsal schedules and music. Competitions can be danced as solos, duos, trios and troupes and cater for many dance styles including Jazz, Tap, Ballet, Neo-Classical, Slow Modern and Song and Dance.

#### **Examinations**

EK Dance Academy will be participating in the Commonwealth Society of Teachers of Dancing Exams and the Royal Academy of Dance Ballet Exams in 2019. All exam participants are invited by me to take part. If you wish your child to be considered for an exam, please indicate your interest on the enrolment form and I will provide more information as the year progresses.

Please Note: Students aged 8yrs and upwards will not be permitted to do an exam unless they participate in a ballet class, as this is the foundation for all dancing styles.

### Drop Off / Pick Up

At our new studio we are fortunate to have a dedicated undercover drive- through drop off / pick up area at the front of the studio. Parking is limited so we would be grateful if, wherever possible, parents could utilize the drop off and pick up zone. Students will of course be supervised until parents arrive to collect their child.

### Waiting/Homework

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## Important Information

### Injuries or Illness

- Please advise your teacher before class if you have a physical condition that will prevent you from participating fully in class.
- If you fall ill on the day of class and cannot attend, please contact EK Dance or notify your teacher. This way teachers can be best prepared for classes.
- If you have an illness or injury that occurs mid term and stops you from participating in classes please contact Erin to discuss the matter.

#### Lateness/Absences

- Please ensure that you aim to be on time for all classes.
- Should you be absent from a class, where possible please advise the teacher prior to the day. Following the clsss, please try and arrange with another student to help you catch up on what you have missed.

#### Dance Attire & Merchandise

EK Dance Academy attire is available at any time throughout the year. The garments on offer include dance pants, jackets, tank tops, t-shirts, shorts, hip hop jackets, ballet crossovers, leotards and 3/4 pants and full length dance pants. We also supply accessories such as dance bags, make up bags, knee pads, foot undies, jazz shoes, tap shoes, ballet shoes, bun nets, bun clips and much much more!

Please ask Erin if you would like to make a purchase, or alternatively visit our website at www.ekdanceacademy.com for more information.

Please note, whilst we are happy to recycle dance shoes in our 2nd hand shoe boxes, we are not able to recycle EK Dance wear. Please do not place your used EK Dancewear in the 2nd hand boxes. All monies received on the purchase of 2nd hand shoes, is remitted to the parent of the student who placed the shoes in the box.

### Choreography

Choreography taught in classes is the property of EK Dance Academy and is not to be used outside for teaching or performance purposes without permission. Should you wish to use any choreography, please check with Erin first.







## Important Dates

### Concert Details 2019

Below are the details of the proposed dates for our 2019 concert. All concert dates including rehearsals are complusory. Please note that these details have not yet been confirmed, and may change as the year progresses. We will be performing two concerts again in 2019, and we will let you know details when they have been confirmed. Anticipated dates are as follows:



Concert Run Through (at studio): 9th November 9am-Ipm Dress Parade: 16th - 20th November (parents attend last 10 minutes of classes to learn how each costume needs to be worn)

Venue: Penrhos College, Rixon Theatre, Throssell Street, Como

Dress Rehearsal: Saturday 23rd November 2019

Concerts: Saturday 23rd & Sunday 24th November 2019



Please see calender below for ALL important dates for 2019.

#### TERM I TERM 2

2 February Term | Begins 27 April Term 2 Begins 27 April - 10 May 2 - 15 February Invoices Issued Invoices Issued 11 - 17 May 16 - 22 February Payment must be made Payment must be made 4 March Labour Day - CLOSED 3 June WA Day - CLOSED II April Term I Ends 4 July Term 2 Ends II - 26 April School Holidays 4 - 19 July School Holidays (Optional Competitions) (Optional Competitions)

#### TERM 3 TERM 4

20 July 12 October Term 3 Begins Term 4 Begins 20 July - 2 August 12 - 25 October Invoices Issued Invoices Issued 3 - 9 August Payment must be made 26 Oct - I Nov Payment must be made 26 September Term 3 Ends 9 November Full Concert Run Through 26 Sept - II Oct School Holidays 16 - 20 November Dress Parade

> 23 November AM Dress Rehearsal 23 - 24 November Concert

25-30 No Classes

30 November Presentation Day & Break Up Party (Term 4 Ends)

#### Presentation Day & Break Up Party: 30th November 2019

The venue, time and other details will be advised at a later date. At the party we will be presenting class awards, concert certificates and examination awards. The 2019 concert DVD's, and the 2020 timetable and enrolment forms will also be given out on that day. The Break-Up Party is a great way to wind down our year at EK Dance Academy and to wish our EK Dance family a safe and happy Christmas and Festive holidays.

## **Tips and Tricks**

### Personal Development

To enhance your own development at EK Dance Academy the following is suggested:

- Arrive early to class to go through the previous week's choreography with other dancers, warm-up and stretch.
- Stretch at home every day for 10mins to increase flexibility. You can do this whilst on the phone, watching TV, studying, etc...
- Practice your routines and progressions at home. It is recommended that you practice within I day of learning the material so that you don't forget it.
- Ask your teacher for the song title and artist so you can down load it, or bring a CD to class for the teacher to copy it for you.
- Join the ballet class. Ballet is the basis for virtually all dance and you will notice a huge improvement in your technique if you learn ballet.
- Go to musical and dance performances, watch dance related movies and TV shows you can learn so much from watching others.
- Listen to the feedback your teacher gives with a positive attitude, ask questions in class for clarification if you don't understand something.

We want you to be the best dancer you can be!

### Some Useful Tips

- Where possible arrive at class at least 10 minutes early to warm-up, stretch or practice choreography. Be mindful of other classes which may be taking place at the time and please keep voices down.
- Bring a water bottle to every class.
- Don't be shy.... Always ask your teacher for clarification if you are unsure of anything. They are always happy to help.
- Parents and friends are invited to "Watching Week" which is held in the last week of each term. During the term, classes are not open for viewing.
- Mobile phones in class should not be seen or heard! Give yourself an hour to immerse yourself in dance and switch off from the outside world.











## **Uniform Requirements**

Looking the part in dance is vital. You are more likely to dance in that style and feel that style if you are dressed for that style of dance.

#### **Ballet: Uniform and Hair Requirement**

(Compulsory)

#### **Pre – Primary and Primary:**

- Pink Leotard with Cap Sleeve
- Pink Ballet Socks
- Pink Leather Ballet Shoes (split sole) with Elastic
- Pink Wrap Ballet Skirt (may be worn for class but not for assessments)
- Pink Long-Sleeved Crossover or EK Dance Crossover (optional)
- Hair in a Bun

#### **Grade 1 - Grade 5 / Intermediate Foundation:**

- Pink Leotard with Cap Sleeve
- Jacaranda Wide Strap Camisole Leotard
- Convertible Pink Ballet Tights
- Leather Ballet Shoes (split sole) with Elastics (Ribbons Grade 4 upwards)
- Black Character Skirt with Purple Ribbons
- Canvas Character Shoe Low Heel with Pink Elastic (Grade 4 upwards Cuban Heel)
- Jacaranda Wrap Ballet Skirt (may be worn in class but not for assessments)
- Jacaranda Ballet Full Circle Long Skirt (compulsory for exam)
- Jacaranda Long-Sleeved Crossover or EK Dance Crossover (optional)
- Pointe shoes (as required)
- Hair in a bun
- Ballet Kit in dancing bag (Grade 4 upwards, see note below)

#### **Intermediate and above: Exams**

- Black plain leotard (preferably low backed to show completely the upper back but can be higher if bra is necessary, no lace trims)
- Pink Convertible Ballet Tights
- Pink Leather Ballet Shoes (split sole) with Elastics and ribbons
- Demi-Pointe/Soft Pointe Shoes (split sole) with Ribbons (compulsory exam students)
- Pointe Shoes (compulsory exam students)
- Wrap Ballet Skirt (may be worn for class but not for assessments)
- Hair in a Bun
- Ballet Kit in dancing bag (Grade 4 upwards, see note below) (Intermediate and above students may wear other leotards and skirts to class as there are so many beautiful ones available. Above is the exam requirement.)

#### Ballet Kit: (at least for Grade 4 and above)

Hair nets (slumber nets are best for week-to-week classes as they do not hole as often) or bun 'covers', hair clips, hair ties, sewing needles, pink cotton, small pair of scissors, small hair brush, note book and pen.

#### **All Classes**

No jewellery – we don't want anything to break or anyone to get injured.

No fringe in face – wiping hair from face will be a distraction and can be a bad habit.

#### Contemporary / Lyrical

- Leotard
- Tan Convertible Tights Knee Pads
- Foot Undies
- Hair in a Bun

#### Jazz

(Creative Dance, Dance To Your Own Tune, 4/5 years all need ballet shoes (split sole) with elastic)

- Tight fitting top half (leotard, EK Dance tank top, singlet)
- 3/4 or full length dance pants or tights
- Tan Jazz Shoes
- Hair tied back

#### Tap

- Tight fitting top half (leotard, EK Dance tank top, singlet)
- 3/4 or full length dance pants, tights or dance shorts
- Black Tap Shoes
- Hair tied back

#### Hip Hop

- 3/4 or full length pants or dance shorts
- Singlet top or t-shirt Black Volleys
- Hair tied back

#### Dance Shops in the Vicinity:

Studio Scene 9330 7670 352 Marmion St Melville

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Glitter Lane 08 9314 6900 1/352 South St O'Connor

We look forward to a great year of fun and dance in 2019!