



Information and Timetable 2020

Our Mission, Vision 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.

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General Information

EK Dance Academy specializes in teaching a variety of dance genres for students from age 3 to adult. Please refer to the information 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.

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2020 Public Holidays

Please note that classes will not be held on Public Holidays

- Monday 2nd March Labour Day
- Saturday 25th April Anzac Day
- Monday 27th April Anzac Day Holiday
- Monday 1st June WA Day

SATURDAY

Time	Studio 1	Time	Studio 2	Time	Studio 3	Time	Studio 4
8.30-10.00am	RAD Ballet – Grade 2 Age: 8-10 (school year 3+4, new students school year 5+6) \$223	9.00-10.00am	Jazz and Tap Age: 6-8 year-old \$150	9.00-9.45am	Creative Dance – Jazz and Tap Age: 3/4 year-old \$135		
10.00-11.30am	RAD Ballet – Grade 1 (class 1) Age: 7-9 (school year 2+3, new students school year 3+4) \$223	10.00-11.00am	Jazz Age: 10-12 year-old \$150 <i>If tap (below) is also taken price is \$140</i>	10.00-11.00am	Jazz and Tap Age: 8-10 year-old \$150		
		11.00-12.00 noon	Tap Age: 10-12 year-old \$150 <i>If jazz (above) is also taken price is \$140</i>	11.00-12.00 noon	Junior Hip Hop / Funk Age: 6-10 year-old \$150	11.15-12.00 noon	Jazz and Tap Age: 4/5 year-old \$135
12.00-1.00pm	RAD Ballet – Primary (class 1) Age: 5-7 (Pre Primary + year 1) \$150	12.00-1.00pm	Pre-Senior Contemporary / Lyrical Age: 14-17 year-old \$150	12.00-1.00pm	Junior Contemporary / Lyrical Age: 8-11 year-old \$150		
1.00-2.00pm	RAD Ballet – Pre Primary Age: 4-6 (4yo Kindy + Pre Primary) \$150	1.00-2.00pm	Beginner Acrobatics Age: Mixed Age \$150	1.00-2.00pm	Intermediate Contemporary / Lyrical Age: 11-14 year-old \$150		
2.00-3.00pm	Intermediate Pointe Age: By Recommendation \$150	2.00-3.00pm	Intermediate Acrobatics Age: Mixed Age \$150	2.00-3.00pm	Musical Theatre – Junior Age: under 10 \$150		
3.00-4.00pm	Beginner Pointe Age: By recommendation \$150	3.00-4.00pm	Senior Acrobatics Age: Mixed Age \$150	3.00-4.00pm	Musical Theatre – Intermediate Age: 10 + \$150		

MONDAY

Time	Studio 1	Time	Studio 2	Time	Studio 3
4:00-4:45pm	Dance To Your Own Tune (DYOT 3/4yo Kindy/Pre Primary) Age: 3/4 year-old \$135	4:00-5:00pm	Jazz Age: 10-12 year-old \$150 <i>If Tap (below) is also taken price is \$140</i>	4:00-5:00pm	Junior Boys Hip Hop Age: 5-9 year-old \$150
4:45-6:00pm	RAD Ballet – Grade 3 (class 1) Age: 10-12 year-old \$187	5:00-6:00pm	Tap Age: 10-12 year-old \$150 <i>If Jazz (above) is also taken price is \$140</i>	5:00-6:00pm	Intermediate Boys Hip Hop Age: 10-14 year-old \$150
6:00-7:00pm	RAD Ballet – Grade 4 (class 1) Age: 11/12+ \$150	6:00-7:00pm	Senior Tap Age: 16+ \$150	6:00-7:00pm	Intermediate Girls Hip Hop Age: 9-11 year-old \$150
7:00-8:00pm	Silver Swans Adult Ballet - RAD Age: Mixed Age \$14 per class	7:00-8:00pm	Senior Jazz Age: 16+ \$150	7:00-8:00pm	Recreational Dance Fitness / Adult Beginner Jazz / Hip Hop Development Age: Mixed Age \$14 per class
8:00-9:00pm	Senior Ballet / Advanced Foundation (class 1) Age: 19+ \$150	8:00-9:00pm	Adult Tap Age: Mixed Age / Ability \$14 per class		

TUESDAY

Time	Studio 1	Time	Studio 2	Time	Studio 3
4.00-5.00pm	RAD Ballet – Grade 3 (class 2) Age: 10-12 year-old \$150	4.00-5.00pm	Jazz and Tap Age: 8-10 year-old \$150	4.00-5.00pm	Jazz and Tap Age: 6-8 year-old \$150
5.00-6.30pm	RAD Ballet – Grade 4 (class 2) Age: 11-12+ \$223	5.00-6.00pm	Jazz Age: 12-15 year-old \$150 <i>If tap (below) is also taken price is \$140</i>	5.00-6.00pm	Beginner Acrobatics Age: Mixed Age \$150
6.30-7.30pm	RAD Ballet – Grade 7 Age: 16+ \$150	6.00-7.00pm	Tap Age: 12-15 year-old \$150 <i>If jazz (above) is also taken price is \$140</i>		
7.30-8.30pm	RAD Intermediate Foundation / Intermediate Technique (class 1) Age: 12+ \$150				

WEDNESDAY

Time	Studio 1	Time	Studio 2	Time	Studio 3
4:00-5:30pm	RAD Ballet – Grade 5 Age: 12+ \$223	4:00-4:45pm	Jazz and Tap Age: 4/5 year-old \$135		
5:30-6:30pm	RAD Ballet – Grade 7 Age: 15+ \$150				
6:30-8:00pm	RAD Ballet – Intermediate Age: 13+ \$223	6:00-7:00pm	Senior Contemporary / Lyrical Age: 18+ \$150	6:00-7:00pm	Pre-Senior Hip Hop Age: 12-15 Year-old \$150
				7:00-8:00pm	Senior Hip Hop Age: 16+ \$150

THURSDAY

Time	Studio 1	Time	Studio 2	Time	Studio 3
4.00-5.00pm	RAD Ballet – Primary (class 2) Age: 5-7 (Pre Primary + year 1) \$150				
5.00-6.30pm	RAD Ballet – Grade 1 (class 2) Age: 7-9 (school year 2+3, new students school year 3+4) \$223	5.00-6.00pm	Progressing Ballet Technique Age: Mixed Age \$150		
6.30-8.00pm	RAD Ballet – Intermediate Foundation (class 2) Age: 13+ \$223	6.00-7.00pm	Heels Age: 16+ \$150		
8.00-9.00pm	Advanced Foundation (class 2) Age: 19+ \$150				

Term Dates 2020

Term 1: 10 weeks	Saturday 1st February to Thursday 9th April
Term 2: 10 weeks	Tuesday 28th April to Thursday 2nd July
Term 3: 10 weeks	Saturday 18th July to Thursday 24th September
Term 4: 8 weeks	Saturday 10th October to Saturday 28th November

At EK Dance Academy we offer the following Dance Styles:

Jazz: Jazz is a commercial style of dancing that incorporates techniques 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.

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.

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.

Contemporary / Lyrical: Combines the techniques of jazz, contemporary and ballet. Contemporary / Lyrical is a creative dance form that combines strength and 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 the learning process in development of co-ordination, balance, awareness of body and space, musicality, rhythm and confidence.

Hip Hop / Funk: 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.

Silver Swans: Silver Swans Ballet is for adults 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.

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.

Dance To Your Own Tune: This is a class designed for children aged from 18 months to 4 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. The Dance To Your Own Tune students do not participate in our end of year concert.

Musical Theatre: This class focuses on development of singing, acting, dancing and movement skills in a variety of musical theatre performing styles. Students will learn and perform songs and scenes from a variety of musicals and Broadway shows.

Enrolments

Thank you to everyone who has returned their 2020 enrolment form to me 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 me regarding this. Please read the timetable carefully as there have been some changes in class times for 2020.

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 allocate them into the correct class levels based on their ability.

Waiver

All parents / adult dancers will be required to read and sign a simple waiver upon enrolment which will be kept on file at EK Dance Academy.

Moving Classes

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.

Drop Off / Pick Up

At our 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 / Warm-Up Room

At our premises, EK Dance offers a designated room where students can wait between classes. This room can be used for warming up, relaxation or homework and has some books and magazines that the students can access whilst they wait quietly for their class to begin. It is expected that students act in an appropriate manner and are respectful whilst using this space. It is not a play room.

St John Safe Organisation

EK Dance Academy is a fully accredited St John safe organization. With an onsite defibrillator, multiple large first aid kits and first aid and safety policies that have been signed off by St John Ambulance senior staff, we are proud to be a safe space for everyone to come and learn the art of dance.

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. 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.

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 \$750. A student can attend as many classes as they want, and you will only pay \$750 per term.

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.

Concert 2019 "TOP OF THE CHARTS"

Congratulations and thank you to all EK Dance Academy Dancers for your amazing effort in our 2019 concert entitled "TOP OF THE CHARTS". I have been overwhelmed with the positive feedback from parents, students and other members of the wider community who attended. I am very proud of our collective work in making the concert such a success. My congratulations and thanks to our team of dedicated teachers who choreographed such enjoyable routines.

Concert 2020

Costume Deposit

Payment of a \$50 costume deposit will be requested during Term 2 2020. 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.

Venue and Dates

Below are the details of the proposed dates for our 2020 concert. 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 2020, and I will let you know details when they have been confirmed. Anticipated dates are as follows:

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

Dress Rehearsal: Saturday 21st November 2020

Concerts: Saturday 21st November 2020 and Sunday 22nd November 2020

Lead Up To Concert

Below are the details of the extra rehearsal and costume information day in the lead up to the concert.

Full Concert Run Through: Saturday 7th November 9am-1pm, at the studio. All students are required to attend.

Dress Parade: Saturday 14th – Thursday 19th November, parents will be invited to come into the studio 10 minutes prior to the end of their child's classes during this week, to learn how each costume needs to be worn.

Presentation Day and Break-Up Party

There will be no classes the week after the concert, however, our Presentation Day and Break-Up Party will be held the following weekend Saturday 28th November 2020. The venue, time and other details will be advised at a later date. At the party we will be presenting awards, concert certificates and examination awards. The 2020 concert DVD's, and the 2021 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 Season.

Competitions

In 2020 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 2020). 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 Wednesday 18th December 2019. 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 2020. All exam participants are invited by me to take part. Participation in examinations is based on the ability of the dancer. 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.

Injuries or Illness:

Please advise your teacher before class if you have a physical condition that will prevent you from participating fully in class.

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 class, please try and arrange with another student to help you catch up on what you have missed.

EK Dance Attire and Merchandise

EK Dance Academy attire is available at any time throughout the year. The garments which are displayed in the studio reception area include dance pants, leggings, crop tops, jackets, tank tops, t-shirts, shorts, hip hop jackets, ballet crossover, leotards and ¾ pants and full length dance pants. We also supply accessories such as snuggle booties, 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 or Sue 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 money 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.

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 1 day of learning the material so that you don't forget it. Ask your teacher for the song title and artist so you can download 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 become 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 the time to immerse yourself in dance and switch off from the outside world.
- 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.

What to Wear:

Looking the part in dance is vital. You are more likely to dance in a style and feel a 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 7 / Intermediate Foundation:

- 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+ 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.

Contemporary / Lyrical

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

Jazz

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

Tap

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

Creative Dance

- Leotard and skirt or tutu
- Pink Ballet Shoes with elastics
- Black Tap Shoes or Party Shoes

Hip Hop

- $\frac{3}{4}$ or full length pants or dance shorts
- Singlet top or t-shirt
- Black Volleys
- Hair tied back

Acrobatics

- Tight fitting top half (EK Dance crop top, EK Dance tank top, singlet)
- $\frac{3}{4}$ leggings or shorts
- Bare feet
- Hair tied back

Dance To Your Tune

- Leotard and skirt or tutu
- Pink Ballet Shoes with elastics

Silver Swans

- Own comfortable fitness clothes
- Pink Ballet shoes with elastics

Musical Theatre

- Tight fitting top half (EK Dance crop top, EK Dance tank top, singlet)
- $\frac{3}{4}$ leggings or shorts
- Jazz shoes
- Hair tied back

Dance Shops in the Vicinity:

Studio Scene
352 Marmion St
Melville WA 6156
9330 7670

Glitter Lane Shop
1/352 South St
O'Connor WA 6163
08 9314 6900

DanceXchange
1B/9 Yampi Way
Willetton WA 6155
0417 933 315

For more information or clarification on any of the above please do not hesitate to contact Erin – erin@ekdanceacademy.com.

**I look forward to a great year
of fun and dance in 2020!!**