



NRDS

Northern Rivers Dance Studio

Newsletter 2023

NRDS aims to provide a safe, happy and dynamic learning environment for your child while encouraging a love of dance and a sense of achievement. Our studio is run by qualified dance teachers who have a passion for dancing and teaching.

Date of Class Commencement:

- Classes commence the week beginning Monday 13th February. Please see the timetable attached for the day and time of your child's class/es.

Studio Expectations:

- All students are expected to display good manners towards staff and their fellow students whilst being encouraging towards each other.
- To provide minimum distraction during class students are required to wait in the kitchen/waiting area of the Masonic and Uniting Hall until your class is ready to start.
- Parents are requested to wait outside the room while class is in progress, except for the last week of term, which is viewing week. You may also watch on the first week of Term 1.
- Please bring your child into the hall and then come back in at the end of the lesson to collect them. As a Duty of Care, we insist that all students remain in the hall until a parent or guardian arrives to collect.

Fees:

- An annual \$35 registration fee is charged for each child. This is a "one off" payment and is in addition to the term fees.
- Fees are based on \$9 per half hour, \$13 per 45min class and \$17 per hour with a reducing rate for multiple classes.
- If your child attends dance classes for 4 hours and more per week, fees become capped at a fixed rate of \$70 for unlimited classes per week (this excludes private lessons).
- All fees are paid by term in advance for all students and an invoice will be issued for each term.
- If you pay in full during week one you can take advantage of the 10% discount offered. All payments after the first week of term will not be eligible for the discount fees and will need to be paid by Week 4 if your child is to continue with classes. If you have a problem

with paying the term amount in full and would like to arrange a payment system please advise us.

- Costume deposits are invoiced during term 2 & 3 at \$20 per costume, with the balance invoiced in term 4. This allows us to take advantage of getting materials when they are on special and passing this saving onto you. This is not compulsory, but it saves you having a large bill at the end of the year.
- Payment Methods:
 1. Payments can be paid directly into the bank account via internet – Please make sure your name or invoice number is on it.
 2. Deposited directly at The Greater – please include a name or invoice number on the reference.
 3. Or it can be placed in an envelope with the date, students' full name, and what payment is for with correct amount enclosed, and handed to teacher at the beginning of class.

Dress Requirements:

- Good grooming is essential for self-esteem and discipline. All students must attend class in comfortable, body-hugging dance or sportswear, not baggy t-shirt otherwise we are unable to see if their body is in the correct alignment to avoid an injury. Hair is to be pulled back neatly in a bun if possible or ponytail.
- **Pre-school** – Ready Set Dance uniforms & for ballet a leotard, skirt and ballet shoes.
- **Ballet classes** - leotard of any colour, pink ballet tights, ballet skirt, ballet shoes. Hair in bun.
- **Jazz, tap, hip hop & contemporary** any body-hugging clothing – tights or firm fitting shorts with leotard or studio singlet/shirt. Tan tap and jazz shoes.
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Exam Uniform 2023:

Ballet:

- All levels are to wear pink tights and ballet shoes
- Test 1, 2 & 3 Pale Pink leotards
- B/Medal - S/Star Black singlet style leotards
- Gold levels and above black leotard (2cm strap)

Jazz:

- Lower levels black singlet style leotard, tan matte tights
- Gold levels and above black leotard with 2cm strap and black $\frac{3}{4}$ tights
- Everyone tan split sole jazz shoes – Either lace ups or pull-on's.

Tap:

- Lower levels black singlet style leotard, tan matte tights
- Gold levels and above black leotard with 2cm strap and can have circular short skirt.
- Everyone tan tap shoes

All leotards and shoes are available at "All About Dance - Brite Sparks" in River St Ballina.

Performance Troupes:

- Students who enrol in troupe classes are required to attend each eisteddfod. The two main eisteddfods include The North Coast Dance Festival (end of August) and Lismore Eisteddfod (mid-September). Please make sure you plan holidays outside of these times.
- Students are required to take a weekly class in any chosen style to enrol in troupe. This class will focus on flexibility and control as well as technique which are all vital components of dance. All students enrolling in 10- & 14-years troupe are required to do the technique class **at a discount rate**. Depending on interest and number troupe groups may change.

Teaching Staff 2023:

- **Miss Kim**
- **Miss Bianca**
- **Miss Megan**
- **Miss Claudia**
- **Miss Grace**
- **Miss Siobhan**
- **Miss Jacinta**
- **Miss Maya**
- **Miss Shaelie**

Important Dates for 2023:

- Australian Teachers Of Dancing Exams – Late August to mid-September
- Concert Photo Day – Late November (TBC)
- Concert Dress Rehearsal – Late November (TBC)
- End of Year Concert: Alstonville High School Hall – Saturday 25 November.

If you have any queries at any time throughout the year, please contact Miss Kim (0402480149) or Susan (0419161815) directly or send us an email to [**nrdstudio@outlook.com**](mailto:nrdstudio@outlook.com).

We hope you all have an enjoyable year of dance, make new friends and achieve new goals!

Kimberly & Susan
Studio Owners