



2025
STUDIO
HANDBOOK

ABOUT US....

We are thrilled that you are considering becoming a part of Dynamic Moves Dance Studio and applaud you for selecting what we consider a life enhancing experience for your child and yourself. It's important to us at Dynamic Moves Dance Studio that all members of our team share our vision, our purpose and the philosophy that encompasses everything we do both in and outside of our classes. This is a vision that is shared and demonstrated by the teachers and other staff members at our studio and it is the driving force behind every interaction with our students and their families.

Dynamic Moves Dance Studio is place where kids of all ages shapes and sizes learn to dance, sing and perform. This is a studio where creativity, individuality and self-expression is encouraged and has a community of teachers, students and families who are passionate about performing arts. Our goal is to create a positive and happy experience for all of our students. We strive to nurture and develop talent, celebrate the achievements of all students and inspire a love and appreciation of all styles of dance and the arts. We are committed to providing a safe and positive environment in which all students can feel empowered, comfortable and free to express themselves.

At Dynamic Moves Dance Studio we welcome all types of students..... from those wanting to learn just for fun, fitness and friendship, to those wanting to embark on a professional career in the future.

The qualified and professional faculty provide curriculum-based dance programs for ages 3 to adults, at all levels of experience.

We understand that each child is unique. We take the time to observe and listen to the children which in turn helps us to learn about their personality.

Our philosophy stresses 3 components of learning:

- Socialization
- Academics
- Character

We are committed to keeping our class sizes small in order to allow for personalised attention. All our teachers strive to make every class FUN and INSPIRING for our students and are dedicated to making sure each student reaches their personal best.

Class Sizes

To ensure each student receives individual attention, class sizes are limited to a minimum of 3 and maximum of 18 students per class. Our classes fill quickly and some have already been filled. If the class you would like to attend is unavailable, we will suggest alternatives and/or place you on a waiting list for an opening.

Class Placement

Placement into a class is at the discretion of the teaching faculty. All new students are provisionally placed in a class based on information provided. Once we have seen the student's aptitude, we will then confirm whether or not that class is suitable and/or recommend trying another class.

Class Duration

Classes are normally $\frac{1}{2}$ - 1 hour in duration depending on student age/level.

$\frac{1}{2}$ Hour Classes are \$13.00 per class

$\frac{3}{4}$ Hour Classes are \$15.00 per class

1 Hour Classes are \$17.00 per class

1.5 Hour Classes are \$20.00 per class

$\frac{1}{2}$ Hour Private Tuition Classes are \$30.00 per class

PHILOSOPHY

The practice of the art of dance has been noted for its ability to develop discipline, concentration skills, and a level of commitment that saturates all areas of the student's life. The persistence and focus on the detail of the art form and sensation can create an awareness of the body that is invaluable in the career of the dance artist.

Our classes emphasize alignment and the student's exploration of space, rhythm, and dynamic quality. I believe that the best teachers focus on the student's growth as they develop an understanding of their relationship to movement.

The ability to connect with my own body and having a grounded technique to work from afforded me a successful career in dance. I want to help dancers discover their characteristic qualities while developing an aligned body and inspire them to apply that to movement in space and time. This knowledge will create a versatility that can be instrumental as they encounter other forms of movement in their future careers.

Our team's attention to curriculum, knowledge and love of dance can help guide the student through her/his own journey. Dance was my first love and continues to inspire and inform my life. My experience as a dancer, choreographer, and teacher in the field continues to feed my passion for the art form.

For 28 years it has been our philosophy that dance should be personally rewarding and provide a positive experience to all. It is our goal to combine excellence in dance education with a fun filled learning atmosphere in a non-competitive environment and to encourage students to achieve their personal best as individuals.

It is important to us that our dancers are challenged and thrive both physically and mentally. It is also important that each student feels special and well cared for.

It is our aim at the studio to provide a diverse learning opportunity and to encourage creativity within individuals.

The studio's curriculum-based activities are linked with innovative programs of physical fitness under the guidance and supervision of our highly trained teaching faculty.

Each year our students are given the opportunity to participate and enjoy the rewards of annual examinations with registered bodies such as the Royal Academy of Dance and The Australian Teachers of Dancing in Classical Ballet, Jazz and Tap.

We also offer the excitement and participation in mid-year showcases and a high-scaled production highlighting their progress and accomplishments.

At Dynamic Moves Dance Studio, we have found that there are many ingredients that contribute to a successful dancer. Through regular communication with parents, our teaching faculty aims to help develop and nurture your children's individual talents. This in turn leads to confident students and parents. We are very positive about what happens in our classes and the progress each child makes.

At Dynamic Moves Dance Studio we believe that every student should trial the class before making a commitment to join. This way, you can see what we do and if it is right for you.

How do I enroll?

New enrolments are accepted at any time throughout the year except in the immediate lead-up to the annual production in December. Students wishing to enroll or parents wanting their child enrolled should first contact Dynamic Moves Dance Studio on 0409 301 517 to see if a place is available.

If a place is available, students and/or parents are asked to complete a registration form and pay the annual \$25.00* registration fee upon approval of the students initial free trial class.

**Registration fee is non-refundable or transferable*

CLASSES

CLASSICAL BALLET

Classes focus on correct ballet technique and incorporate dance, theory and an artistic expression appropriate to the level.

JAZZ & HIP HOP + JAZZ MAGIC

Jazz dancing is a form of dance that showcases a dancer's individual style and originality. This type of dancing is energetic and fun, consisting of unique moves, fancy footwork, big leaps and quick turns.

LYRICAL & CONTEMPORARY

Two dance styles both with classical and jazz foundations, focusing on interpretive and abstract movement. This dance style explores a full range of body movement to create a highly expressive and boldly physical style.

TAP & STREET TAP

Tap dancing is an exciting form of dance using the feet like drums to create rhythmic patterns and timely beats. Special shoes are worn with metal taps to create the tapping sound. It combines a love of dance, music and performance. Tap dancing is a discipline that teaches the dancer about choreography, improvisation and syncopation.

ACRODANCE

A gymnastics floor-based class focusing on the correct technique for dance related tumbling and tricks. Acro dance is a style of dance that combines classical dance technique with precision acrobatic elements. It is defined by its athletic character, its unique choreography, which seamlessly blends dance and acrobatics, and its use of acrobatics in a dance context.

ADULT CLASSES / OPEN AGE CLASSES

Our adult classes / open age classes cater for all ages and abilities. It is a choreographed way to gain extra fitness and cardio workouts. You don't need to have a dancing background to join. We have adult classes in Jazz, Tap and Ballet.

Lil GROOVERS

New to our studio in 2025 is the Lil Groovers program which is designed for active, energetic and vibrant children who love to move as soon as they hear the beat. The program has been specially designed and is suitable for all boys and girls, inspiring these little leaders to make big moves.

RECREATIONAL CLASSES

Recreational Students of the studio are grouped under our DMDS AllStarz brand.

Our recreational classes are designed for fun and performance opportunities only. There is no pressure for pre-professional dance training and examinations however students will still follow our purposely designed class curriculum making sure they learn dance and all its wonderful benefits including skills, stretching and technique.

EXAMINATION CLASSES

Examination Students of studio, are grouped under our DMDS DanceClub brand.

EXAMINATIONS and PARTICIPATION ASSESSMENTS are available in Classical Ballet, Jazz and Tap genres with the Australian Teachers of Dancing and the Royal Academy of Dancing.

There is a comprehensive and modern reporting system. The students receive certificates, reports and medals on successful completion of examinations. Examinations are not compulsory.

ACROBATIC DANCE ASSOCIATION

Dynamic Moves Dance Studio is the only accredited studio in the Illawarra with The Acrobatic Dance Association. All staff are extensively trained in AcroDance.

The Acrobatic Dance Association is a progressive syllabus that takes students through all areas of acrobatic dance and aims for each student to achieve set skills and maintain these skills as they progress through to the advanced levels. The levels have been divided into basic, intermediate and advanced groups to assist teachers to design their own class structure and to prepare students for progressive development.

Acrobatic skills assist the all-round development of dancers, improving flexibility, strength, spatial awareness and confidence.



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CONCERTS & PRODUCTIONS

Students are invited to participate in our mid-year showcase and end-of-year recital held in each year. The mid-year performance is usually held in June/July and is a showcase of the student's progression so far and the end of year showcase is held in December and is our larger scale production with a themed pantomime and a dance spectacular.

Both the mid-year and end of year shows provide a positive theatre experience for our students, introducing them to lighting, sound, make-up, costumes, drama works and performing. The production highlights the student's expertise, positive attitude and direct involvement to the theatre and Entertainment Industry.

Show Contracts for student participation are handed out at the end of Term 1 and Term 2. The Show Contracts help the studio in assisting each family with costumes, dressing etc.

Please note: Costume and ticket fees are not included in tuition. They are an additional expense.

For our Junior students, the costume purchase ranges between \$35.00 - \$45.00 per genre.

For our Senior students, the costume purchase ranges between \$45.00 - \$70.00 per genre.

For our mid-year showcase, the average cost of an audience ticket is \$20.00.

For our end of year production, the average cost of an audience ticket is \$30.00 depending of the selection of your seating.

These productions are not compulsory, but are encouraged. They are such a rewarding experience for the dancers. There is never any extensive rehearsal schedules or make up requirements. We believe at Dynamic Moves Dance Studio that dancers perform better when they are happy, relaxed and in a friendly environment.



SHOULD YOU CONSIDER EXAMINATIONS FOR YOUR CHILD?

The Australian Teachers of Dancing (A.T.O.D.) is a highly reputed dance organization with members worldwide. We are leaders in the field of dance education and provide an exciting, vibrant, professional and educational environment for dance studios.

Examinations with A.T.O.D. have a wonderful reputation for being an exciting and rewarding experience for students. Examinations are conducted in a group situation and the Examiner is professional, encouraging and friendly.

We find that children who participate in examinations each year gain confidence and learn important life skills such as learning to concentrate in an examination environment which assists with their school examinations and other similar situations. Participating in examinations also gives them a goal to work towards and an opportunity to receive an independent assessment of how they are progressing technically. Ultimately, the higher levels can lead to examinations for Teaching Diplomas.

Students enter the examination room in a relaxed yet disciplined manner in groups of up to 10 students for pre dance assessments, up to 8 students for Test/Level 1 – Bronze Star/Level 5, up to 6 students from Silver Medal – Gold Bar/Elementary/Level10 and up to 4 students for Intermediate – Advanced.

A.T.O.D. prides itself on keeping examination fees to a realistic and affordable level with families in mind. On passing the examination, students receive an examination report/certificate and a medal from A.T.O.D.

Studio principal, Belinda Kawalek is one of the 25 highly sort and selected examiners for the Australian Teachers of Dancing covering both Australia and International examinations and teacher training. It was through years of hard work, continual learning and strong leadership and business management, that she was selected for this prestigious role with the Australian Teachers of Dancing.

TERMS & CONDITIONS

- ❖ **Dance Uniform** must be worn when attending each class. Students will be asked to leave the class if the dress code is not abided by. All students must attend class with the following attire:
 - Hair tied back off face either in a bun or ponytail
 - DMDS Strappy Tank, Singlet or T-Shirt
 - Black Leotard
 - Black $\frac{3}{4}$ Leggings (tap skirts for tap only)
 - Jazz shoes are to be worn
 - NO heavy jewellery or necklaces are to be worn

When competing in eisteddfods, competitions, promotional days or group activities, the Dynamic Moves Dance Studio uniform must be worn.

- ❖ **Weekly / Monthly / Term Fees** are to be paid at the beginning of each Class, Month or Term. Your child(ren)'s place in the studio will be replaced if this is not abided by.
- ❖ **Polite behaviour and Respect** towards the Teachers and fellow students is expected at all times whilst in the care of Dynamic Moves Dance Studio. If this is breached, your child(ren) will be asked to leave the class.
- ❖ **No intimidation or harassment** will be tolerated to any staff member or student. Should this occur in any class by any student or parent, they will be asked to leave immediately.
- ❖ ALL missed classes MUST be paid for.
- ❖ While students are asked to respect their teachers and fellow class mates, we expect that parents follow these rules as well. We do not tolerate any negative communication between parents, students and teachers. Any issues will be resolved directly with the people involved and action will be taken.
- ❖ No parents will be permitted to stay during any classes. This creates a distraction to the students in the class. The last week of each term we hold an open day where you can see what your child has been up to and learning.
- ❖ If you wish to discuss your child's progress or you have any queries, please contact the principal by phone, SMS or email to discuss if an appointment time is necessary. We will no longer discuss any queries before, during or after class as this disturbs the students and tends to make class times run over.
- ❖ Dynamic Moves Dance Studio has a second hand pool of dance wear and you can pick up some great bargains!

PAYMENTY Policy

ENROLMENT FEE

An annual \$25.00 enrolment fee (includes GST) is charged per student on enrolment to secure a position in the class(es) and also to cover insurance and copyright.

FEE PACKAGES

Fee packages are at the discretion of the studio director and will only be applied to accounts that are maintained in advance. We have designed 3 Fee Packages:

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| Package # 1 | Enrol in 4 classes and receive a 10% discount on the 5 th class |
| Package # 2 | Enrol in 5 classes and receive a 20% discount on the 6 th class |
| Package # 3 | Enrol in 6 classes and receive 1 class free |

** Private tuition is excluded from these packages **

WEEKLY PAYMENTS

Please hand all cash payments to the class teacher before the commencement of class. Please Note:
- Full payment must be received at the commencement of the class by cash / cheque only. A student will not be permitted to participate in class if more than 3 weeks fees are outstanding.

TERM FEES

Term fees must be paid within 14 days of the date of the invoice. A \$10 late fee will be applied every 14 days of any outstanding account. Term fees can be paid by cash, cheque made payable to Dynamic Moves Dance Studio. Term fees are non-transferable and non-refundable.

PRIVATE TUITION

Private lessons do NOT guarantee a performance spot in our productions. All missed private lessons MUST be paid for.

WITHDRAWAL / TRANSFER POLICY

Students who wish to cease attending a class must notify the Director. Parents will be responsible for payment of class fees until the Director is notified. Please note that term fees are not refundable and non-transferable.

Dynamic Moves Dance Studio reserves the right to decline services to anyone at any time.

All discounts offered will be permanently forfeited if accounts are not paid by the due date.

UNIFORMS & SUPPLIES

Our uniform requirements are available directly from the studio. Please see your class teacher for more information.

FEMALES:

Ballet -

- Mauve (Juniors) and Navy Blue (Intermediate and Seniors) Colour Sleeveless High Back Leotard with gathered front
- Matching Coloured Chiffon Skirt
- Pink tights and pink leather/Canvas ballet shoes.

Jazz -

- Black $\frac{3}{4}$ Leggings
- Black Leotard (girls only)
- Studio t-shirt *or* studio tank top with logo (optional!)
- Black Jazz Shoes. NO Dance Sneakers to be worn.

Tap -

- Black Tap Skirt
- Black Leotard
- Studio t-shirt *or* studio tank top with logo (optional!)
- Black Tap Shoes.

Boys -

- Black shorts/pants
- Black t-shirt with logo *or* plain Black t-shirt

AcroDance & Contemporary -

- Lycra shorts/pant/leggings
- Leotard (any colour) *or* Studio tank top/shirt can be worn
- Bare Feet

STUDIO ETIQUETTE & BEHAVIOUR Policy

Dancers show respect for themselves by:

- Being prompt for class.
- Dressing properly for class in studio uniform, leaving jewelry off (small earrings are allowed), and shoe laces/elastics are tied in a double knot.
- Elastics are sewn on ballet slippers. Ribbons must be worn for grades Bronze/Grade 4 and above.
- Dancewear is clean and tidy.
- Hair is up in a classical bun for ballet and a ponytail for Jazz/Tap & Hip Hop. If too short for a bun or ponytail hair must be pinned back on both sides out of the eyes and off the neck.
- Being bright, bubbly, happy and appreciative of having the opportunity to come to class.

Dancers show respect for others by:

- Keeping their hands to themselves in class.
- Waiting quietly for others to have their turn.
- Waiting until the music is finished before entering the studio.
- Talking only during share time, or when spoken to by the instructor.
- Raising their hand when they have a question.
- Refraining from touching any item that does not belong to them.
- No intimidation or harassment to any other student of the studio.

Dancers show respect for their teacher and the art form they are learning by:

- Being properly dressed and ready for class on time.
- Listening when the teacher speaks.
- When sitting on the floor, sitting with a tall back, legs crossed and hands in their lap.
- Being prepared for their turn.
- Always asking permission before leaving the classroom for any reason.
- Respect shown before, during and after class to the class teacher at all times. No back-chatting or disrespectful emotional or physical behavior to any staff member at any time.

Dancers show respect for the studio by:

- Leaving gum, food, or drink outside.
- Never hanging on the bars.
- Never running or doing gymnastics in the studio or lobby.
- Putting rubbish in the rubbish bins.
- Putting away books and magazines when they are finished with them.
- Treating the lobby with respect.
- Always wearing something over their ballet clothes when entering and leaving the building.
- Never wearing their dance shoes outside.
- Keeps all personal belongings in your dance bag.
- Chairs are for sitting on. Do not stand, kneel or place your dance bags on the seats.
- Never access studio stock without the permission of the teacher on duty.

Parents show respect for dancers, teachers, and the studio by:

- Knocking before entering the classroom if a class is in progress.
- Standing away from the viewing door if it becomes obvious that the students are becoming distracted.
- Having students ready for class on time.
- Picking up students promptly after class.
- Watching over their children while waiting in the lobby, not allowing them to be loud or distracting.
- Ensuring their children know and understand the studio rules.
- Never access studio stock without the permission of the teacher on duty.

The studio shows respect for dancers and parents by:

- Maintaining a positive learning environment promoting achievement.
- Providing students with highly qualified instructors dedicated to their art.
- Starting and ending classes on time.
- Providing educational updates.
- Providing current school information.

- Providing state of the art sprung floors to prevent injuries.
- Keeping the studio neat and clean.
- Setting a professional standard enabling the student to achieve his/her best.
- Always treating parents and students with respect by listening to their questions and providing timely responses to their wants and needs.
- Effective use of our Weekly Behavioral Plan to help us better manage each class and record any disruptions, disrespectfulness and other issues as so we can continue to provide an excellence in service to you, our client and student.

Should a student or staff member feel uneasy or threatened by any student or parent, the following action plan of discipline will take place:

- Strike 1 - Warning
- Strike 2 - Warning
- Strike 3 – If the child doesn't want to be there or participate then the child is asked to sit down
- Strike 4 - Contact with parents
- Strike 5 – Student's position at studio will be forfeited!

For 28 years now, the studio has always been a fun family friendly studio and it is my intension to keep it that way for many more years to come.

CHILD PROTECTION Policy

Dynamic Moves Dance Studio is committed to the safety and wellbeing of children and their right to live free of abuse and neglect.

All staff, teachers, volunteers and student supervisors must at all times observe protocols for child protection, and in particular hold a current Working with Children Check.

Our studio teachers and staff that are engaged in activities to which this policy and procedures apply will have completed mandatory reporting training.

At Dynamic Moves Dance Studio we will uphold this goal in all child-related activities.

COMMUNICATION

It is important to stay updated and to take responsibility for your child's extra-curricular activities at Dynamic Moves Dance Studio by:

EMAIL

admin@dynamicmovesdance.com.au

WEBSITE

www.dynamicmovesdance.com.au

FACEBOOK

[www.facebook.com /dynamicmovesdance](http://www.facebook.com/dynamicmovesdance)

Dynamic Dancers - Illawarra (private group)

www.facebook.com/groups/122052990404

INSTAGRAM

www.instagram.com/dynamicmovesdance

Email, Facebook and website updates are sent out regularly from the studio regarding any important upcoming events and information. It is also important to pop in to say “HELLO” from time to time to check in on your child’s progress.

Dynamic Moves Dance Studio prides itself in effective and thorough communication with parents, as it is our goal to ensure you are provided with everything you need to know for a successful dance season. Failure to read the information sent home could result in your child missing classes, incurring late fees or missing out on deadlines.

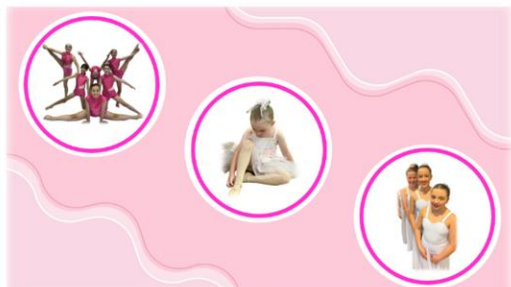
A final note;

It’s our absolute pleasure to warmly welcome you into our family at Dynamic Moves Dance Studio. Our team are always thrilled to see many familiar faces return to the studio and even more excited to see some new faces join our community.

We created this one-stop handbook to hopefully shed some light on how things will run throughout the year as well as answer a lot of queries you may have before the year begins. While we would love you to take the time to read this information carefully and keep your handbook in a safe place to refer to as you need, don’t forget that our friendly office staff are always here to help and will happily answer any queries you may have. Nothing is too big or too small, we promise!

Calendar of Events

JANUARY	FEBRUARY	MARCH	APRIL
<p>Term 1 commences Saturday 1st February 2025</p>	<p>2025 Enrolment Fees Due 28th February 2025</p>	<p>Mid-Year Performance Contracts handed out.</p> <p>Easter Raffle Donations</p>	<p>Public Holiday 1st April 2024</p> <p>Last day of Term 1 Saturday 12th April 2025</p> <p>Easter Friday 18th – 21st April 2025</p> <p>Anzac Day Public Holiday 25/04/25</p> <p>Term 2 commences Saturday 26th April 2025</p>
MAY	JUNE	JULY	AUGUST
	<p>Public Holiday 9th June 2025</p>	<p>Last day of Term 2 Saturday 5th July 2025</p> <p>Mid-Year Show Sunday 6th July 2025</p> <p>Term 3 commences Saturday 19th July 2025</p>	<p>Cadbury Chocolate Fundraiser</p>
SEPTEMBER	OCTOBER	NOVEMBER	DECEMBER
<p>Last day of Term 3 Saturday 27th September 2025</p> <p>ATOD Examinations generally towards end of September, Term 3</p>	<p>Public Holiday Monday 6th October 2025</p> <p>Term 4 commences Saturday 11th October 2025</p> <p>End of Year Show Contracts handed out.</p>	<p>Christmas Raffle Donations</p>	<p>End of Year Show Sunday 14th December 2025</p> <p>Last day of Term 4 for studio is Saturday 13th December 2025</p>



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