



ACADEMY OF DANCE
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STUDENT AND PARENT INFORMATION



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The Dance Program was launched in 2019, as one of the many activities offered in our after-school Talented Athlete Program. Utilising our own highly qualified and experienced dance teachers, sessions have been introduced covering a range of dance styles.



DANCE INSTRUCTOR: REBECCA ELLERMAN

**Bachelor of Art Dance, Bachelor of Art Education Dance/Theatre Performance (UNSW)
NIDA- Drama and Acting Techniques, Choreographer/Dance Educator/Performer
Studio Pilates Instructor**

Rebecca Ellerman has been teaching dance and creating dance work for over 20 years. She has extensive experience in a range of dance styles including ballet, contemporary, jazz, tap, hip-hop and musical theatre. Her choreography repertoire has included numerous musicals, theatre restaurant events, studio concerts, College events and HSC performances. Rebecca has been involved in bringing dance to students over the past decade, implementing dance programs for both primary and secondary students. She has also completed further theatrical study at NIDA as well as performed herself in a variety of theatre shows with singing, dancing and acting.

Rebecca has a keen interest to ensure young people are learning and creating dance in a safe environment. She is an advocate for Safe Dance Practice, ensuring the students are physically executing movement correctly and developing an understanding for how their body works. Rebecca also provides an emotionally safe environment for students to practice dance ensuring music, costumes and movement reflects the ethos of the College.



DANCE INSTRUCTOR: TRUDI PALLONE A.R.A.D

**Royal Academy of Dance Teaching Diploma
Choreographer/Dance Educator/Performer
Advanced Royal Academy of Dance**

Trudi Pallone has been teaching dance for 30 years with experience over many dance genres including ballet, contemporary, jazz, tap, and musical theatre. Trudi is most passionate about classical ballet and obtained her Royal Academy of Dance Teaching Diploma in 1988. After completing her HSC she went into full time classical ballet training and attained her Advanced Royal Academy of Dance Certificate. She then followed a career of dance that spans from local pantomimes' to performing within the Australian Opera Ballet Company and then through Europe. Returning to Australia, Trudi began her true passion, to teach dance to children of all ages. In 2018, Trudi was awarded the Royal Academy of Dance Presidents Award, a most prestigious award honouring her for her services to classical ballet.

Trudi believes classical ballet to be the foundation of all dance styles. It not only teaches the student beautiful grace and posture, but it also teaches projection and confidence. Dance is not only for the person who would like a career in dance, but it is an overall learning experience that will continue to be evident throughout the students life. Trudi is extremely excited and honoured to be joining the teaching staff at Thomas Hassall and is looking forward to working with the children.

The College Talented Athlete Program Coordinator - Mrs. Sharon Evans (P-6 Sports Coordinator) will be overseeing the program and liaising with Mrs Ellerman and Mrs Pallone on all Dance programs (sevans@thac.nsw.edu.au).

2020 DANCE PROGRAMS - KINDER – YEAR 8

In 2020 the Academy of Dance will offer programs for both boys and girls from Kinder to Year 8. The programs will be conducted after College by specialist and qualified dance educators, who are experienced at designing lessons for children or all ages and ability. The styles covered in the program will include:

- Jazz
- Contemporary
- Hip Hip
- Classical Ballet

Kinder – Year 2 - Jazz and Contemporary Dance - 1 hour session – 3.00 – 4.00pm

Designed for young students to enjoy dance in a safe environment. Students will learn basic technique for both jazz and contemporary dance styles that will establish a firm foundation in Safe Dance Practice and performance quality.

Years 2 – 8 - Jazz, Contemporary and Hip Hop Dance - 1.5 hour session – 3.00 – 4.30pm

The program will assist students in developing their dance skills in three popular dance styles; jazz, contemporary and hip-hop. They will enjoy learning dance in a safe environment through technique work, movement routines and performance opportunities. Students will also be introduced to creating their own work and exploring the choreographer within.

Kinder – Year 6 – Classical Ballet Program - 1 hour session – 3.00 – 4.00pm

Classical ballet is a popular dance activity, which enables students to work on many skills such as their coordination, flexibility, posture and strength. The program will be introduced in 2020 and the sessions will enable dancers to practise and perfect movements and positions in dance. Classical Ballet is the foundation of all forms of Dance.

SCHEDULE FOR THE ACADEMY OF DANCE PROGRAM - 2020

TERM	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
1 - 4	Kinder – Year 2 Jazz Contemporary 3.00 – 4.00pm	Years 4 – 8 Jazz Contemporary Hip Hop 3.00 – 4.30pm	Kinder – Year 2 Jazz Contemporary 3.00 – 4.00pm		Years 2 – 5 Jazz Contemporary Hip Hop 3.00 – 4.30pm
			Years 3 – 6 Classical Ballet 3.00 – 4.00pm		Kinder –Year 2 Classical Ballet 3.00 – 4.00pm

OPPORTUNITIES TO PERFORM:

Students will have opportunities to perform at College Assemblies and special events occurring at the College, such as South West Festival, Celebration and Creative Arts nights.

In Term Four, students will be involved in an evening performance at the Academy of Dance concert.

PROGRAM COSTS

Students can be enrolled in 1 or more days of the Dance Program. Fees will be placed on your College account as a one-off yearly payment for the Dance program. If you are on a direct debit your annual fee will be spread evenly over the full year.

Fees for the yearly program include an **Academy of Dance shirt** supplied to all students and the purchase of costumes for dance performances.

Please note, no refund will be provided if your child is sick, absent or withdraws from the program.

All Dance programs are 35 weeks in duration and commence in Week 3 of Term One. The year-long program continues weekly until the end of Week 7, Term Four.

Kinder – Year 2 Dance Program -

1 hour weekly lesson – \$400.00 per year (Monday or Wednesday)

Years 2 – 8 Dance Program -

1.5 hour weekly lesson – \$550.00 per year (Tuesday or Friday)

Kinder – Year 6 Classical Ballet Program -

1 hour weekly lesson – \$400.00 per year (Wednesday or Friday)

WHAT TO WEAR

Students enrolled in the Academy of Dance will be given an Academy of Dance shirt, which is worn for all sessions.

- Girls are required to wear knee length, $\frac{3}{4}$ or full length black tights.
- Boys are required to wear black shorts

Jazz, Contemporary and Hip Hop Dance

All students need to purchase black jazz shoes for the Dance lessons.

Classical Ballet

Girls will need to purchase a plain black leotard, which is worn underneath their shirt and their tights.

All students will need to purchase ballet shoes (and ballet socks). Girls are to wear Soft Pink Prolite ballet shoes.

Boys are to wear plain black ballet shoes. A single elastic strap on all ballet shoes is required.

Parents are to ensure that students are able to change into their dancewear at the end of the day.

Alternatively, parents are most welcome to come along and assist their child in getting changed if required.

NEXT STEPS

Complete the registration form indicating which program/s you are interested in online www.thac.nsw.edu.au/book

Limited places are available for each afternoon and acceptance into the program will be based on the date the online application is received. A confirmation email will be sent with further information once accepted.