

TERM 1 NEWSLETTER 2025



It's almost time to get back into the studio, and we are so excited to see you all again. Your teachers have all been refreshing their syllabus knowledge over the holidays, and I hope you've all been doing some stretches over the break!

Welcome our new students and welcome back to our returning SDA families. If any of your personal details have changed or need updating, including medical changes, please let me know via email ASAP.

All the necessary information about our dance school including fees and uniform information is found in our prospectus. You can download a copy from our news and events page on the website.

REGULAR CLASSES START ON MONDAY 3rd FEBRUARY! To review your class times, check page 2 for the current timetable.

Some important dates for 2025 are listed further on in the newsletter, so please make any relevant notes in your dairies. All dates are subject to confirmation, and can always be checked on the website

<https://www.shilleenasdanceacademy.com.au/news/dance-calendar-schedule-coorparoo/>.

NEW TEACHERS IN 2025

This year we welcome Miss Abby to our teaching staff. Abby has been a student teacher at SDA for four years and is excited to be taking Creative Movement classes on Saturdays.

We also welcome back Miss Paige to SDA. Emirates loss is SDA's gain!! A much-loved teacher, Paige will be teaching on Thursday and Friday afternoons.

Finally, we warmly welcome Miss Vanessa to teach Intermediate & Advanced ballet on Mondays. Vanessa is a First Company Artist with the Queensland Ballet, and we look forward to her passing on her extensive dance knowledge to our students.

PERFORMANCE TROUPE

Our Performance Troupes were finalised at the end of last year with increased numbers overall. Last year's Christmas shows for BlueCare Wynnum and Camp Hill Aged Care was so much fun (and very well attended by residents). Thanks to everyone who participated!!

This year we will be competing at the Wynnum, Future Stars and Beenleigh Eisteddfods, as well as a new eisteddfod being organised by the Southern Federation of Dance. We will also be returning to various charity events and other performances throughout the year.



Don't forget to update any contact details with Miss Shilleena. Students can have their own email address added as well as a parent email.

2025 TIMETABLE

Below please find the timetable for Terms 1 & 2. Term 3's timetable will be very similar but may combine some classes in preparation for the concert (more info to come in term 2).

MONDAY – YORK STREET UPSTAIRS			MONDAY – YORK STREET DOWNSTAIRS		
3:30-4:15	Grade 2 Ballet (class 1)	Miss Edie	3:45-4:30	Grade 4 Ballet (class 1)	Miss Alanah
4:15-5:15	Level 2 Contemporary (14/15 yrs)	Miss Edie	4:30-5:30	Intermediate Performance	Miss Alanah
5:15-5:55	Sub & Senior Performance	Miss Alessandra	5:30-5:55	Intermediate Performance	Miss Edie
5:55-6:30	Senior Performance	Miss Alessandra	5:55-6:30	Inter & Sub Performance	Miss Edie
6:30-7:45	Elementary Ballet (class 1)	Miss Alanah	6:30-7:45	Intermediate Ballet (class 1)	Miss Vanessa
7:45-9:00	Open Adult Advanced Ballet (class 1)	Miss Vanessa	7:45-8:45	Grade 8 Tap	Miss Shilleena
9:00-9:30	Pas De Deux	Shilleena/Vanessa			
TUESDAY – YORK STREET UPSTAIRS			TUESDAY – YORK STREET DOWNSTAIRS		
3:45-4:45	Acrobatics Level 1 (7+ yrs)	Miss Eden	4:00-4:45	Grade 4 Ballet (class 2)	Miss Zoe
4:45-5:45	Acrobatics Level 2	Miss Eden	4:45-6:00	Pre-Elementary Ballet (class 1)	Miss Zoe
5:45-7:00	Acrobatics Level 3	Miss Eden	6:00-7:00	Open Cabaret Jazz	Miss Zoe
7:00-9:00	Sub & Senior Performance	Miss Eden	7:00-8:00	Open Adult Jazz	Miss Zoe
			8:00-9:00	Open Adult Contemporary	Miss Zoe
WEDNESDAY – YORK STREET UPSTAIRS			WEDNESDAY – YORK STREET DOWNSTAIRS		
3:45-4:30	Junior Street Jazz (6-11 yrs)	Miss Emma			
4:30-5:15	* Grade 5 Ballet (class 1)	Miss Zoe	4:15-5:15	* Grade 9 Tap	Miss Shilleena
5:15-6:30	Intermediate Ballet (class 2)	Miss Shilleena	5:15-6:30	Grade 7 Ballet (class 1)	Miss Zoe
6:30-7:45	Open Contemporary (16+)	Miss Shilleena	6:30-7:30	Level 1 Contemporary (11-13 yrs)	Miss Zoe
7:45-9:00	Open Adult Advanced Ballet (class 2)	Miss Shilleena	7:45-9:00	Elementary Ballet (class 2)	Miss Zoe
* 9 Tap/5 Ballet/ Int Street Jazz will alternate who is in the third lower room so each class is only in the 3 rd room once every 3 weeks *			WEDNESDAY – THIRD LOWER ROOM		
			4:30-5:15	* Intermediate Street Jazz (12-15 yrs)	Miss Emma
THURSDAY – YORK STREET UPSTAIRS			THURSDAY – YORK STREET DOWNSTAIRS		
4:00-5:15	Grade 10 Jazz	Miss Paige	4:00-5:15	Grade 9 Jazz	Miss Alessandra
5:15-6:15	Open Lyrical (15+ years)	Miss Alessandra	5:15-6:15	Grade 7 Ballet (class 2)	Miss Alanah
6:15-7:15	Commercial Jazz (15+ years)	Miss Paige	6:15-7:00	Pointe Tech (Syllabus Students)	Miss Alanah
7:15-8:15	Open Jazz Technique (15+)	Miss Alessandra	7:00-8:15	Pre-Elementary Ballet (class 2)	Miss Alanah
8:15-9:15	Advanced Cabaret Jazz (15+)	Miss Alanah			
FRIDAY – YORK STREET UPSTAIRS			FRIDAY – YORK STREET DOWNSTAIRS		
4:00-5:00	Grade 7 (2 nd Year) Jazz	Miss Edie			
5:00-6:00	Grade 7 Tap	Miss Paige	5:00-6:00	Grade 6 Tap	Miss Edie
6:00-7:00	Grade 8 Jazz	Miss Edie	6:00-7:00	Grade 6 Jazz	Miss Paige
7:00-8:00	Open Tap Technique	Miss Paige	7:00-8:00	Open Adult Beginner Tap	Miss Edie
8:00-9:00	Open Adult Beginner Ballet	Miss Edie			
SATURDAY – YORK STREET UPSTAIRS			SATURDAY – YORK STREET DOWNSTAIRS		
8:00-9:00	Open Pointe & Ballet Conditioning	Miss Alanah	8:15-9:00	Foundation Ballet (5yrs)	Miss Liliias
9:00-10:00	Open Adult Intermediate Ballet	Miss Alanah	9:00-9:30	Foundation Jazz (5yrs)	Miss Liliias
			9:30-10:00	Foundation Tap (5yrs)	Miss Liliias
10:00-11:00	Open Adult Intermediate Tap	Miss Alanah	10:00-10:45	Grade 2 Tap	Miss Liliias
11:00-12:00	Grade 5 Ballet (class 2)	Miss Alanah	10:45-11:30	Grade 2 Jazz	Miss Liliias
			11:30-12:15	Grade 2 Ballet (class 2)	Miss Liliias
12:00-1:00	Grade 5 Tap	Miss Alanah	12:15-1:00	Grade 1 Tap	Miss Liliias
1:00-2:00	Grade 5 Jazz	Miss Liliias	1:00-1:45	Grade 1 Jazz	Miss Alanah
2:00-2:45	Grade 3 Jazz	Miss Alessandra	1:45-2:30	Grade 1 Ballet	Miss Alanah
2:45-3:45	Grade 4 Tap	Miss Alessandra	2:45-3:30	Grade 3 Tap	Miss Alanah
3:45-4:45	Grade 4 Jazz	Miss Alessandra	SATURDAY – THIRD LOWER ROOM		
			8:30-9:00	Creative Movement (2.5-4yrs)	Miss Abby

Legend: Pink = Ballet, Red = Jazz, Blue = Tap, Green = Commercial/Street Jazz, Lime = Technique classes, Purple = Cabaret, Brown = Contemporary, Grey = Acrobatics, Aqua = Performance



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SFD BALLET, TAP & JAZZ EXAMS

Examinations are a wonderful way to assess the progress of a student against the wider dance community through a standard set of exercises. At SDA, however, we understand that exams are not for everyone. To be eligible to undertake ballet exams, students need to attend two classes per week from Grade 2 onwards. Jazz and tap exams are taken every year for grades Foundation to 4, and then every second year for grade 5 and above (unless otherwise determined by your teachers).

During the first five weeks of term, teachers will be looking at every student and deciding if they are ready to undertake an exam in their chosen discipline. A letter will then be sent to parents via email outlining whether we feel they are ready to participate in an exam. If you have strong feelings regarding whether you would like your child to undertake an exam this year, please let me know.

Examinations are held at the York Street studios in the middle of June. Please reconsider booking any travel at this time if you wish for your child to participate in exams. There are at least two additional rehearsals prior to the exam that are compulsory for every student.

2024 CONCERT "REFLECTIONS"

We hope everyone enjoyed last year's REFLECTIONS concert at the LEC. Everyone danced so beautifully, and all your teachers were incredibly proud of your efforts! It was a very special experience, and I hope everyone felt the joy and camaraderie of the SDA family.

Congratulations to Caitlin Power and Kairi Stancombe who were named joint winners of the SDA Perpetual Trophy for 2024 and to all our other award winners!

If anyone is still interested in purchasing the live action photos, please do not hesitate to contact me as I can always authorise additional downloads. Please also remember to download your copy of the filmed concert before the link expires.

Save the date for this year's show - Saturday November 8. The theme for this year's concert is "ICONIC" with dances referencing icons of music, culture, sport, history and geography.

DANCE DATES 2025

TERM 1 2025 03/02/25-05/04/25

16 January Charity Dance Day
2 February Performance Troupe Bootcamp
24-29 March Parent Watching Week #1

TERM 2 2025 22/04/25-28/06/25

21 April Easter Monday Public Holiday no classes
25 April ANZAC Day no regular classes
25 April Performance Troupe dress rehearsals
5 May Labour Day no classes
May/June Wynnum Eisteddfod
May/June SFD Ballet, Tap & Jazz Workshops
June SFD Ballet, Tap & Jazz Exams

TERM 3 2025 14/07/25-20/09/25

19-20 July Costume Measuring Weekend
July/August Future Stars Eisteddfod
2 August Beenleigh Eisteddfod (Opens)
3 August Beenleigh Eisteddfod (15U)
10 August Beenleigh Eisteddfod (12U)
13 August EKKA Public Holiday no classes
16-17 August SFD Eisteddfod
30 August SDA Choreography Competition
8-13 September Parent Watching Week #2

TERM 4 2025 06/10/25-06/12/25

6 October Combined Concert Timetable commences
October Professional SDA Photos
26 October Theatre/Dress Rehearsal at LEC
8 November ICONIC Concert 11am & 5pm
10 November Term 4 Timetable Commences
17-22 November Dress Like Your Teacher week
24-25 November Performance Troupe Auditions
24-29 November Bring A Friend week
1-6 December Crazy Costume Week
6 December SDA Break Up Party
December PT Break Up Party



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GENERAL INFORMATION

Second hand shoes and clothing are available at the studio. There are ballet, tap, jazz and character shoes, as well as some leotards, shorts and skirts. If you would like to look at any of the items, please ask your teacher before or after class. The second hand items are in the middle of the new sliding cupboards in the kitchen of the upstairs hall.

If you have items to sell, please place them in a ziplock bag with your name, the size of the item, and your asking price clearly marked on the front and give them to your teacher (please note we don't accept tights). Items are left at your own risk and we take no responsibility for items placed for second hand sale.

Lost Property is placed in the right-hand side of the sliding cupboard in the kitchen in the upstairs hall. We endeavor to return named items to their owners. At the end of each term, all unclaimed items are donated to charity.

Fees for lessons are charged per term. Fees are calculated by dividing the annual fee into 4 equal term payments, therefore there will be no adjustments for shorter- or longer-term periods. There will be classes held on all pupil free days and on some, but not all, public holidays. If your class falls on a day when we are not holding classes, you will receive a credit off your invoice.

Payment by cash or direct deposit is required by week two of each term. Please email your remittance advice as soon as possible and use your invoice number and surname as reference. If you have queries about your account, please direct them to Shilleena via email or phone.

Withdrawing your enrolment must be made in **writing to Miss Shilleena** otherwise fees will continue to accrue as the student's place is held in the class. If a student withdraws their enrolment before the end of a term, the full term's fees will remain payable.

Classes Missed due to illness or Holidays will not be refunded or credited. Students may take a 'make-up' lesson instead with a comparable class. Make-up lessons are valid up until the end of term 4 then they expire at the end of every year. After the concert is the perfect time to use any make-up lessons you may have, try out a new class or add a second ballet class – there are heaps of options! Please contact Shilleena if you would like to arrange a make-up lesson at any time.

Unpaid fees attract an administration fee of 20% to all outstanding balances. Prompt settlement of any overdue accounts will prevent the school from spending unnecessary administration time chasing overdue accounts.

Casual classes for adult or advanced classes are \$25 per class. Please give the correct money to your teacher at the start of each lesson.



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