STARZ
DANCE CENTRE

2018
INFORMATION PACK

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Welcome to Starz Dance Centre for 2018. If you are looking to start dance lessons for the first time, looking for a highly enjoyable hobby or are hoping to pursue a career in dance, we certainly have it all under the one roof.

Starz first opened its doors in 2005 and we have been sharing our love of dance with families in the Macedon Ranges community for the last 13 years. At Starz we are committed to ensuring that every student has the opportunity to develop a love of dance, reach their full potential and receive consistent dance training of the highest possible standard, all in a friendly and encouraging environment. Our school is pleased to cater for both serious and recreational dancers. We understand that whilst most students will not choose dance as a career, it is vital that correct training be taught right from the beginning, so that the doors of opportunity are wide open.

We pride ourselves on having a nurturing, engaging and inspiring atmosphere where all students are made to feel valued and a part of our dance community. We believe that dance training helps to develop personal qualities that every student will carry with them during their school years and throughout their lives, such as dedication, strong work ethic, resilience, mental focus, physical strength, team work and self confidence.

Starz is a wonderful place to learn and I look forward to welcoming you to my school in 2018.

Laura Smith
Director and Principal

Why Choose Starz?

**Great range of classes**: Starz is committed to providing excellence in dance training to students of all ages and skill levels. Starz currently offers classes in classical ballet (ATOD), jazz, tap, contemporary and tiny tots.

**We have the perfect balance**: Don’t stress about choosing a recreational OR professional studio, we offer classes to suit all kinds of dancers and have just the right balance of fun and discipline. Those wishing to dance purely for recreation are welcome to attend for enjoyment and fitness, and those wishing to take their dancing further are offered extra opportunities to help them be extended.

**Organised and professional**: We pride ourselves on being a super organised studio, so you will always know what’s happening within the school and when, with our up-to-date and detailed information.

**Professional & safe venue**: Our purpose built studios make all of our dancers feel the part!

**Correct technique from the beginning**: Even though our junior classes focus a lot on fun, we still ensure we teach students strong technique right from the very start. This way students can pursue dance more seriously down the track if they wish.

**Our values**: Starz encourages important values such as commitment, effort, respect to others, accountability, resilience and work ethic whilst also promoting an active, creative and healthy lifestyle.

**Amazing teachers**: Starz teachers are extremely passionate about teaching dance. We are all excited to be able to share our love of this art with our students and feel privileged to guide your child through their individual dance journey.

**Amazing opportunities on offer**: Including optional exams, performances, workshops and competitions.

**Be part of a community**: You can socialise, have fun, and form lifelong friendships.
Our Starz faculty include highly trained, experienced and passionate dance teachers that have vast experience in teaching & performing. All staff members hold current Working With Children Checks and are committed to providing a safe and nurturing environment for our students to learn in. Full details about our teachers can be found on our website www.starzdance.com.au

Studio Location: 44 Beauchamp Street, Kyneton

Our beautiful venue is set up solely for the purpose of dance classes and has the following features:

- Two fully-equipped dance studios
- Wall mounted barres & mirrors in Studio 1
- Portable barres & mirrors in Studio 2
- Safe dance-engineered, fully sprung, non slip dance floors throughout
- Full length examination/performance curtains in Studio One
- Climate control - heating and air conditioning to both studios
- Modern & spacious waiting area
- Ample off-street car parking
- Toilets & Change room area’s
- Student notice and photo boards
- 24 hour monitored security surveillance
- In studio television & DVD player for educational purposes
- Props and storage area
- On-site extensive wardrobe/costuming storage

ENROLMENT

Starz takes new enrolments from the beginning of the year until early to mid Term 3. Trial classes are most welcome before a student decides to enrol in a particular class. Uniform does not need to be purchased until after the trial lesson, to ensure children wish to continue.

Regular attendance at classes is expected from all students and is vital in order for them to learn effectively. It is also expected that when a student enrols at the school, classes will be undertaken for the entire year. Any student that wishes to withdraw their enrolment during the year must notify the Principal in writing. It is expected that no withdrawals are made in terms 3 and 4, as this causes great disruption to groups formations and concert choreography.

An enrolment form must be completed prior to commencing classes. Enrolment forms are accessed via our schools website—www.starzdance.com.au

Once enrolled, a detailed school handbook will be sent to all families outlining our studios policies.
DO YOU HAVE A LITTLE ONE THAT LOVES TO DANCE?

Our Starz Pre-Schooler Dance classes are designed for students aged 2-5 years that are pursuing dance as an enjoyable and healthy hobby. We offer the most innovative, exciting and fun dance program around!

TWINKLE TOTS - Ages 2-3 years
This class is a wonderful introduction to music and dance. Students get to enjoy all the fun of a dance class with a special adult helper in the classroom with them (Mummy, Daddy, Nana etc). These classes focus on teaching dance basics along with encouraging creativity.

TINY STARZ - Ages 3-5 years
Tiny Starz is our class for Kinder aged children that attend the lesson by themselves and feel like ‘big ballet dancers’. Students will have so much fun learning fairy runs, catching stars, leaping through the clouds, dancing to the Wiggles and much more! All while learning the fundamentals of dance which include coordination, good posture and balance. The classes are made up of both structured and non-structured exercises which allow opportunities for free and creative movement.

All pre-school students are invited to join in our super fun in-school events such as dress up days, theme days and workshops, and of course our magical end of year concert. Tots are usually only required for the first half an hour of the performance and then they are welcome to watch the rest of the show with their families!

Please contact us for further information including class times.

KIDS/TEEN CLASSES

When students reach school age they may choose to commit to one or more of our classes on offer in a more dedicated environment. Whether a recreational or serious dancer, we have something for everyone. All class numbers are capped to ensure our students are not just a number and every student has the chance to reach their full potential.

Starz offers a wide range of classes for kids and teens in the following styles:

- Classical Ballet (ATOD)
- Pointe & Pre Pointe
- Jazz
- Tap
- Contemporary
- Lyrical
- Ballet Extension
- Character/National Dance studies
- Optional Competitions & Ballet exams
- Workshops & Masterclasses

Former Starz students have been accepted into The Australian Ballet School, Victorian College of the Arts Secondary College (VCASS), Australian Conservatoire of Ballet, Patrick Studios Australia, Ev & Bow Dance Company, The University of Melbourne and more.
COMPETITIONS

Competitions are an optional activity offered at Starz. Students showing outstanding dedication and enthusiasm may be invited to join our schools competition teams or become solo representatives when they reach the appropriate standard. Troupe competition teams encourage students to work hard as a team, support one another and show a group commitment so they can perform to the best of their abilities. We have a strong emphasis on team work and the journey to our final performance, rather than simply the result achieved at the end. Starz does not hold auditions for solo students or competition teams and instead selects students based on their dedication, enthusiasm and ability.

BALLET EXAMS

Starz offers examinations in the Australian Teachers of Dancing classical ballet syllabus. Students in the Grade 1 level up the Advanced level are invited to participate. Starz is proud to hold our annual examinations at our fully equipped Kyneton studio in August each year. We welcome a qualified examiner each year appointed by the Australian Teachers of Dancing. Exams are not compulsory and are an optional event. Classical ballet exams provide a wonderful goal and a special day to work towards during the year. Exams will be offered to those students who are confident and ready to take part in their levels exam. Students who are not quite ready may wish to do an Assessment Exam instead (an exam without a mark - just a written paper) so that they can still be involved.

It is compulsory for Grade 2 ballet levels and above to participate in a minimum of 2 ballet classes per week if they wish to participate in exams.

WORKSHOPS & MASTERCLASSES

Starz welcomes and encourages students to attend workshops, masterclasses, summer schools and various other extra curricular activities. All programs undertaken outside of Starz in relation to dance must be approved by the Director, Miss Laura. Regular training at other dance studios is not permitted due to the conflict of interest this creates. Involvement in external extension programs may be approved provided students maintain commitments to Starz first and foremost, understanding that training at Starz must never be compromised.

COMMUNITY EVENTS

Starz is actively involved in our local community and we are proud to offer events that enhance our sense of community. Community events help us to develop a strong sense of school-pride and allow for fun outside the classroom where friendships blossom and memories are made. Some of these include:

- Local festival performances and parade involvement
- Performances at local aged care homes
- Senior Student viewing days for younger students to attend
- In-school Discos and Pyjama party
- Christmas/end of year break up parties
- Specialty in-school dress up days and charity fundraisers
**UNIFORM**

Starz Dance Centre has a set uniform for each class and must be adhered to. Being neat and tidy for classes is part of the discipline of dance training, so please ensure that students are groomed well for classes. See the uniform list on our website for full details of requirements - www.starzdance.com.au

Uniforms are available at ENERGETIKS Dance Store in Essendon or DANCE YOUR WAY in Kangaroo Flat.

Second hand uniforms may be bought and sold by parents on our schools Facebook page.

**ANNUAL CONCERT**

The Starz Annual Performance is always the highlight of the year and a much anticipated event for both dancers and parents. Students and their family and friends enjoy a taste of real theatre, complete with stunning costuming and props, lighting and a live audience. The experience of performing on stage is vital in the development of young dancers, as well as being thrilling, exciting and fun!

The concert is held in early to mid November at the Kyneton Town Hall. Preparations commence in term three and require some extra rehearsals in the week leading up to the performance.

Tiny Tots and very young students perform only in the first half of the show and are invited and encouraged to watch the second half with their families.

In fairness to all students and group members, there are to be no absences during Term 4 (and preferably term 3 also) for students that wish to be in our end of year concert, as this causes major disruptions to our rehearsals, formations and preparations. Any student that cannot attend all scheduled theatre rehearsals the week leading up to the concert will not be permitted to participate.

Extra expenses associated with our concert include costume hire (approx $20 - $45 per costume) and a venue levy (approx $35 per child).

Optional expenses include DVDs, audience tickets & photos.
Starz offers competitive and affordable rates for students starting out in dance, as well as fee packages for committed dancers that wish to do multiple classes per week. We offer multiple class discounts and family discounts to assist where possible.

The below terms and conditions outline our fee policies:

- Fees must be paid by the due date
- Term fees are a set charge regardless of the number of weeks
- ALL FEES ARE STRICTLY NON-REFUNDABLE - This includes change of mind, withdrawal or change of circumstance
- Terms fees are sent out 3-4 weeks before the due date via email
- Failure to make payment by the due date (or arrange otherwise) will result in the student not being allowed to attend classes, incur a $10 late payment fee each week until payment is received and term fees excluded from any discounts
- Discounts do not apply on costume or troupe accounts
- All private coaching and uniform sales are strictly cash only
- Family discounts apply to families with 2 or more children attending. Please contact us for details.
- Families experiencing financial difficulties may apply in writing for an extension on the due date.

#### YEARLY ENROLMENT FEE

$28 per student or $50 for families with two or more children

This fee goes towards students public liability insurance, APRA, AMCONS & PPCA licenses, printing and the everyday items needed in the studio (paper towel, toilet paper, cleaning expenses etc). The enrolment fee is non refundable.

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**Multiple Class Discounts**

- 2 weekly classes: 10% off each class
- 3 weekly classes: 20% off each class
- 4 or more weekly classes: 25% off each class

*Troupes and solos not included

#### PAYMENT METHODS

Cash, cheque or direct deposit (No credit card or EFTPOS facilities).

#### INSTALMENTS

Instalment payment plans are available to families with fees totaling more than $500 per term. Plans must be applied for in writing at least 2 weeks before the due date. Instalments must be paid in full by the end of each term and cannot be carried over to the next term.