



**WestEnd
Performing Arts**

**2021
Information Pack**

Senior (15+ years)


EXCELLENCE



IF YOU BELIEVE YOU
WILL SUCCEED

Our Values

CREATIVITY



EMBRACE YOUR
PASSION FOR THE
ARTS TO EXPLORE
CREATIVITY

PASSION



DO WHAT YOU
LOVE TO DO

TEAM WORK



REACHING IN
UNITY TOWARDS A
COMMON GOAL

CONFIDENCE



STRONG MINDS AND
STRONG BODIES
LEADS TO
CONFIDENCE AND
FUTURE SUCCESS.

SENIORS (15+ YEARS) TIMETABLE

Monday

4.30-5.30pm Progressing Ballet Technique
 5.30-6.30pm Hip Hop
 6.30-7.30pm Ballet
 7.30-8.30pm Contemporary

Wednesday

4.30-5.30pm Tap
 5.30-6.30pm Jazz
 6.30-7.30pm Ballet
 7.30-8.30pm Acrobatics

Friday

5.00-6.30pm Dance Cirque
 6.30-7.30pm Drama
 7.30-8.30pm Musical Theatre

Saturday

12.15-1.15am Ballet Extension
 1.15-2.15pm Pre-Pointe/Pointe
 2.15-5.15pm Troupe



Students **MUST** dance from home if they are unwell. We will provide dance instruction via Zoom class links if you are needing to dance from home.

There will be no refunds for students not attending class due to illness AND/OR if government restrictions require us to stop face-to-face learning. If government imposed restrictions require us to once again close our doors we will revert to immediate online learning platforms. By enrolling in 2021, you are agreeing to this approach and understand that you will not be refunded for any fees paid.

FEES

Classes	Per Week	Per Term	Savings Per Term
1 Class	\$16.00	\$160.00	
2 Classes	\$28.80	\$288.00	\$32.00
3 Classes	\$40.80	\$408.00	\$72.00
4 Classes	\$52.50	\$525.00	\$115.00
5 Classes	\$65.60	\$656.00	\$144.00
6 Classes	\$78.75	\$787.50	\$172.50
Dance Cirque Troupe	\$20.00	\$200.00	
Private Dance	\$35.00	\$350.00	
Private Singing	\$35.00	\$350.00	
Group Singing	\$22.50	\$225.00	

Packages	Per Week
Unlimited Classes: Unlimited classes excludes troupe classes, and private lessons	\$89.00
Troupe Package: Unlimited classes including troupe	\$99.00
Elite Package: Unlimited classes, including troupe and 1 Private Dance and 1 Private Singing lesson weekly.	\$134.00

Annual Registration Fee: \$25 per student (due at enrolment)

Please note: Our Term fees are based on an average 10 week Term. Fees are payable via monthly direct debit or upfront.

CLASSES

Classical ballet (AICD)

Classical ballet is at the core of all dance forms. It is a beautiful and highly technical art. We teach Borovansky (AICD) ballet syllabus. Ballet students are encouraged to take 2 AICD classes a week from Grade 2 at school age onward.



Jazz (IDT syllabus)

Our jazz classes have current music, with a focus on commercial dance as seen in live performances, world tours, and television. These classes also incorporate leaps, turns and flexibility training with an emphasis on learning choreography and developing style.



Tap (SFD syllabus)

Tap dance develops children's sense of rhythm and musicality as well as being great fun! Classes incorporate both old style and current style - from musical theatre styled tap to upbeat street tap. Our tap students also have the opportunity to take tap exams under the Southern Federation of Dancing (SFD).



Acrobatics (Acrobatic Arts syllabus)

A very popular class for all ages and levels. Students begin working on their basic tumbling skills and then work their way up to more advanced tumbling including aerial skills.



Hip hop

Hip Hop classes are fast dynamic classes in line with the current commercial hip hop styles and age appropriate music. They are loads of fun and suitable for boys, girls and all ages!



Musical theatre

For all the theatre stars in the making! Students learn to act, sing and dance all in the one class. Includes vocal warm ups, group vocal work, monologues, script work, dance routines and more.



Drama

Designed to introduce students of all ages to the many facets of performing in theatre, television and film. For students who wish to nurture their self-confidence and personal development but also for the serious student who wishes to pursue a career in the performing arts.



Contemporary

Originally based on ballet technique our contemporary classes focus on developing a strong contemporary style and understanding of all areas of floor work and choreography.



Circus Class

A class for students of all experience levels! Students work on lots of different circus skills including acrobatics skills, juggling skills and some aerial skills on Lyra (aerial hoop) and silks.



Other classes we offer include:

- **Progressing Ballet Technique**
- **Body Conditioning**
- **Ready Set Dance Pre-school Dance Classes**
- **Private Dance Lessons**
- **Private Singing Lessons**
- **Group Singing Lessons**
- **Competition Preparation for Dance and Singing**

TERM DATES 2021

THE STUDIO CALENDAR

Monday 1st February - Term One commences

Thursday 1st April - Last day of Term One

Friday 16th April - Term Two commences

Monday 14th June - Queen's Birthday

Saturday 26th June - Last day of Term Two

Sunday 27th June - Mid Year Concert (TBC)

Monday 12th July - Term Three commences

Saturday 18th September - Last day of Term Three

Monday 4th October - Term Four commences

Thursday 2nd December - Concert Dress Rehearsal (TBC)

Saturday 4th December - Concert

Saturday 11th December - Last day of Term Four

Sunday 12th December - Presentation Day.

FEE PAYMENTS

You can choose which payment option works best for you. Our reception staff will help you set it up, and can help explain the processes. Parents can use the online portal any time to check their balance.

OPTION #1 - SET'N'FORGET

The first option is to fill out the **PAYMENT PLAN** form available in your portal to set up **MONTHLY** direct debit from your card. This option allows parents to have the peace of mind that they can cancel the enrolment at any time in the year. All payments are drawn on the first of each month.

However, if there is any cancellation of enrolment, or change to your package, up to 2 weeks notice is required. Please note there are strictly no refunds, or exchanges of account balance between students or siblings.

OPTION #2 - TERM PAYMENTS

Each payment due in (or before) **THE FIRST WEEK** of each term. Payments can be made at reception with cash or card, eftpos or bank transfer.

Each term is billed up front, and is payable whether the full term is attended or not. Anyone adding to their package can simply pay the difference up-front, calculated prorate.

Please note there are strictly no refunds, or exchanges of account between students or siblings.

Our admin team will email out the invoices for Term One of 2021 in late January. We offer a **TWO WEEK SATISFACTION GUARANTEE** for all new students. If for any reason your child doesn't want to continue after their first two weeks, so long as you let us know by the end of the second week, we will cancel any charges and refund any money paid up until that point.

CHANGES TO ENROLMENT

Students may choose to change or "swap" classes. When SWAPPING classes but staying on the same "pricing package" (ie. number of classes attending), the billing stays the same. Please Note we cannot allow class 'swaps' after September as classes are preparing for the concert.

If adding a class and moving to a higher pricing package, the total for the term will be adjusted prorate (only being charged for the weeks remaining).

If a parent has paid upfront but wants to reduce the number of classes, the difference may be credited to the following term for that child.

Cancelling your enrolment completely, and withdrawing as a student at WestEnd Performing Arts, the parent **MUST** email info@westendperformingarts.com.au

Unless we are notified, billing will continue automatically even if the student is not attending, and refunds for missed classes are not available under any circumstances. **Two weeks notice** is required for all cancellations. Students are welcome to continue in their classes for the two weeks, alternatively the fees for the two weeks is simply forfeited.

ILLNESS/INJURY POLICY

If a student has to miss a class because they are sick, the parent can request a make up lesson. This is scheduled the following week for a different session in the timetable - and is subject to availability. Make up lessons are unavailable after September due to the concert rehearsal process.

In the case of significant injury where a student is unable to dance for longer than 4 weeks, we can issue a credit for those weeks' fees which can be taken off the fees invoice. (If on direct debit option, this will mean that automatic payments stop early at the end of the year).

This applies ONLY if we are notified in advance by writing, and with a doctor certificate, with details of the number of weeks the child will miss.

COMMUNICATION

Newsletters are emailed termly. Please make sure that we have the correct email address on file and check your spam settings to ensure you receive all important information.

The majority of the information parents will need to know for the whole year is here on our website.



The WestEnd Performing Arts Families and Friends Facebook group is a hub of information and connectivity between all of our teachers, students and parents. We thoroughly recommend that all parents join this group.

The WestEnd Performing Arts Troupes Facebook Page is for Troupe members and their parents, which is for information related to upcoming performances, rehearsals, costumes etc.

The WestEnd Performing Arts Facebook page is for promotional photos, workshops, news and success stories.

There is also a WestEnd Performing Arts Instagram account, that you DEFINITELY should follow if you want to see more photos. Please follow our Instagram here.

COSTUMES

WestEnd Performing Arts students purchase costumes for our end of year concert. The costume levy is invoiced with class fees and is \$80 per class annually. Students get to keep their costumes, and there is no sewing or sequining required for any parents. The costumes are distributed to the students approximately one week before concert. We spread the costume levy over 40 weeks, which works out to \$2 per week. All Pre-Teen to Senior ballet costumes are \$100 per costume. Those who enrol into a class after the beginning of the year, will have to "catch up" on any missed quarterly costume fee payments - so that all students are paying the same for their costumes. No refunds (or exchanges between siblings) can be issued for any fees payments or costume levies. This is because our costume department works year-round collecting, sorting, sewing, designing etc. Some costumes are purchased or made for the end of year concert as early as February.





CONCERT

The highlight of every student's dancing year is their WestEnd Concert. For those who are new to our studio, our concert is a massive showcase that all students get the opportunity to perform in. Why is it so important? This your child's chance to shine on stage. To perform for their friends and family, and show how much they have improved over the year. Every dancer needs an audience. The WestEnd Concerts provide a truly memorable and special stage experience that celebrates the dedication, talent and achievements of every single student.

TICKETS TO THE DANCE CONCERT

Tickets to our shows go on sale [online through our website] in November. . We do our best to keep the price of the concert tickets as low as possible but we need to cover the high costs of the venues and production. Our concerts are large scale productions with state-of-the-art lighting, held in premium venues that provide a truly magical and memorable performance experience for our students, and a spectacular entertaining show for families. Performers do not require a ticket, as they will be supervised backstage throughout the concert

CONCERT PACKAGE

CONCERT PERFORMERS PACK

Every performer in any of our end of year concerts will need a Concert Performers Pack. This is \$120 and includes a HD digital copy of the WestEnd Concert Video, a certificate, a digital photo from the photo shoot and our limited edition 2021 WestEnd concert t-shirt which the students also wear on stage for the Finale. The performer fee will be billed with all customers Term 1 fees, and can be paid over the 40 weeks of classes, or as a lump sum. Siblings get a \$30 discount off their performer pack.

PHOTO SHOOT

We hold photo shoots at the studio so that our students can have professional photos taken in class groups and individually in their awesome costumes. The photo shoot will be scheduled in the weeks leading up to the concert. The photos will be available for purchase online through the photographers website.

At WestEnd Performing Arts we take very seriously the position and role we play for young people in our community. We are committed to maintaining best practices in relation to hygiene standards and will always strive to make our environment safe, supportive, nurturing and joyous for our students.

WHAT YOU CAN EXPECT FROM US:

- All staff will undertake Aus Gov. Covid19 infection control training and will remain up to date with government guidelines and best practice in relation to hygiene and infection control.
- All staff will receive formal training in our Covid19 procedures
- We will provide hand sanitizer, soap and disposable hand towels and tissues in the studios, bathrooms and at reception
- We will deep clean and sanitise all areas of the building daily this will include wiping down “high-touch” surfaces in between each class every day including barres, door handles and handrails
- Teachers will ensure that there is no partner work or use of communal props in class
- Display of social distancing markers in reception and inside the studios
- Teachers will remind students of the importance of good hand washing hygiene and ask all students to sanitize hands before and after each class and after bathroom breaks.
- Parents/carers will be called if a student presents as unwell for immediate pick up
- Staff will fully supervise all students during drop off and pick up times to eliminate the need for parents/carers to enter the building
- Staff will not come into the studio if they are unwell



Our Covid19 Safe Policies and procedures have been developed using Work Safe and Ausdance best practice guidelines. The Ausdance Return to Dance guidelines can be viewed here: <https://www.ausdancevic.org.au/resources-from-ausdance-vic>.

If you are unwell you MUST dance from home using ZOOM.

WHAT WE NEED FROM YOU:

- Students must not come to class if they are sick or have had contact with a known or suspected case of Covid-19.
- Only one adult should accompany a student to drop off and pick up
- The waiting area inside the studio is closed, all parents/carers are asked to drop and go, wait in cars or go for a walk.
- If it is absolutely necessary for a parent/carer to enter the building, hands must be sanitized prior to entry and social distancing observed at all times.
- Parents/carers are to be punctual at pick/up drop off times to avoid students needing to stay in waiting areas
- Students are asked to go to the bathroom and wash their hands before coming to the studio and are to only bring their named change of shoes and a named drink bottle to class.
- We encourage parents to wipe these items before coming to class and when you get home.
- We ask that students refrain from any unnecessary body contact and abide by the social distancing practices in place at the studio (e.g. hugging, high five etc). We understand this is more challenging for little ones and will do our best together to promote positive strategies and age appropriate alternatives.
- Full covering shoes are to be worn in every class including contemporary and acrobatics.
- A yoga mat or towel is to be brought in for all Acrobatics and Body Conditioning Classes.