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**INFORMATION PACK**





### **What classes are on offer for preschoolers in 2023?**

We have over 10 different classes on offer for our preschoolers in 2023! These classes are:

**Ready Set Ballet:** a thirty minute magical ballet experience. Level 1 is for 2-3 year olds, and Level 2 is for 4-5 year olds (those going to 'big school' in 2024 or 2025).

**Ready Set Dance:** a one hour combo class of jazz, tap and hip hop, along with some singing and fun imaginative exercises. Level 1 is for 2-3 year olds (45 minute class) and Level 2 is for 4-5 year olds (those going to 'big school' in 2024 or 2025).

**Ready Set Move with Me:** a brand new class for toddlers and their grown up. This class is great for toddlers and preschoolers who don't quite have the confidence or eagerness to leave their mum, dad or carer. Ready Set Move is the only class that doesn't participate in our concerts.

### **Can I watch my child's classes?**

In our experience, preschoolers are able to concentrate better without the distraction of noise in the room from parents and other siblings. Our program has been endorsed by leading child care experts who support the **independent learning model**. As preschoolers participate in class, they have the opportunity to develop additional secure attachments with adults (teachers) and peers. This helps them transition positively into the larger world and helps with school readiness.

Having said that, a lot of children are timid at first and need to know that a parent is close by. Our program allows parents to watch the first class if necessary to help them adjust, however we do encourage the preschoolers to enter the room on their own first.

If your child is still unsure about being away from you or their carer, then we recommend enrolling in Ready Set Move until they are confident.

### **Are your teacher's qualified?**

Yes! All teachers have their Working with Children Check and follow the program that is endorsed by early learning experts. READY SET DANCE teachers are required to gain their accreditation from READY SET DANCE Head Office before delivering the program.

### **Do we need to purchase the uniform and shoes?**

Students must wear the READY SET DANCE uniform. However, we need to make sure that our studio is the right fit for you and your child before committing to anything. If you have some reservations about committing fully, comfortable clothes and sneakers are fine for the first few lessons. Once your child has settled you can purchase the official READY SET DANCE uniform, which we know they will love. It is super easy to purchase online on our website. You can check out all the fun and fabulous dance wear and items we have in the dance wear section of our website:

<https://mds4dance.com/dance-wear-shop/ols/categories/ready-set-dance>

### **Do I need to bring anything extra to class?**

We encourage students to bring a bottle of water into class each week to help keep us hydrated. As our preschoolers have a few different pairs of shoes they need to bring to class each week, we recommend having a bag of some sort to carry them in to the studio and classroom. We have a range of preschooler backpacks available on our website if you are interested. Please do not pack snacks for your preschooler. If they know they have snacks, we sometimes end up with a picnic on the studio floor in the middle of dance class, which is not ideal. Save the snacks for home!



### **What happens on our first day of dance?**

Feel free to arrive 10-15 minutes earlier for your first class of the year. Your child's teacher, as well as Miss Melissa, will be there to greet you and your dancer and take the time to introduce themselves and get to know a little bit about their new student.

We have a fabulous backdrop for you to take some photos so you can mark this special occasion. Make sure you tag @melissadancestudio and @readysetchanceofficial on social media so we can experience the first day of dance with you!

When it is time for class to start, we will encourage your dancer to give you a kiss and hug, and their teacher will take them in to class, showing them where to put their belongings and direct them to their star. Once class begins, your little one will be so busy having fun, they won't even notice you're not there. We do have a waiting room available for you if you wish to stay, otherwise, take advantage of having an hour to yourself to run some errands or grab a coffee. The children will be waiting in their classroom for you to pick them up at the end of their lesson.

### **How do I keep up to date with everything I need to know?**

MDS sends out a bi-weekly wrap up email to keep you in the loop of all the studio happenings. We also have a private studio Facebook group. Search for MDS Family 2023 and request to be a member. This group will be active online in mid January.

### **What is watching day?**

Watching day is where parents get to view their child dance as an audience in the classroom. It is a chance for your child to begin their first step to working on their performance skills. Watching days take place on the last lesson of each term.

### **If we miss a class, can it be made up on another day of the week?**

You may swap days during the Terms you miss a class (as long as the make up class is not full). Part way through Term 3, and all of Term 4, each class works on a different routine for our end of year concert, and it is too confusing for students to be swapping days during this time.

We do recommend that you avoid alternating days too much as preschoolers need the comfort of knowing that the same teacher and their friends will be there when they go to dancing.

### **About that concert!**

We have a preschooler only concert to finish off our dance year. Our concerts are always popular, and give our preschoolers the chance to perform in a live theatre setting without the hustle and bustle of older dancers backstage. These concerts are held in November, with two shows on one day. All preschoolers will be participating in both concerts. We just love seeing our preschoolers so excited in their costumes and putting on a fabulous show for their families.



## COORDINATION

The carefully sequenced and playful program develops physical **COORDINATION**, the **COORDINATION** of the senses, the coordination of mental processes and language and the **COORDINATION** of social connections.



## CONFIDENCE

Regular and sustained participation in **READY SET DANCE** classes helps children to develop their **CONFIDENCE** as they try new things, practice and consolidate existing skills and experience success and mastery.



## CREATIVITY

Children are encouraged to use their **IMAGINATIONS**, to think divergently and to explore their own **CREATIVE** responses to the invitations within dance, music and drama.





**READY SET MOVE** is a creative movement and music class for toddlers and their grown up.

The class consists of 3 sections – ENGAGE, EXPLORE AND EXPRESS. The **ENGAGE** section is a playful exploration of music, nursery rhymes, lap play and parachute fun.

The **EXPLORE** section is set up as a circuit around the room with obstacles like stepping stones, tunnels and sensory activities designed to encourage investigation and build coordination skills. The **EXPRESS** section of the class involves free dance movement which develops creativity with instruments, feathers and bubbles.

Join our community and learn new ways to interact with your toddler. Young children at this age are in the period of highest brain growth and development in their lifespan. Participating in READY SET MOVE with the support of a grown up can make a significant contribution to play, development and learning. So come and bounce like a bunny, be slow like a sloth and create memories with your special little mover.

As your official location for READY SET MOVE, we are super excited to bring this brand new program to you again in 2023. There is a uniform t-shirt to purchase on our website for our toddlers to feel included in part of a team, and one for our grownups too if you wish!





## OUR PRESCHOOL CLASS SCHEDULE:

### MONDAY:

9:30-10:00am	Ready Set Ballet Level 1
	Ready Set Ballet Level 2
10:00-10:45am	Ready Set Dance Level 1
10:00-11:00am	Ready Set Dance Level 2
10:15am-11:00am	Ready Set Move with Me

### TUESDAY:

3:30-4:00pm	Ready Set Ballet Level 2
4:00-5:00pm	Ready Set Dance Level 2

### WEDNESDAY:

9:15-10:00am	Ready Set Dance Level 1
10:00-10:30am	Ready Set Ballet 2-5 years
10:30-11:30am	Ready Set Dance Level 2

### SATURDAY:

9:00-9:45am	Ready Set Level 1
9:45-10:15am	Ready Set Ballet 2-5 years
10:30-11:30am	Ready Set Dance Level 2



### **How do I enrol?**

Once you've found the best day, time & class for your child, simply pop on over to the website and enrol online! It is super quick & easy. While you're there, you can purchase any of your uniform items required straight away, or wait until you've tried the first class. There is a \$15 non refundable registration fee that is payable upon enrolment.

Take the time also to read through our studio information guide also, so you are aware of how our studio operates.

The next time you hear from us will be a few weeks before our first class. Classes commence on Monday 6th February 2023.

### **Contact us anytime you have questions:**

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