



PERFORMING ARTS STUDIO

**PRESCHOOL
PROGRAM
HANDBOOK & PARENT
INFORMATION
2020**

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1. Studio Handbook

This is available on our website and is a wonderful introduction to our studio and should answer all your questions.

2. Information for Parents of Preschool Students

Our purpose at TIDC is to provide the highest-quality preschool education in a secure, nurturing, and stimulating environment. TIDC performing arts studio serves the physical, emotional, and intellectual needs of the preschool students. We meet these goals with our age-appropriate curriculum and ongoing communication with parents.

The first few weeks of classes serve as an introductory phase to help students become comfortable with the overall dance experience, the classroom, their teacher, and their classmates.



Right from the beginning we focus on your child's coordination, listening skills, musical awareness, and developing imagination. We accomplish this through age-appropriate music and song, simple stretching exercises, ballet and tumbling basics, and games in an environment of creativity. Some preschool students will incorporate simple tap-dance movement at ages 3 to 5.

Preschool dance is about helping children learn to tap into their imaginations and express themselves creatively, not necessarily about learning steps (although they do get introduced to some basic steps). So don't be disappointed if your child doesn't pirouette around the house or look like a budding ballerina right away.

Preschool students usually perform one routine in our midyear concert and two in our annual Showcase.

3. Separation from Parents

The process of separating from the parent as the child attends dance class is an important accomplishment of preschool children.

As children mature, they begin to identify themselves as independent personalities. In separating from you, the parent, your child is learning to:

- develop an interest in the activities of the dance class;
- feel comfortable with other children in the class;
- understand that his/her parent will come back and pick him/her up;



It is important to know that at times young children will explore the limits of attending dance class and say they don't want to go. This period may occur anytime, but it is usually short-lived. Here are some suggestions that might help you handle the situation:

- emphasize what the child is doing at the dance class rather than what you do while he/she is in class;
- before you leave, see that the child is involved in an activity or is in the hands of a teacher;
- avoid prolonged good-byes;
- ask the teacher for help in separation. We expect the crying (and usually the tears are for the parent's benefit).

4. It May Not Be the Right Time

If your child cries or does not want to take class, don't panic. If we push children and create more stress than they are already experiencing, they may come to perceive dance class as a bad experience. That kind of negativity could make them apprehensive about dance for a long time, which isn't good for anyone involved. Never force your child into the classroom.

If your child stops attending class within the first month, the registration fee will be credited to the following year. We encourage you to have your child try again next year.

We recommend that children be encouraged to practice at home but not forced to do so. Repetition is one of the key elements for success with preschool dance students; the more they practice, the more confident they will feel. Practicing with your child allows you to join in the dance experience. Ready Set Dance is on Nick Jr and is a great way to get that extra practice in.



5. Class Information

READY SET DANCE AND BALLET

We have fabulous preschooler programs at our studio called READY SET DANCE & READY SET BALLET. We are an official location for these programs which are run in over 100 dance studios across Australia and New Zealand.



READY SET DANCE

An award winning fun filled preschool dance program introducing all styles of dance as seen on Nick Jnr.

Ready Set Dance Level 1 - A fun preschool dance class introducing all genre and styles, especially for 2-3 year olds.

Ready Set Dance Level 2- A fun preschool dance class introducing all genre and styles, especially for 4-5 year olds.

This is a one hour combo class that includes jazz, tap, hip hop, singing, music and a whole lot of FUN for girls and boys. We are very proud that Ready Set Dance was nominated as a finalist in the awards for the Best National Activity for preschoolers and achieved a Bronze award in the AusMumpreneur awards for Business Excellence.



Our preschoolers just **LOVE**:

- Busting out their hip hop moves
- Singing like a star
- Joining the puppet show
- Skipping along fairytale lane
- Floating on their yoga cloud
- Learning rhythm on our animal safari
- Jumping in puddles with their tap shoes
- Playing with our parachutes
- Going bananas with all of our cool music tracks created by the top music producers from the Australian kids television industry





READY SET BALLET

Ready Set Ballet is a 30 minute magical ballet experience for 2 – 5 year olds. Twirl our mascot will lead out little dancers through each step of the as they learn the fundamentals of ballet.



TINY TUMBLERS -An introduction into acrobatic and cheer moves, appropriate for the young dancer.

6. Fees

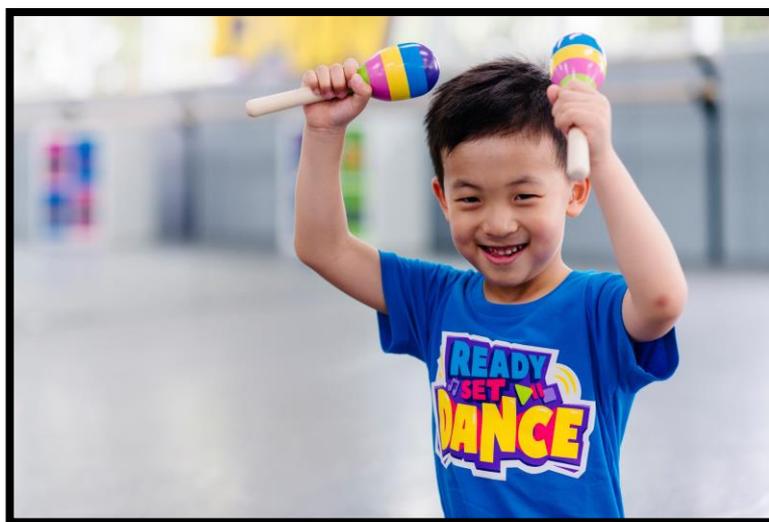
Classes are paid by term and there is discount for attending both classes, term fees are worked out over the year and divided by the four terms, performance fees are also included in these fees.

READY SET DANCE - \$150 per term

READY SET BALLET - \$100 per term

TINY TUMBLERS - \$110 per term

Special 2020 offer both RSD & RSB classes for: \$220 a term plus registration



7. Ready, Set...Uniform

There is a uniform that we are sure that you will love, but for your first class please come in comfortable clothes and shoes.

Girls – ready set leotard, tutu (RSB only), tan stockings, camel tap shoes and camel jazz shoes or ballet shoes

Hair off face in bun with RSD bow

Boys – ready set t-shirt, black shorts, black tap shoes and jazz or ballet shoes

Tiny Tumblers

TIDC singlet top and TIDC shorts, bare feet, hair in bun off face.

- All RSD/RSB dancewear is available from our shops
- West Croydon Port Rd Studio-Jazzy's Dance Boutique (Phone) 8340 9935
- Golden Grove can be ordered through Shirley Pedler



8. Performances

We offer performance opportunities for our young dancers. There will be two performances through the year first one is the mid year display – no costumes required but we do perform on a stage to start to get them ready. The end of year performance is with full costume, make- up and hair and they learn two routines, no pressure and lots of fun. The end of year will require a rehearsal and photo day also. Performances are not compulsory.

9. Housekeeping

Just a few extra notes to help your young dancer feel happy.

- *please ensure they visit the toilet prior to attending class
- *encourage good grooming once they have settled
- *Elizabeth and Golden Grove classes can be viewed via CCTV, and Golden Grove (at Rec Centre) through the glass windows
- *please bring water to every lesson
- *please read through Studio Handbook for all policies

10. Ready, Set...Begin

We offer a trial class so you can see the magic of the program before you need to take any further steps signing up. Please let us know what day you would like to come for your first class and we will make sure the office is organised to greet you and introduce you to the class teacher. You can contact the principal of the studio Kerreane, [tidcperformingarts1@me.com](mailto:tfdcperformingarts1@me.com).

Our studio is proud to be an official READY SET DANCE & READY SET BALLET location.