

Welcome to another exciting year of dance

IMPORTANT DATES

Term Dates:

Term 1:

3rd Feb – 28th Mar (8 wks)

Term 2:

14th Apr – 27th Jun (11 wks)

Term 3:

13th Jul – 19th Sept (10 wks)

Term 4:

3rd Oct - 12th Dec (10 wks)

Knox Dance Showcase:

Sunday March 15th

Masterclasses:

Classical - Sun 17th May

Jazz - Sun 24th May

ECC:

Sunday 31st May

SFD Exams:

TBA—Late July/early Aug

Compulsory class Dates:

November 14th - 28th

(2 weeks before concert)

Photo day:

Friday 13th of November

Full Dress Rehearsal:

Saturday 28th November

Concerts:

Sat 28th Nov - Evening

Sun 29th Nov - Matinee

Last day Term:

Sat 12th December

Welcome back to dancing for 2020! Its so exciting to see all the familiar faces as well as many new ones. Classes have settled in very quickly and are forging ahead with all new and exciting work. The studio has been buzzing with exam prep, solo practice, new troupe routines, new classes, new uniforms and lots of new families as well. I'm sure that many of you have lots of questions to ask. Please see reception or call the office or email me with these queries, rather than holding up teachers in between or during class times. I welcome any sort of queries that you may have, so please don't hesitate to call. My office hours do vary a lot, as this type of work takes me away from the phone. However, you are more than welcome to leave a message at anytime and I will get back to you as soon as I can. Please make sure that you have received your updated 2020 hand book, and that you read it thoroughly, as many things have changed for this year.

Admin and reception news:

Our reception hours are 4-6pm Monday to Thursdays and 9-1pm on Saturdays to help you with any administration enquiries you may have. Our staff can help you with uniform sales, enrolment details, invoice and general enquiries.

We stock uniforms for Tinies, Preschool and Sub Junior classes as well as the classic range of Energetik's tights in all sizes and styles. You can purchase these whilst the reception desk is attended and try on sample sizes. Please note, we do not have credit card facilities available at the studio.

The reception area & student lounge are there for your comfort. Children must be fully supervised, with noise kept to a minimum. Children are not permitted to run around the premises at any time. This is for their own safety, as well as for the safety and comfort of others.

Our viewing windows are there for your piece of mind, and so you can see what your child is learning. Please do not crowd around the doorway in large groups. This can be extremely intimidating and distracting to students taking class, especially when they are trying to enter or exit a studio and have to work their way through large groups of adults crowding the doorway.

Eastern Choreographic Competition

We are once again running the Eastern choreographic competition, this year at the new time of May 31st—This incentive was started with director Katrina Cichowski & Carol Booth (from Careen Dance studios) wanting to offer students an outlet to foster their creativity. The competition is for students work only. Meaning they get full creative rights to their performance material. Students fully choreograph their own routines as solos, duos or trios & perform on stage. The competition is extremely positive with careful consideration given to adjudicators, ensuring that all students are given encouragement to continue to create! The competition has sections in most styles from age 7 upwards. I strongly encourage any student who is interested to give it a go. Whilst teachers can not have any creative input to the students work, we are more than happy to help guide them to help them understand what is involved. Please don't hesitate to contact me at any time to get more information. We would love to see as many Knox kids there as possible. The competition is fully run by volunteers & all proceeds go back directly to the schools. We are currently raising money for a Tarkett flooring in studio 1 with our proceeds.

Masterclasses:

The SFD conduct student master classes in Jazz & Classical from level three (Jun Adv) upwards conducted by a SFD examiner. The emphasis of these days are on style, confidence and special tips from the examiners to gain an idea of the expectations on the exam day. I highly recommend all students participating in exams from level 3 and level 4 to attend, as they are excellent for exam preparation and confidence. Students from level 5-10 are required to attend as this is essential for higher levels. Paperwork has been sent out and can be returned to us to save admin fees. Car-pooling could be arranged with classmates if needed.

Social Media:

Don't forget to like us on Face book at www.facebook.com/knoxdanceschool and on instagram @knox_dance. If you love what we are going, please also rate us, and don't forget google. We have inspiring messages, great pics, reminders & links to useful sites. Especially good for older students. You can also join our Knox Dance News Facebook (closed group) for regular updates and reminders. You can also join Knox Dance secondhand Uniform exchange (closed group) for uniform sales.

Car park

Please take care when entering and exiting the car park. Remind your children to wait inside the studio for you to collect them and to walk along the path in front of cars, not behind them. Also, a reminder that parents are not permitted to use the parking spaces of the factory next door. Their business hours vary greatly and require access at all times. There are NO PARKING ANYTIME DAY OR NIGHT signs on the building that are currently being ignored by our parents. Our council permit relies on us sticking only to our allocated area. I would think its ok to park there when unattended, if waiting in your car for older students, obviously being prepared to move immediately if they came to open up. But not to park and leave your car.

Fees

Fees can be paid via bank deposit, cash or cheque only. All cash and cheque payments are to be placed in a named envelope with Inv number included. Please sign the cash book when depositing cash in the fees box.

Reminder, all fees are due by mid term for continuation of classes. Anyone who has outstanding fees by mid term and has not contacted be regarding a payment plan will not be able to participate in any classes.

We do not require email confirmation of bank payments, but please ensure that you include the **invoice number** when making bank deposits. Its extremely difficult to trace back to you without this.

Disney tour 2020 & Knox Dance Showcase:

After enormous success in 2017, we are off again to Disney USA this year. To help raise funds for the trip, we are holding a spectacular showcase featuring not only the fabulous Disney 2020 team but also our talented competition troupes and soloists for 2020. This showcase is a chance to celebrate all of these students hard-work and dedication and to show our support as a gorgeous dancing family.

**Grab your tickets now from reception! \$15 each
Sunday 15th March, 3pm at Melba College in Croydon.**



The best is yet to be.....