# welcome to



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Hello and thank you for your interest in our classes at Alanna's Theatre and Dance Studio. My name is Miss Alanna and I own and run Alanna's Theatre and Dance Studio, babyballet® Hampton and ChiChi Fit with Alanna.







Miss Aleisha



Miss Lucy

I have created a list of FAQs that may answer some questions you might have:

We operate from our studio at 391 Hampton Street.

# What happens after the 3 x trial class period?

What happens after the 3 x trial class period? If you continue classes with us, you will need to proceed to full registration and payment for the remainder of the term is to be made in advance to secure your place in the class. You will need to create an account with Class Manager and login to the Parent Portal which can be done via our website: Parent Portal – Alanna's Theatre and Dance Studio (atads.com.au) The total cost will be dependent on what point you enrol in the term, the length of the term and the cost of the particular class. All of this information is on the website under fees and terms and conditions.

## What if my child is sick or away and misses a class?

Firstly, if your child is experiencing any Covid symptoms it would be ideal if they did not attend class until they have been tested and their test comes back negative. In the event of an absence, please notify Alanna via SMS or email prior to the class time. Lessons that are missed because of sickness are not refundable, however the classes can be made-up where possible by attending a class on a different day. (Eg. Thursday class can be attended on the Friday or a class in a different style).

## What happens if my child is injured or not feeling 100%?

It is the responsibility of the student/parent to inform the teacher of illness or injury prior to commencing class. If your child is injured, they are still able to come and view the class as they are able to learn via observation! This is a very handy skill to have!

## Can I watch the weekly classes?

Parents/carers are welcome to view the first trial lesson *if necessary* but are not permitted to view the class each week. Having parents/carers/family members/other siblings in the room can be quite distracting and children can feel quite vulnerable having extra eyes on them when they are trying new exercises. Students tend to concentrate better on their class work and look forward to showing their parents/carers what they have learnt at the viewing class at the end of the term and annual concert. You are invited to attend the class on the last lesson in term 1

and 2 and of course the annual concert to see your child's progress. We do have a live video feed of classes if you did want to watch some of the lesson from the waiting areas.

## What does my child wear?

While there is currently no set uniform, students are expected to wear dance clothing that they can move in for safe dance purposes and so they feel comfortable. It is important that they wear something 'special' to give their dance class a feeling of occasion. I don't have set colours as some children may not be crazy for pink or purple or blue and that's ok! The most important thing is that the children feel good about themselves and are safe to dance.

# Correct shoes are essential to align with safe dance practice and hair should be neat and tidy and pulled back off the face.

You may not have shoes for trial classes and that is ok. Trial classes can have bare feet or runners depending on the class. There are a couple of dancewear suppliers that I recommend:

Capezio Elsternwick - Energetiks Moorabbin - Studio 7 Moorabbin

I have compiled a visual list of some dance class attire options. This is merely a guide to give you an idea of the options for each dance form.

<u>Shoes:</u> bare feet for acro, soft ballet shoes for creative ballet, jazz shoes for jazz, tap shoes for tap, runners or jazz shoes for hip hop and musical theatre. You can now get ballet shoes and tights in a variety of different skin tones so you can choose the skin tone that is most suitable for your child.



**Ballet Shoes** 

Jazz Shoes

Tap Shoes

\*I do have some tap and jazz shoes that can be borrowed for classes.

<u>Acro:</u> bare feet, leotard, tight fitting singlet or t-shirt, leggings or bike shorts, cropped tights can be worn underneath also.



<u>Creative Ballet:</u> It is very important that students wear correct dance attire for ballet class. Ballet tights (particularly when it is cooler) or ballet socks, leotard, ballet skirt, ballet wrap (when cool) and hair secured neatly in either a bun or ponytail to ensure that hair is aff the force.



**Tap, Jazz, Hip Hop:** Dancewear similar to what is pictured is appropriate. Tights, bike shorts, leotard, singlet top. As long as clothing is tight fitting and not loose and baggy for Tap and Jazz. Hip Hop can be more free and loose clothing.



**Musical Theatre:** Casual, comfortable clothing that allows movement.



### PLEASE NOTE:

A non-refundable annual enrolment fee of \$40 (plus gst) is due with the first term fees per customer/family. This covers administration, Public Liability Insurance, One Music Licensing for the year etc. (N.B. - If you enrol in Term 2- \$30, Term 3- \$20, Term 4- \$10).

## Do you offer examinations?

No, we do not offer exams or competitions. We will however be implementing an inhouse nonformal assessment at the end of term 1, 2 and 3 so children can see what areas require improvement. The children will be issues with a checklist of what skills they are required to be working on in the 2<sup>nd</sup> class of term and at the end of the term we will check in with how those skills are going. It is a good way for the children to set some goals and continue to progress but without the pressure of a formal examination.

## Do you have a concert?

Yes, we do an end of year concert and it will take place Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> of December at 4pm at the Hampton Community Centre with dress rehearsal on Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> November and all students are invited to perform.

## Is the concert compulsory?

No, it is not compulsory, but we have never had a student not want to perform in the concert with their friends in front of their family (9)

If you do have any questions, please feel free to ask! No question is too small! I am usually best contacted via email or text. We really look forward to welcoming you back or welcoming you for the first time to Alanna's Theatre and Dance Studio.

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