



Term 1 News

Happy New Year! I hope you all had a great break and are well rested, ready for a fantastic year of dance. The staff and I are super excited about the dance year ahead!

I would like to take the time to welcome the new students and families to KDA and thank our existing community for continuing to support us. We are also excited to have some of our Monbulk students and teachers join us at Blackburn this year.

Firstly, congratulations to everyone on our EOY concert. It was a highlight for the year and a great way to finish 2023! The ideas and choreography for each routine was a credit to our amazing teachers, and the students performed the routines beautifully, well done all!

Over the holidays, KDA held its first ever Summer Holiday Program which was a success. I would like to thank the teachers that assisted on these days and provided the students with great activities and routines.

Please ensure you are familiar with our General information (containing code of conduct, child safe policies, uniform requirements, fees etc) before arriving. They can be found here: <https://www.kallistadance.com.au/general-information>

Dates for the Diary

- Monday 31st Jan - Classes recommence
- Monday 11th March - Labour Day - **No classes**
- Thursday 28th April – Term 1 concludes.
- Monday 15th April - Term 2 commences
- Thursday 25th April - ANZAC Day - **No classes**
- Monday 10th June (Monarch's Birthday) – **No classes unless MYD is close**
- Sunday 16th June - Mid Year Display - Aquinas College, Ringwood
Performance times will be advised at the start of Term 2. **To be confirmed**
- Sunday 23rd – Planned Internal Ballet Assessments – **To be confirmed**
- Sunday 30th June – Term 2 concludes
- Monday 8th July – Sunday 14th July (inclusive) – Warrnambool Dance
Eisteddfod (second week of school holidays) - **To be confirmed**
- Monday 15th July – Term 3 commences
- Monday 2nd - Friday 8th December inclusive - Concert week. **To be confirmed**

Fees

Term 1 statements have been emailed out for all enrolments received to date. Please advise via return email if you have not received one, sometimes the invoices go to junk mail so you may find it there. Do take advantage of the discount and pay your fees by Feb 3.

As always if you are having issues paying your fees, please do contact us to see what options we have available to support you :-)

KDA Online Portal

KDA is using iClassPro as its online portal for 2024. All 2024 classes should be listed on your account for your enrolled dancers. Please check you have been enrolled in the correct classes.

The platform can be used to log absences, book make up lessons, manage your account and access music. There is also an app you can download to receive push notifications and access the above. See our news items for more information:

<https://app.iclasspro.com/portal/kallistadance/news>

Uniform

KDA has a uniform for each age group. Reminder that students need to come in the correct uniform with their hair tied up each week so they can enjoy their dancing safely. Information about this can be found in our general information booklet here:

<https://www.kallistadance.com.au/general-information>

KDA branded uniform can be purchased through our online portal and second hand items are available through our community facebook page (see the general information booklet for more information).

Staff Changes

Miss Ruby S will be teaching the Sub Senior 3 Hip Hop for term 1 and 2 due to Miss Hailey's university timetable. Miss Hailey looks forward to coming back in Term 3.

Miss Lauren will now be working with our VCE VET Students as Miss Tash has another opportunity. We wish Miss Tash all the best in her new adventures.

We welcome Miss Ella to the KDA team, she will be teaching our Advanced students this year.

Labor Day - March 11th - no classes

No classes will run on Labor Day - Monday March 11th

Mid Year Display (MYD)

Tentative date for our MYD is Sunday 16th June at Aquinas College in Ringwood.

End of Year Concert Dates

Tentative dates for the end of year concert weekend is Saturday 7th and Sunday 8th December Aquinas theatre in Ringwood. We will confirm soon.

Exact Theatre Rehearsal and Performance dates and times for you/your child will be advised in Term 3. What we can advise is that Theatre Rehearsal blocks will run on Thursday and Friday afternoon/evening and maybe Saturday morning.

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