



2019

STEP IN TIME SQUAD INFORMATION PACK



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ABOUT THE PROGRAM

Thank you for your interest in our 2019 Step in Time Squad program!

Our Squad classes are specifically designed for our most talented and dedicated students. We aim to provide them with a nurturing and accelerated learning environment, a well-rounded timetable and excellent teaching staff to encourage them to be the best dancer they can be.

Since the commencement of our Squad program, we have seen a significant improvement in all dancers in our Squad program. Our teams have seen much success at competitions over the years, our Squad students that also participate in private lessons and solo competitions have had some remarkable results also. Our teams also enjoy many extra performing opportunities such as the Moomba Parade, the Dance Aid fundraiser, Master of Choreography events, and more!



The above success is a testament to our well rounded training program, and proves that our Squad program provides our students with the correct technique and well rounded training to help them achieve their full potential. The Step in Time Squad program has proven to be a very successful and beneficial program for all students involved.

The compulsory classes are in place so that students develop a strong grounding in technique. The classes listed are a proven formula to developing strong, technical dancers. All Squad classes (both compulsory and optional) are closed to Squad students only to ensure they are all working at an accelerated pace with like-minded students.

We have managed to block the squad classes together; this means students and parents can enjoy not having to make multiple trips throughout their week. Blocking most classes into 1 or 2 weekdays and a Saturday gives our students the opportunity to concentrate on homework, family activities and private lessons if they wish.

Places in our Squad classes are strictly limited in 2019, and enrolment is via acceptance only. We do anticipate our Squad classes will book out quickly, so please register your interest quickly.

A detailed list of events and specific dates will be available early next year. If you have any questions in regards to extra commitments, please don't hesitate to contact Kelly.

PRE-REQUISITES:

To be eligible for our Squad classes, students should have at least 2 years of dance training, and must have undertaken at least 12 months of ballet training. Students will be assessed in an assessment workshop class prior to acceptance, and entry is at the discretion of our teachers. If you are not successful this year, we will discuss with you a suitable range of classes to enroll in and you are encouraged to re-apply the following year.

Our NEW Performance Team may also be a great option for those students not quite ready for our Squad teams.

AGE GROUPS:

In 2019, we will have 5 Squad Levels. These 5 levels will be split depending on age and ability level. You will be placed into the most appropriate group according to your age and ability.

WHAT'S NEW IN 2019!!

- Entry into our Squad program now begins at 6 years old.
- All students must participate in a NEW Assessment Workshop class to be placed in the most suitable level.
- NEW Age Groups!
- Tap competition troupe introduced in 2019!
- Senior Contemporary competition troupe introduced in 2019!
- Mini's & Petite's will combine forces for Hip Hop, Song & Dance, and Tap Troupes!
- Junior's & Inters will combine forces for Hip Hop, Song & Dance, and Tap Troupes!
- NEW SENIOR PROGRAM (see further info below)
- NEW PERFORMANCE TEAM! (see further info below)
- A Squad participant fee will be introduced in 2019. This will be invoiced in Term 1, and will cover all competition entry fees, additional rehearsals, etc throughout the year – therefore eliminating the need to be invoiced for additional rehearsals or competition entry fee's throughout the year. Fee is TBC when 2019 fee's are released.

SQUAD REGISTRATION FEE:

In 2019 we are introducing a Squad Registration Fee.

This will include all additional costs associated for the year, including additional rehearsals, holiday Squad classes, competition entry and registration fees per dancer, etc. (not including costume fees). This means you will not receive invoices throughout the year for additional amounts for competitions and rehearsals, etc.

2019 SQUAD REGISTRATION FEE'S:

Mini's & Petite's - \$200.00

Juniors, Inters & Seniors - \$250.00

This fee is due at the start of Term 1, this fee is non-refundable.

SENIOR SQUAD PROGRAM:

We are excited to be offering a new and improved Senior Squad program in 2019!

As well as offering a well-rounded training program for our students to become the best they can be, we are providing some new opportunities for our Seniors in 2019, and providing them with further opportunities to become role models within our dance community.

- All classes will be scheduled on Wednesday's & Saturday's only. (*Private lessons & Student Helping will most likely be scheduled on a separate day*)
- Choreography workshops with guest teachers/choreographers
- Greater focus on skills development and choreography workshops, giving our Senior students an opportunity to always learn new choreography throughout the year from various teachers and industry professionals.
- Opportunities to perform at corporate & charity events, as well as 1 or 2 competitions throughout the year.
- A trainee teacher program for those wishing to become dance teachers in the future (additional training to our current Student Helper program)
- The introduction of a NEW student representative committee – giving our Seniors leadership opportunities, and a chance to be involved in some student organised events.

ASSESSMENT WORKSHOP:

All dancers must attend an assessment workshop in order to be considered in our 2019 Squad teams and/or Performance Team. This assessment workshop will be run like a normal dance class, however in an audition format. Students will be taken through a warm-up, technique progressions, and will be taught a short section of choreography. We will have a number of teachers in attendance to view and assess all students.

This will not be a scary or daunting environment, the workshop will be a great experience for all students. This will give us a good chance to assess their capabilities, and decide upon which level is most appropriate for them in 2019.

CLASS LISTS AND SQUAD STRUCTURE:

MINI SQUAD

*** In 2019, students must be in Grade 1 at school, to be eligible for Squad ***

COMPULSORY CLASSES:

BALLET/JAZZ/TAP
REHEARSAL CLASS

OPTIONAL CLASSES:

PETITE HIP HOP
PETITE SONG & DANCE
BALLET EXAM
ACROBATICS
PETITE STRETCH/STRENGTHEN

3.25hrs compulsory, Wednesday's & Saturday's

PETITE SQUAD

COMPULSORY CLASSES:

BALLET
JAZZ
BALLET EXAM
REHEARSAL CLASS
STRETCH/STRENGTHEN

OPTIONAL CLASSES:

PETITE TAP (highly recommended from a young age)
PETITE HIP HOP
ACROBATICS
PETITE SONG & DANCE

4hrs compulsory, Wednesday's & Saturday's

JUNIOR SQUAD

COMPULSORY CLASSES:

BALLET
JAZZ
BALLET EXAM
STRETCH / STRENGTHEN
TECHNIQUE TIME
REHEARSAL CLASS

OPTIONAL CLASSES:

INTER TAP
INTER HIP HOP
ACROBATICS
INTER SONG & DANCE
INTER CONTEMPORARY
CHEERLEADING
DRAMA

4.75hrs compulsory, Tuesday's & Saturday's (optional classes held on Thursday's)

INTER SQUAD

COMPULSORY CLASSES:

BALLET
JAZZ
BALLET EXAM
STRETCH / STRENGTHEN
TECHNIQUE TIME
REHEARSAL CLASS

OPTIONAL CLASSES:

INTER TAP
INTER HIP HOP
ACROBATICS
INTER SONG & DANCE
INTER CONTEMPORARY
CHEERLEADING
PRE-POINTE (invite only)
DRAMA

4.75hrs compulsory

Tuesday's & Saturday's (optional classes held on Thursday's)

SENIOR SQUAD

*** NEW IMPROVED PROGRAM IN 2019 FOR SENIORS ***

COMPULSORY CLASSES:

BALLET
JAZZ
CONTEMPORARY/LYRICAL
STRETCH / STRENGTHEN
REHEARSAL CLASS

OPTIONAL CLASSES:

SENIOR TAP
SENIOR HIP HOP
ACROBATICS
SENIOR SONG & DANCE
SENIOR TECHNIQUE TIME
PRE-POINTE or POINTE (invite only)
CHEERLEADING
DRAMA

4hrs compulsory

Wednesday's & Saturday's

SQUAD TESTIMONIALS:

Below are some testimonials from parents that have been apart of our Squad Teams, this shows exactly what our Squad teams are all about. Students learning in an accelerated learning environment with like-minded students, and developing strong and supportive friendships along the way.

“Catherine's confidence has increased so much. She looks forward to each dance day and would spend all her time in squad classes if I let her. She adores the friends she has made in the squad and I can definitely say her dance squad has become her second home and her safe place.”

“Aliyah has developed friendships that are unbreakable. The strength and bond between the girls has grown so much with squad. The mums are always there for each other and Aliyah and the girls see that, and with that Aliyah feels she can approach any mother.”

“Its like a second home to Lacey, she would sleep there if I would let her, that’s how much she loves dancing and how much she loves the dance community there at Step In Time. Her dancing has certainly improved and continues to do so and that is why we continue to stay on within the Squad team.”

“The friendships that Chloe has made from squad are amazing the girls are all so close and the way they all support each other is fantastic. Chloe's dance skills have improved heaps this year she loves dancing and loves Step in Time!”

“Alyssa has loved being apart of the squad this year. Her confidence has grown when performing with her group and technique has improved a lot. The best thing about squad is the friendships my daughter has now formed and the support the girls give each other throughout competitions and so much more. It makes me proud to be apart of such a wonderful dance community and we look forward to doing it all again next year!”

“Karla loves dancing with her bestie every week and loved all the 1st places they won!”

“Liana is a totally different child since starting dancing and joining the squad, Her confidence and the skills she's learnt are amazing, Liana loves how all the girls are always there for each other and help each other improve on their skills, Squad is like another family and Liana loves coming every week”

“Wow. How much she has grown. No longer a scared little girl. My baby is now a confident and fantastic dancer who has enjoyed her new journey as part of a competition team and has made five wonderful little friends who would do anything for each other and who dance for each other. A massive thank you to Kelly Richardson, through your dedication to your dance school I have a girl now who I didn't even know existed. She loves you and all the squad girls and I cannot thank you enough.”

“Kaitlyn has grown so much since joining squad. Her confidence, her abilities, her love for dancing but most importantly her friendships that she has developed despite all the age differences are so beautiful to watch. Kaitlyn adores her Step in Time family, kids, parents and teachers. Her smile and laughter is a testament to this.”

“I have seen Jasmine grow as a dancer and performer, she loves and looks forward to competitions. I can honestly say this has been the best experience not only for her but for myself as well. Not only has she made beautiful friendships with her squad team but she has also made beautiful friendships with the older squad girls who are amazing at looking after the younger girls. Step in Time has brought so much joy and happiness in this little dancer’s life.”

“Jade and Cindy love being in the senior squad and have made a very close connection with all of the girls. They love working with their team. They have improved out of sight with confidence and ability. We love STEP IN TIME and the parents have been amazing. Miss Kelly and the teachers have been an inspiration to both the girls.”

“Wasn’t sure about Joining squad – I was worried that it might have been to much for Olivia just turning 7 in march. But Olivia can’t get enough! Cant believe how much more confident she is and how much her dancing has developed. Beautiful teacher’s, beautiful, and a great group of parents.”

“Harlow has loved being part of the squad this year. She has come such a long way since the start of the year and has made some great friends out of it. I'm really glad that she was given the opportunity to join, as I have met some really great people out of it too”