



Information Booklet 2021

# Welcome to CPD

Welcome to the Casey Priddle Dancers! We hope you are excited and ready for a wonderful year of new challenges, personal achievements, life-long friendships and lots of fun!

#### Classes resume MONDAY 1<sup>ST</sup> FEBRUARY

This information booklet should answer most of your questions but if there's anything you would like to ask, please feel free to contact us...

Website: www.cpdancers.com

Email: info@cpdancers
Call: 0418 816 926

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#### KEEP IN TOUCH...

Don't forget to "like" us on Facebook...

Casey Priddle Dancers-Official

Join our closed Facebook group for Parents & Dancers... Casey Priddle Dancers

Follow us on Instagram...

@cpdancers\_

Or visit our website: www.cpdancers.com to keep up to date with the latest news and events at CPD!

### **ABOUT US**



At CPD we aim to provide students with the very best dance, acrobatic & performing arts training in a fun, safe and friendly environment. By nurturing and encouraging our students, we are able to achieve the perfect balance between technical excellence & fun, creating a life long love of dance.

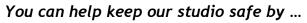
Our students are self-motivated and take pride in their learning. Achieving great success at eisteddfods, we also hold a 100% Pass Rate for all exams. Past students have gone on to gain acceptance into some of the countries leading full time dance courses including; Ministry of Dance, Transit Dance and Patricks Studios Australia.

We understand that every dancer is different; from our littlest preschoolers to our pre-professional senior dancers, we want to see each and every student reach his or her full potential whilst building valuable life skills such as organisation, leadership, confidence and self-esteem. We are more than a dance school, we are a second family. Our senior students are fantastic roll models for our younger dancers and our dance environment is always welcoming and encouraging.

We would love to welcome you to join our CPD Family!

### COVID SAFE

Your safety is our priority. To help stop the spread of Covid-19 and keep our students, teachers, families and community safe, it's important we follow the Victorian Governments Covid Safe guidelines and the keep up to date with the latest advice. A full copy of our Covid Safe Policy can be found on our website at: www.cpdancers.com





Following Covid Safe signs & guidelines



Maintaining a social distance of 1.5m



Wearing a mask



Using hand sanitiser



Washing your hands



### LOCATION

All classes are held in our purpose built studios...

#### Factory 9A/93 Wells Rd, Chelsea Heights.



Our facility provides sprung dance floors, mirrors, ballet barres, kitchenette, reception, parents waiting area, student room, toilet/bathroom facilities and on site parking.





## **TEACHERS**

Teaching faculty 2021...

Casey Priddle- Principal

Natalie Halton- Assistant Principal

Molly Scott

Caitlyn Connolly

Judith Kocsi

Lisa Cullinane

#### **Various Guest teachers**

As well as regular teaching staff, CPD also organizes for Senior, Inter and extension class students to take classes with various guest teachers and choreographers from the dance industry throughout the year to further students' skills and training.

#### **Assistants and Student Helpers**

Students with an interest in teaching are encouraged to become a class assistant. In 2019 we introduced "The Dance Step" teacher training program and found it to be highly successful. If you are aged 10+ and have an interested in becoming a student teacher, this program may be for you.

## Classes Available

#### **JAZZ**

5,6,7,8! kicks, turns & jumps. A high-energy classes covering the latest music & commercial dance moves, flexibility, fitness & fun as well as more traditional Broadway style technique and Song & Dance

#### OPEN BALLET/ TECHNIQUE CLASS

We understand that traditional classical ballet isn't for everyone. This class will teach students to use the correct muscles and help develop a good understanding of technique required to excel in other dance styles

#### **CLASSICAL BALLET (EXAM CLASS)**

Strong technique is a necessity for those who wish to pursue a career in dance. We offer syllabus training from two highly recognized dance societies; ATOD & ATD More information for exams below

#### TAP DANCE

Have fun creating music with your feet

#### HIP- HOP

Urban street style of dance including breaking, popping & locking, often seen in video clips

#### CONTEMPORARY/ LYRICAL

This modern, lyrical style of dance encourages interpretation and expression through free movement and choreography

#### **ACROBATICS**

Learn how to safely perform your favourite tricks. Cartwheels, walkovers, aerial skills, flips, handsprings, tucks & more!

Note: Close physical contact between

#### TODDLER DANCE/ MUMMY & ME

Creative and Expressive
A great introduction to dancing
(No uniform or dance shoes required!)

#### **PRE-SCHOOL DANCE**

We cater to all pre-school dancers, offering both structured & fun class programs. Have fun developing coordination, flexibility & musical appreciation through imagination, creativity & use of props

#### **TINY TUMBLERS**

Basic acrobatic skills for our littlest dancers in a fun & safe environment

#### **COMBINATION CLASSES**

Covering jazz, ballet, Tap & basic Acrobatics, these classes are highly recommended for young dancers to help develop a strong dance foundation

#### **MUSICAL THEATRE**

Were you born to perform? 'Sing, Dance, Act' Become a triple threat and learn what it takes to cut it in the performing arts industry!

#### **BOYS ONLY**

Hip-Hop & Break-Dance for boys! Specifically tailored to males, this class is fast paced, strong & masculine

#### **POINTE**

Students' aged 12+ taking multiple ballet classes may be selected to go 'en pointe' when they are ready. Dancers must be developed, strong and show they dance with and understand



#### **COMPETITION TROUPES**

Designed to extend our most dedicated students, training with like-minded peers in an encouraging environment. Students work on routines to perform in competitions and at

various performances throughout the year. Students must show commitment to the team, work hard to develop strong dance technique and practice at home to maintain a high standard.

Further information on troupe requirements below!

#### ELITE EXTENSION (Pre-Professional Program)

Our Elite Extension program is designed for trained dancers who are extremely passionate about their dancing and wish to pursue a career in the Dance/ Performing Arts Industry. The class curriculum changes weekly, covering all aspects of the dance industry, including workshops with industry professionals and special guest teachers.

We will cover areas such as:
grooming choreography
modelling injury prevention
technique progressions

audition skills improvisation performing conditioning

flexibility & strength acting & singing stage craft acrobatics

This class is designed for students who dance two or more nights a week, take all classes available to them and still want more!

\*Additional charges may apply for workshops & special guest teachers.



#### **DANCE STEP**

In 2019, Casey Priddle Dancers became a registered affiliate studio of the DanceStep program. Offered in partnership with studio teachers, DanceStep empowers students to take care of others and guides them to be leaders and role models. The program covers assistant teaching skills such as behaviour management, different learning needs and styles, Safe Dance Principles and Anatomy to name just a few. These concepts are broken down to be taught in a sequential and age appropriate way to children from around 10-11 years of age. Whether students are considering a career in dance teaching or otherwise, the DanceStep program is a great preparation for many aspects of life.

## PRIVATE LESSONS

One-on-one private tuition is also available for students who wish to participate in solos, duos and trios in competitions or for those who require extra assistance with class or exam work. Lessons are available with all teachers in all styles as well as with a junior teacher at a discounted price. Be quick as available times may book fast. Private lesson students are responsible for their own entry forms for all competitions and must seek approval before entering. If you are interested in participating in solos or duos etc. please contact Casey.

Private lesson costs are as follows:

15min = \$15 Prices will be divided

30min = \$30 between students in 45min = \$45 the case of duos &

1 hour =\$60 trios

24 hours notice must be given if unable to attend private lesson, otherwise lesson fee will be forfeited.

### COMMITMENT

To maintain a high standard of dancing it is important to attend classes regularly, be punctual and notify us when you will be away. However, we understand that students dance for a variety of reasons; we aim to provide quality dance training for everyone and want each student to get the most out of their lessons. To achieve this we offer 2 streams of classes so students can train with like-minded peers and therefore not fall behind or get held up in their learning...

## TROUPE OR RECREATIONAL CLASSES?

Suide you to the most appropriate classes for Your child



#### Recreational Classes

Are for students who love to dance, but don't want the involvement or commitment of troupes. Although it is encouraged students attend all classes we understand that some general class students dance for recreational purposes, confidence and fun. We aim to make all dance classes enjoyable and encouraging and move at the students pace. General class students are still encouraged to participate in the concert and exams but are not compulsory.

#### Performance Troupes

Troupes are suitable for those who want greater involvement and are more serious about their dancing. These students attend several classes each week, focusing on technical and artistic excellence. Our Troupes perform in shows and competitions. If you elect to join troupe, it is a commitment. You must attend all classes and come in to watch when you are too unwell to dance as the work is constantly progressing. Students must attend and participate in all competitions and give at least 6 weeks notice in writing if you will be away (i.e. interstate trip.)

In order to achieve a competitive technical standard, students must meet the following criteria to be eligible to compete...

- Dance at least 2 nights of the week or attend at least 2 hours of classes for Subbies,
   3.5 hours for Juniors or 5 hours for Inters/ Seniors.
- Take at least 1 ballet/ technique class per week to participate in theatrical competition troupes and 2 ballet classes per week for classical styles.
- Participate in classes in their correct age group (age taken from 1st Jan)
- Attend at least 80% of classes.
- Present for class in correct uniform (see page 9) with hair in a bun.

There is also a once off additional fee of \$60 to cover costs involved with competition entries during the year (this does not cover tickets into the events or costume hire) If you are interested in joining a troupe class please contact us to discuss which classes/age groups/level is most appropriate.

### COMPETITIONS

Participation in competitions is a great way of gaining valuable stage experience, helps to build confidence, teaches students the importance of teamwork and encourages good sportsmanship. Our students enjoy performing with their friends, team bonding and supporting and encouraging each other to do their best.

Our studio participates in 3-4 competitions per year and our soloists are encouraged to attend many more!

## BALLET EXAMS

Classical ballet exam work is taught as a part of the curriculum for all Mini & Sub-Junior ballet classes. We offer separate exam classes from Juniors onwards. Any student participating in these classes will have the option of taking a ballet exam. Exams can be very rewarding for the students and help them work towards goals to improve on technique. Each student receives a pin, medal or a trophy (depending on exam) and is given a personal report of their progress. Our exams are conducted externally by two highly recognized dance societies: ATOD (Australian Teachers of Dancing) and ATD (Australasian Arts Theatre of Dance.) Further information will be available during the year.

## MIDYEAR SHOWCASE

Our Midyear Showcase is held locally at the end of Term 2. All students from Mini's onwards will have to opportunity to be involved and share with family & friends what they have been learning. Our Mid Year Showcase is always a great success.

## ANNUAL CONCERT PRODUCTION

Our End of Year Annual Concert Production is held mid to late November at the George Jenkins Theatre in Frankston. Everyone is given the opportunity to perform. We run a professional show with great costumes, hair and make-up, to give the students a real theatre/ stage experience. Students are well prepared and have plenty of rehearsals to make it a fun experience rather then a 'scary' one. If you do not wish to take part please notify your teacher in the first week of the forth term. Parents will receive plenty of information about the show during the year.

### COSTUMES

You'll be happy to know that at CPD all costumes are hired to the students, at a very reasonable price, ready to wear for all performances, competitions & concerts from our extremely large costume wardrobe, which means...



Costume hire rates are at \$20 per costume/ per performance for the first costume, \$15 for the second & third costumes and only \$10 per costume thereafter!

We also hire for use outside the dance school at a rate of \$20 per costume with a \$50 deposit.



## Uniform & Shoes

To make buying/ordering uniforms easy, you can now order all uniform items directly through us, just ask for an order form at reception. We will also be stocking items such as tights to help make purchasing these things at competition, exam and concert time more convenient for our busy families! Parents & Students are also welcome to join our closed Facebook group to Buy, Swap and Sell their second hand shoes and dancewear or check out the second hand box at reception.



Only custom CPD uniform items or plain black dancewear as listed below is permitted.

## WHAT TO WEAR?

DANCE STYLE	GIRLS	BOYS
Ballet	- Leotard (See pg. 8 for level colour) - Ballet wrap skirt	- Black or white t-shirt or singlet
	- Salmon pink ballet stockings - Crossover (Optional)	- Black shorts or tights.
	- Pink leather ballet shoes with elastics (or ribbons juniors+)	- Black or white socks.
	- Hair must be slicked back in a tight neat bun; no fringes.	- Black Ballet shoes with
	All in class level/ exam colours.	elastics.
Jazz	- Leotard (Level colour) - CPD Shorts or leggings	"As Above"
Тар	- CPD Crop top or singlet - Tan or pink stockings	Jazz: - Black slip-on split sole
Contemporary	Jazz: Tan slip-on split sole Jazz shoes. No laces! Seniors/ Inters	Jazz shoes.
Acrobatics	may also require black jazz shoes.	<i>Tap-</i> Black lace-up Tap Shoes
	Tap Junior School- Tan Tap Shoes (Bloch or Capezio preferred)	<b>Contemporary/ Acro-</b> bare feet
	Tap Senior School- Black lace up Tap Shoes	or foot thongs/ dance paws.
	Contemporary/ Acro- bare feet, pirouettes or tan foot thongs.	
	Kneepads are required for contemporary classes.	
Hip- Hop	As above, tracksuits pants and loose fitting dance clothing is also accepted.	
	Tan Timberlands, White hi-tops, kicks, street shoes (See class teacher for footwear requirements)	
Musical Theatre	CPD T-shirt or clothes that do not restrict movement. (No specific uniform requirements.)	
Mummy & Me	Clothes that are confortable and do not restrict movement. Fairy dresses, dancewear or dress-ups	
Pre-School Dance	As for "ballet" (Optional) or as for Mummy & Me. Pink (girls) or black (boys) leather ballet shoes	
Pre-School Dance	Tweenies: As for "ballet" Pink (girls) or black (boys) leather ballet shoes	
Tap, Jazz, Ballet	- As for "ballet" (jazz shorts optional)	- As for "ballet"
Combination Classes	- Pink leather ballet shoes & Tan Tap shoes (Jazz shoes not required	- Black ballet shoes
	until Sub-Juniors)	- Black lace up Tap shoes

#### Where to buy dancewear and shoes?

It is recommended that all dancewear and shoes be purchased from a specialised dancewear store (rather than department store copies) to ensure it has the correct support needed for growing bodies during dance class. All items should be available from the stores below. Just mention our schools name and the sales staff will be able to help you...



The Dancing Vears 10-11 Park Lane, FRANKSTON, VIC, 3199 Phone: (03) 9781 2913 STUDIO Dancewear 8 Walter St Moorabbin

BLOCH
Shop B 175,
Chadstone Shopping
Centre, 9563 0733

- For safety reasons, no "Jiffy" or socks are to be worn for any classes.
- No Jumpers, loose clothing or school uniforms are to be wore during any classes.
- Fitbits and watches are to be removed before entering all classes
- Please check with your class teacher before purchasing if you are unsure what you should be wearing

## Ballet Uniform

Correct classical ballet uniform is required for all ballet & troupe classes. All classical ballet uniform items can be purchased through the school directly.



#### Pre-school- Mini (Test 1 & 3)

- -Wide strap camisole leotard or Princess line camisole leotard in Mulberry
- -Convertible tights in Salmon Pink
- -Mock cross over skirt in Mulberry
- -Cross Over in Mulberry (optional)
- -Pink leather full sole ballet shoes with elastics



#### Sub-Juniors (Test 2- Bronze Medal)

- -Wide strap camisole leotard or Princess line camisole leotard in Turquoise
- -Convertible tights in Salmon Pink
- -Mock cross over skirt in Turquoise
- -Cross Over in Turquoise (optional)
- -Pink leather full or split sole ballet shoes with elastics
- -Black shorts may be worn instead of a skirt for troupe classes





#### Juniors (Bronze Medal- Silver Medal)

- -Wide strap camisole leotard in Jacaranda
- -Convertible tights in Salmon Pink
- -Mock cross over skirt in Jacaranda
- -Cross Over in Jacaranda (optional)
- -Pink leather split sole ballet shoes with elastics & ribbons
- -Black shorts may be worn instead of a skirt for troupe classes

#### Inters & Seniors (Silver Star- and above)

- -Wide strap camisole leotard in Deep Purple
- -Dance tight convertible in Theatrical Pink (for pointe shoes) and Salmon Pink (for ballet flats)
- -Classic wrap skirt in Deep Purple
- -Cross Over in Deep Purple (optional)
- -Pink leather split sole ballet shoes with elastics & ribbons
- -Pink Satin Pointe Shoes with elastics & ribbons (Teacher to advise)



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We understand parents want value for money. At CPD we are proud to deliver...

- High quality dance training at competitive prices.
- Heavy discounts for multiple classes/ hours.
- Generous sibling discounts\*
- Unlimited Class Options. Fees are capped at 6 hours per week for Juniors and 6.5 hours for Inters & Seniors. If you take 6.5 hours of classes or more you may attend ANY other classes on our timetable free of charge!
- All fees include GST.

Fees are based on four terms per year, each consisting of approximately 10 weeks. Fees are to be paid by the term in full within or prior to the 2nd week of term. Fees not paid by 3<sup>rd</sup> week of term will incur a \$10 p/w late fee. Alternative payment options, extensions and partial payments can be arranged by contacting our Admin Team.

Term fees are strictly non-refundable but in the event of absence, students are welcome to attend a make up lessons in another class of suitable standard any time throughout the term. If a student is unable to attend a make-up class, the lesson fee is forfeited. New students are welcome to pay weekly for their first 2 weeks, after this time the balance of term fees will be invoiced.

Family Discounts\*: Are offered for siblings of the same family who both dance more then 1 hour per week.

- 2<sup>nd</sup> Family member receives 10% off
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Family member receives 20% off

Casey Priddle Dancers charges a once off admin fee, which will be added to your first invoice...

- 1 student \$15
- 2 Students \$20
- Family: \$25





Hours Per Week	Term Fee
30 min	\$100
45 min	\$135
1 hour	\$155
1.15 min	\$190
1.30 min	\$215
1.45 min	\$245
2 hours	\$270
2.15 min	\$300
2.30 min	\$320
2.45 min	\$345
3 hours	\$365
3.15 min	\$395
3.30 min	\$420
3.45 min	\$440
4 hours	\$455
4.15 min	\$465
4.30 min	\$475
4.45 min	\$490
5 hours	\$505
5.15 min	\$515
5.30 min	\$525
5.45 min	\$535
6 hours	\$545
6 hours+ Unlimited hours	\$550
(Junior Dancer)	
6.15 min	\$560
6.30 min	\$570
6.5 hours+ Unlimited hours	<b>\$580</b>
(Inter/ Senior Dancer)	
Unlimited Family- 2 Children	\$880
Unlimited Family- 3 Children	\$990

#### **DIRECT DEBIT PAYMENT:**

Fees can be paid by direct debit to: Acc Name: Casey Priddle Dancers BSB: 063 - 149 Acc: 1053 6455 When paying online please reference invoice number or STUDENTS name & term

#### **CHEQUES PAYMENT:**

Please make cheques payable to: Casey Priddle Dancers

#### **CASH PAYMENT**

All money handed to teachers must be in a clearly labelled envelope.

**CREDIT CARD:** Click the "pay now" button on your invoice

## THINGS TO KNOW

- Students must bring a drink bottle to class, especially when it's hot. Due to Covid-19 cups will no longer be available in the kitchenette. Water bottles (\$1) and soft drinks (\$2) are available for purchase at reception.
- For safety reasons no jewellery, watches or fit bits are to be worn to any class.
- To help us stop the spread of Covid-1, food is currently not permitted to be brought into the studio. At all other times please be aware that CPD is a nut free zone. We ask that our families are mindful of students with allergies when bringing food into the studio. Students who attend 3 hours of classes or less will not be given a snack break so please help us by eating before or after class.
- No chewing gum is to be consumed in class at any time.
- Our classes run on a tight schedule. For this reason teachers will not be available for questions in-between classes. Spectators are not allowed in any classes (except toddler/ pre-school) as it can be distracting for the dancers. If you have a question or wish to inquire about your child's progress please contact us to arrange a time to speak with your class teacher.
- To help us provide and plan the best lessons possible please let the teacher know when you are going to be away either by email, phone or in writing.
- Due to the Covid-19 you are required to stay home if you are feeling sick. If you can't dance due to injury but don't have a contagious illness, we recommend coming in to watch the class. This is especially important for those in troupes and at exam/concert times.
- Hair must be tied up/ pulled back for all classes.
- CPD takes no responsibility for any loss/ theft or damage to any items brought to the studio or left in the change rooms. Please don't bring any valuables to class.
- Due to Covid-19 manual sign in by parents at reception is no longer required. Students' will be signed in to classes by their teachers. New students and visitor's will still be required to sign in at reception for the purpose of contact tracing.
- Newsletters including important dates and events are sent out via email each Term.
   When available a copy for the newsletter will be posted on the studio notice board and shared on the studio closed Facebook group. Please check in regularly to keep up to date with what's going on at CPD.
- At CPD we promote a warm, happy, encouraging environment. Bulling of any kind will not be tolerated.
- HAVE FUN! ☺

