

To find your classes on the timetable, please use the following colour codes:



**PS** = Pre School

**TT** = Tiny Tots (Kindy and Year 1)

**PJ** = Pre Junior (Year 2 and Year 3)

**J** = Junior (Year 4 and Year 5)

**PT** = Pre Teen (Year 6 and Year 7)

**T** = Teen (Year 8 and Year 9)

**A** = Advanced (Year 10 and over)

# Acrobatics

Acrobatics is similar to the floor work as seen in the sport of gymnastics; it involves handstands, cartwheels and tumbling. At DTN, Acrobatics are the only classes in the where the students are graded and it is at the discretion of the class teacher as to who changes classes and when. It is important for all students to remember that in order to achieve harder tricks; they must first master the basics and be able to perform them consistently. Every new trick builds on what was learned and achieved previously and unless the basics are mastered with good technique, achieving more spectacular tricks will not be possible. Hard Work and Determination are very important tools for any dance style, but particularly acrobatics.

We are very excited to have Tiana Fahey-Leigh as our senior acrobatics coach in 2012. Tiana competed in the 2004 Olympics for Gymnastics and is now a sought after gymnastics and acrobatics coach in Sydney. We are very lucky to have secured some of her valuable time for our acrobatics levels 3-5 in 2012.

This year there are 5 acrobatics levels on the timetable. Once enrolments are established in each acro level, students may be moved into classes based on separate criteria to that listed below so that all classes can be even. To get the year started, students should use the following criteria to find their class.

**Level 1** = Students of any age who are at a beginner/ basic level. There are 2 classes in the timetable, but the level is the same in both. Please choose the most convenient time.

**Level 2** = Only open to students who can perform all of the following tricks, unassisted and with correct technique: Cartwheels both directions, forward and backward rolls, handstand, standing bend back, handstand flip into bridge, Run and fast cartwheel.

**Level 3** = Only open to students who can perform all of the following tricks, unassisted and with correct technique: Front Walkover, Back Walkover, round off, strong handstand (balanced).

**Level 4** = Only open to students who can perform all of the following tricks unassisted and with correct technique: Barani, Handspring, Dive Tinsky, Front Walkout. Standing Backflip and/or Round off backflip.

**Level 5** = Only open to students who have mastered all tricks listed above and who can perform round off 2 backflips, unassisted and with correct technique.

**Exceptions:** Those students who were DTN acrobats in 2011 may have exceptions to these criteria. If the new acro coach and/or DTN staff believes that your child should be in a different class to what is listed above, they will contact you directly. If you are not personally contacted, you should enrol in the class that fits best based on the criteria above, please remember it is better to be in a lower level and get the help the child needs rather than try and go into a higher level before they are ready.

# Glee Club (aka Musical Theatre)

This class is a combination of singing/ acting/ basic dance movement. Students will learn how to how to express personality through the combination of these 3 elements of performance. They may be given basic homework occasionally and will be required to complete one simple assignment during the year, which must be done outside of class time.

**Junior Glee Club** = All students in Kindergarten – Year 5. (It is helpful if the students can read to be in this class)

**Senior Glee Club** = All students in Year 6 and above.

## **DTN Company - Crew Classes**

Crew classes are invitational classes for the dedicated and enthusiastic students of DTN. Those selected to take part in the representative groups will become part of the DTN Company (DTNC). Within the DTN Company, there are 4 separate crews. Students are selected for DTNC based on their dedication, talent and commitment to dance. Once students are selected, if they choose to participate, it is expected that they will make dance a priority above all other extra-curricular activities.

Positions for the company in 2012 will be offered by email by Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> January.

To be part of the DTN Company for Junior, Teen or Open Crew, students must qualify with participation in at least 5 compulsory classes. Due to the number of talented students in The Junior, Teen and Open Age Groups, positions are extremely limited in these groups in 2012. Mini Crew is an initiation crew, therefore, the commitment and the qualifying requirements are not as extensive. Details of the qualifying requirements are notified when a position has been offered to the student.

**Mini Crew** = Selected students in the Tiny Tots and Pre Junior Age groups.

**Junior Crew** = Selected students in Pre Junior and Junior age group.

**Teen Crew** = Selected Students in the Pre Teen and Teen age group.

**Open Crew** = Selected Students in the Teen and Open age group.

If your child is 6 years old (or older) and has been dancing in the performance group at another studio for more than 12 months they may be eligible to participate in the DTN company, please contact the office ASAP to arrange an audition.

## **Contemporary**

Contemporary/Lyrical is a technical class that explores ease of movement through natural alignment of the body. At Dance Theatre Network, this class is based on the assumption that students have already developed VERY strong classical technique. Therefore it is strongly recommended that students, who wish to take contemporary, also take at least one ballet class as part of their weekly program.

There are 3 Contemporary classes.

**Junior Contemporary** = All Students in Junior Age Group plus Pre Junior Students who are in their second year of Pre Junior age group at DTN (or in year 3 at school).

**Pre Senior Contemporary** = All Students in Pre Teen age group PLUS Teen students who are taking contemporary for the first time at DTN.

**Senior Contemporary** = Advanced Students PLUS Teen students who have had at least one year of contemporary experience. The Senior Contemporary class will be an advanced class. Students may only enrol in this class if they have had a solid background in ballet (at least 3 years of senior classical training) and at least 1 year of contemporary experience at DTN or an equivalent dance studio.

All Teen age students who are beginner in the contemporary style **MUST** enrol in Pre Senior Contemporary. If and when the student is capable of moving to the Senior contemporary class, they will be notified by the DTN staff.

# **Ballet**

Ballet is the foundation of all forms of dance. We teach R.A.D (Royal Academy of Dance) ballet grades and majors. The technique gained from ballet classes gives the student correct technique to assist them in all forms of dance with a strong emphasis on posture and discipline. Those students who display dedication and ability will be offered the chance to sit for R.A.D Examinations.

## **R.A.D Syllabus classes:**

To find the correct class for ballet, please use this guide:

**Pre Primary Ballet** = Kindergarten

**Primary Ballet** = Year 1

**Grade 1 Ballet** = Year 2

**Grade 2 Ballet** = Year 3

**Grade 3 Ballet** = Year 4

**Grade 4 Ballet** = Year 5

**Grade 5 Ballet** = Year 6 students who plan on sitting for Grade 5 exam. This class will only be taken until Presentation Day; there is no costume levy for this class.

**Grade 6 Ballet** = Students in Year 7 and above who plan on sitting for Grade 6 exam. This class will only be taken until Presentation Day (unless the girls ask to keep this class going as an Open Ballet class or to start working on Grade 7). There is no costume levy for this class. *Girls will sit for this exam at the DTN studio, at the same time as all of the other grade exams. It is lovely work, and would be a great class for those who are experienced in ballet exams and also those who have studied ballet for a long time but have not sat for an exam. As the work is performed for the examiner in groups, this class will only run with a minimum of 6 girls.*

**Intermediate Foundation** = Year 6 and Year 7.

**Intermediate Ballet** = Year 8 and Year 9.

**Advanced 1 Ballet** = Year 10 and Year 11.

**Advanced 2 Ballet** = Year 12 and over

Please note: There are some exceptions to these guidelines for students who are transferring from other schools or who have skipped grades in the past. If you think that your child may be an exception, please contact Miss Jenny in the office PRIOR to enrolment.

## **Open Ballet Classes:**

There are 2 Open Ballet classes in 2012. Open class has no syllabus; it is a class where different exercises are taught each week. These exercises, while still in the ballet style are choreographed specifically to work on the technique in different parts of the body. Open ballet class is compulsory for students who are planning on sitting for their examination in Grade 1 – Grade 4 in 2012.

### **There are 2 Open Ballet classes in 2012:**

Open Ballet Pre Junior = Children in Year 1, Year 2 and Year 3.

Open Ballet Junior = Students in Year 4, Year 5.

### **Please note:**

- 1) There will not be a concert routine for Pre Junior or Junior Open Ballet; therefore there is no levy to be paid for this class.
- 2) Girls who are selected for DTN Company (Junior, Teen or Open Crew) will be required to take an R.A.D Syllabus class as one of their qualifying classes; they cannot take open ballet as their only ballet class.
- 3) Boys who are selected for DTN Company may take an RAD syllabus class or Open Ballet as their qualifying technique class.
- 3) Students who enrol in R.A.D Syllabus classes in Grades 1-4, who also take open ballet will not be charged class fees for Open Ballet in Pre Junior or Junior age groups.

## Hip Hop

Hip Hop classes at DTN are made up of a combination of different Hip Hop styles including; street funk, R&B, pop, locking and old school. Students in the Hip Hop classes are challenged in a number of different dance and music styles throughout the year.

There are 8 separate hip hop classes this year.

**Pre Junior Hip Hop** = Boys and girls who are in Year 1, 2 or 3 at school. There are 2 classes on the timetable, both will be the same, please choose the most convenient class time.

**Junior Hip Hop** = Boys and Girls in Year 4 and 5.

**Senior Hip Hop** = Boys and Girls in Year 6 and above

**Senior Intermediate Hip Hop** = Boys and Girls in Year 6 – Year 9 who are taking a minimum of 3 dance classes (including Hip Hop) at DTN in 2012. *Glee Club/Acrobatics/Stretch are NOT classified at DTN dance classes.*

**Advanced Hip Hop** = Boys and Girls in Year 9 who are taking a minimum of 3 dance classes (including hip hop) at DTN in 2012 who ALSO have at least 3 years Senior hip hop training. **OR** Boys and Girls in Year 10 or above who are taking a minimum of 3 dance classes (including Hip Hop) at DTN in 2012. *Glee Club/Acrobatics/Stretch are NOT classified at DTN dance classes.*

If you are in Year 10 or above and wish to take Advanced Hip hop but do not fill the criteria above, there may be places available. Please contact the office via email to register your interest. If there are places available once enrolments have been taken and DTN staff believe that you have enough experience to be part of this class, an invitation will be sent you.

**Boys Junior Hip Hop** = Boys in Kindergarten to Year 3 or 4.

**Boys Senior Hip Hop** = Boys in Year 4 and above.

## Pre School

The Pre School class is a combination class that consists of Ballet, Jazz and Tap work. Students are introduced to the different styles in a disciplined but friendly environment. All 3 Pre School classes will be exactly the same in regards to content covered.

**For 2011 DTN Pre school students who are not starting school in 2012;** if students wish to take additional classes, we will allow it, as long as they continue to take the Pre School class, until they start school. This will then give them a solid grounding and allow them to do a class where they do not feel “out of depth” to counter act the more advanced classes. This will be the only way that Pre School Students will be accepted into the Tiny Tots Stream.

## Private Lessons

If you would like to book a private dance lesson, you should contact the office ASAP. Please do not contact the individual teacher privately, as co-ordinating lessons and studio space needs to be done through the office.

If you would like to book private singing lessons, please email the office with your contact details, and we will pass your request onto our singing teacher, she will contact you directly.

# Jazz

Our jazz classes are based heavily on technique and students learn all styles of jazz dance throughout the year. In the classes, students learn jazz tricks, turns, steps and routines that are appropriate for their age. The class involves stretching, progression work and a routine to finish the lesson. We aim to provide a fun environment where students can progress and learn good, solid jazz technique.

## Age Group Jazz

To find the correct class, look for the "Age Group + Jazz". For example, for a child in Year 2, you would look for "Pre Junior Jazz". In order to enrol in any of the age group jazz classes, the student must comply with these conditions:

**PRE JUNIOR OR JUNIOR JAZZ:** Have at least 1 year of jazz experience at DTN (or an equivalent dance studio) AND 2) Be taking at least ONE other dance class plus jazz at DTN in 2012. Glee Club/Acrobatics/Stretch are NOT classified at DTN dance classes.

### PRE TEEN , TEEN AND ADVANCED JAZZ

Have at least 1 year of jazz experience at DTN (or an equivalent dance studio) AND 2) Be taking at least TWO other dance classes plus jazz at DTN in 2012. Glee Club/Acrobatics/Stretch are NOT classified at DTN dance classes.

For all students, who do not fit the conditions above, but would like to be considered for the age group jazz class, please contact the office via email. If there are places available once enrolments have been taken and DTN staff believes that you have enough experience to be part of this class, an invitation will be sent you. In the meantime, you should secure a place in the Active Jazz class for your age.

NB: These conditions do not apply to students in Tiny Tots age group. All students in Kindergarten or Year 1, regardless of their dance experience should enrol in "Tiny Tots Jazz".

## Active Jazz

**These classes are for students who are new to jazz or who are taking dance classes as a fun, recreational activity. We hope that by providing a class where students are amongst other children with the same level of experience and dedication, it will allow the student to be excited about what they are learning. There are 2 active jazz classes:**

**Junior:** Students in Year 2-5.

**Senior:** Students in Year 6 and above.

These classes will cover the same work as their age group equivalents; however the class will break down the steps a little more and allow the students to grasp the basics, which they may miss out on in the regularly jazz stream.

# Group Singing

Students will learn vocal technique as well as studying all different styles of songs. Singing is a very important skill for those who are considering a career in performing arts.

**Junior Singing** = Year 1-Year 5.

**Senior Singing** = Year 6 and above.

## **Stretch and Strength**

This class is completely focused on stretching, limbering, flexibility and strength using Pilates based exercises. There is no dancing involved in these classes but the technique and tricks learned are very helpful for students in their other classes. This class is a very smart choice for those who are looking to succeed in other dance styles.

## **Tap**

DTN is a registered Glenn Wood Tap Studio. In all tap classes, students will be studying variations from the Glen Wood Tap Syllabus, (but not in a strict level by level format) combined with the DTN syllabus and style. The tap classes at DTN are very popular; students enjoy them because they learn good technique without repeating the same work every week. To find the correct Tap class, look for the "Age group + Tap". For example, for a child in Year 5, you would look for "Junior Tap".

## **Turns and Leaps**

In TNL, students will be challenged with different forms of leaps and turns. The class will study pirouettes technique to enable students to turn faster and with more accuracy. Due to the nature of this class, TNL can only be taken by students in Junior age group and above. This class is **STRONGLY** recommended for all solo performance students; if you plan on participating in solo performances and are not planning on taking this class, please notify Miss Beck immediately.