



TK DANCE STARS

2025
INFORMATION PACK

T K Dance Stars

2025 Welcome Handbook

Hello!

Welcome to our T K Dance Stars Studio Family! We are so glad you have decided to join our wonderful little studio on our child's dance journey and we hope that you feel as welcomed and supported in our studio as your child will be to their classes.

T K Dance Stars was established in Ramsgate in 2012. Our studio family is a combination of a long line of family teachers (dating back over 90 years) and young faces that have once been students who are now teachers and/or parents in our dance community.

Our studio is located in the Sans Souci Literary Institute where we have two halls that have classes catering for ages 18 months and above. Our connections with the Australasian Dance Association provide our teaching staff with qualifications in not only dance but in teaching where our staff have all received their diplomas in dance teaching alongside their performance exams in Tap, Jazz and Ballet. Our syllabus has also extended to contemporary and Acrodance exams and our faculty also teach hip hop, lyrical and musical theatre styles within our classes.

Our Pre-School program is founded on age appropriate developmental milestones that promote gross and fine motor development whilst encouraging a love of dance and an understanding of music.

We hope this information booklet answers any questions you may have about us and gives you everything you need to start your dance journey with us. We cannot wait to see you in your first class of 2025.

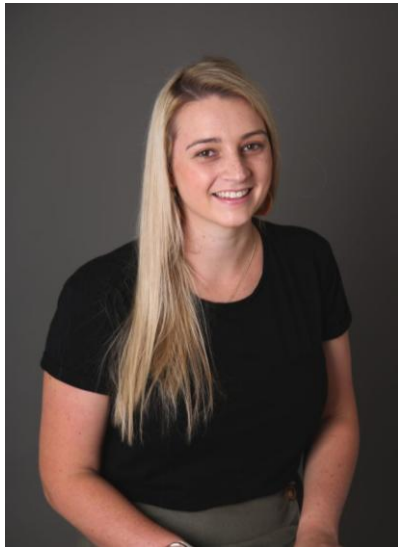
Miss Tamara and the T K Family x

Our Staff:

Here are our friendly staff who you may see in and around our studio throughout the year. Please introduce yourself if we may not have met you yet as we love to get to know everyone within the studio and make sure you feel welcome.

Miss Tamara

Principal/Owner - Australasian Dance Association, Bachelor of Education (K-6), Diverse Learning and Inclusive and Special Education



Miss Tamara is a passionate and dedicated teacher and leader of the TK Dance Stars family.

Miss Tamara also hold a Bachelor of Education (K-6) through the University of New England and is currently a Diverse Learning Teacher with Sydney Catholic Schools. Fully qualified under the Australasian Dance Association (ADA) she holds all Advanced Diplomas in Tap and Jazz, Intermediate Diploma in Classical Ballet (with continued study) and is fully qualified in ADA AcroDance and Contemporary syllabus and teacher training with the Acrobatic Dance Association.

In 2009 Miss Tamara was a competitor in the IDO International Tap Dance Championships where she received a Gold medal from the President of the IDO. Not only a teacher but an adjudicator as well, Miss Tamara ensures that our students are working in the current artistic direction of Dance and the arts as it progresses in our country and beyond.

Miss Chris

Miss Chris is one of our most valuable teachers at TK Dance Stars with over 50 years teaching experience. As a fully qualified member with the Australian Dance Association (ADA) as well as the Australian member of the International Dance Organisation (IDO), Miss Chris loves to see our students achieve their personal best, encouraging them to try new styles or extend their dance vocabulary in a multitude of directions. We are very lucky to have a world of knowledge in Miss Chris at our studio family.



Miss Georgia

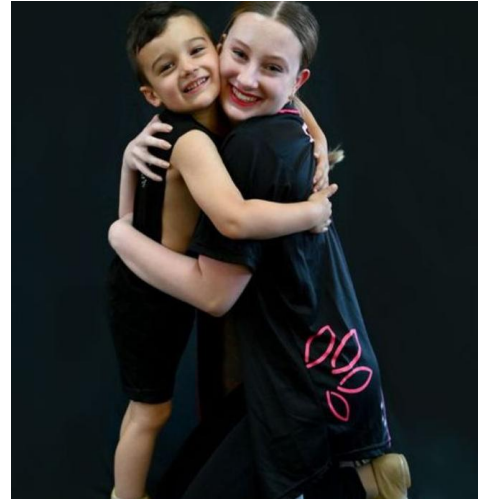
Miss Georgia's passion for dance started at an early age. Miss Georgia has trained all genres of dance and has competed in many Eisteddfods and performed in many community musicals. Miss Georgia has not only competed but placed 1st in many of the ADA Awards competitions including the Ballet Scholarship in 2015.



Miss Georgia has completed her Bachelor of Education (K-6) and her ADA Advanced Tap Diploma and is qualified in the ADA AcroDance and Contemporary syllabus. She is currently completing her ADA Intermediate Diplomas in Jazz and Classical Ballet. Georgia's affectionate spirit is rather contagious and exciting and we love having her as part of our T K Dance Family to share this world of passion with our students.

Miss Carys

Our pocket rocket Miss Carys began dancing with our T K Family in 2011 where she found a love for Tap and Acrobatics. Her bounding energy allowed her to flip and tap her way through her ADA Exams with Honours with Distinction and she is now completing her ADA Advanced Diploma in Tap and Intermediate Diplomas in Jazz and Classical Ballet. Miss Carys is also qualified in ADA AcroDance and Contemporary.



Miss Carys' is so very excited to be taking on not only our hip hop classes but our Pre-School Program this year and we cannot wait to see her share her passion and joy showcased in these classes.

Miss Kaiya

Miss Kaiya is our youngest teacher, but by all accounts, as valuable as the rest of our team. Miss Kaiya began learning at T K Dance Stars in its opening in 2012 and has since completed all ADA Performance Exams (and is currently completing her higher stars grades). Also with the ADA, Kaiya has completed her Elementary Ballet Diploma and will be undertaking her Pre-Elementary Tap and Jazz Diplomas in 2025.

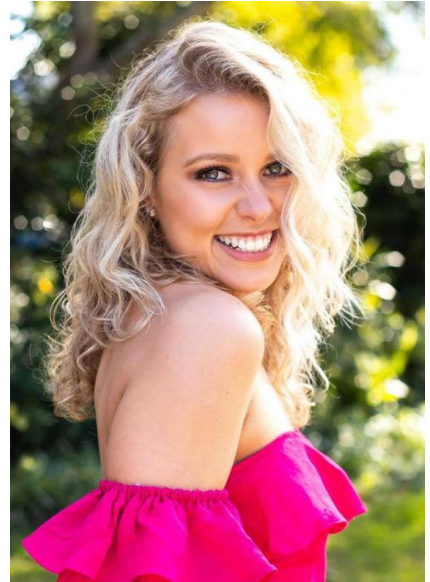


We are thrilled to have Miss Kaiya teaching with us this year independently and assisting with many classes throughout the week and we love having her excitement in our classes.

Miss Madi

Miss Madi has trained in all styles of dance for over 20 years. Madi competed in the International Dance Championships, Sydney, in 2009, winning 1st prize and was invited to dance in Germany.

Miss Madi holds her Advanced Teaching Diploma Certificates with ADA in Tap, Classical Ballet and Jazz. In 2019 Miss Madi was accepted to study a Diploma of Dance (Elite Performance) with Dargie Entertainment. She then went on to complete a second year and graduated with an Advanced Diploma of Dance (Elite Performance). Miss Madi is now currently on her second cruise ship contract this time with Princess Cruises and we cannot wait to have her home in 2025 to continue sharing her worldly dance knowledge with our students.



Miss Simone



Miss Simone is generally behind the scenes at TK Dance Stars but when she is in the studio our students are fortunate to receive her keen eye and ballet flair! Miss Simone shares her experience from her dance travels around the world, specifically in classical ballet. Qualified with the FATD (now ADA), Miss Simone loves to extend her technical knowledge and presentation with our students encouraging them to be proud of their performance and achieve beyond their wildest dreams. Her wealth of knowledge in all genres is widely appreciated and loved by our students.

Anastasia:

Joining our team in 2025, we have the lovely Anastasia who will be our Administration Manager answering all of your calls and emails throughout the year. Anastasia comes to us with a wealth of knowledge in administration and practice management with positive customer service and is a dance mum in our studio family too. We are thrilled to have her in our team for 2025!



Our Contact Details:

Website: www.tkdancestars.net

Mobile: 0478 964 722

Email: tkdancestars@gmail.com

BAND:

BAND is our online communication app for videos and sharing events that are coming up throughout the year. You can request to join our BAND using the link below.



Our teaching staff will upload videos for practice or events that may arise for you to notify us if you will be attending. This includes long weekend classes, so we have adequate notice for attendance on these particular weekends as well.

<https://band.us/n/a8a8AdGc09x1i>

Classes for 2025 - Term 2

T K Dance Stars Timetable

| TUESDAY | | | | | |
|----------|--|--------------------------|------------------|--|---------------------------|
| STUDIO 1 | | | STUDIO 2 | | |
| | | | 4:15 | | Grade 2 Jazz |
| 17:00 | | Primary Jazz | 17:00 | | Grade 2 Tap |
| 5:45 | | Primary Tap | 5:45 | | Gold Star Ballet |
| 6:30 | | Gold Star Tap | 6:30 | | Grade 2 Ballet - Lesson 1 |
| 7:15 | | Senior Open Tap | 7:15 | | Grade 3 Ballet - Lesson 1 |
| 8:00 | | | | | |
| THURSDAY | | | | | |
| STUDIO 1 | | | STUDIO 2 | | |
| | | | 4:00 | | Gold Star Jazz |
| 4:30 | | Pre-Primary Tap and Jazz | 4:45 | | Bronze Star Ballet |
| 5:30 | | Pre-Primary Ballet | 5:30 | | Pre-Elementary Jazz |
| 6:15 | | Gold Star Ballet | 6:15 | | Grade 5 Jazz |
| 7:00 | | Grade 5 Tap | 7:00 | | |
| 7:45 | | Bar to Gold Tap | 7:45 | | |
| SATURDAY | | | | | |
| STUDIO 1 | | | STUDIO 2 | | |
| 9:00 | | Intermediate Lyrical | 8:45 | | Grade 3 Ballet - Lesson 2 |
| 9:30 | | Junior Jazz | 9:30 | | Grade 2 Ballet - Lesson 2 |
| 10:00 | | Junior Acro | 10:15 | | Grade 1 Ballet |
| 10:30 | | Primary Ballet | 11:00 | | Intermediate Fun Jazz |
| 11:00 | | Tiny Dancers | 11:30 | | Intermediate Acro |
| 11:30 | | Pre-School Ballerina's | | | |
| 12noon | | Pre-School Tap and Jazz | 12:30 | | Intermediate Hip Hop |
| 12:30 | | Pre-School Acro | 1:00 | | |
| 1:00 | | Senior Acro | 1:45 | | Elementary Jazz |
| 1:45 | | Senior Jazz | | | |
| 2:30 | | Senior Contemporary | | | |
| | | Pre-School | 18mths - 5 years | | |
| | | Pre-Primary | 5-7 years | | |
| | | Primary/Grade 1 | 7-10 years | | |
| | | Grade 2- Grade 3 | 7-12 years | | |
| | | Grade 4/Bronze Star | 13-14 years | | |
| | | Senior/Silver | 15+ years | | |
| | | Majors | Teaching Exams | | |



Class Prices and Payment Systems:

Please note all classes include GST:

Annual Enrolment Fee: \$35

Family Rate: \$55

Class Prices:

Tiny Dancers: \$12

Pre-School Ballet: \$12

Pre-School Tap and Jazz Combo: \$12

Pre-School Acrobatics: \$12

Pre-Primary - Grade 2 Classes (per genre): \$12

Grade 3 - Grade 5 (per genre): \$13

2nd Ballet Lesson (Grades): \$8

Bronze - Bar to Gold Star (per genre): \$16.50

Second Ballet Lesson (Stars): \$10

Junior Acrobatics: \$12

Junior Fun Jazz: \$12

Pre-Intermediate Acrobatics: \$13

Intermediate Acrobatics: \$13

Intermediate Lyrical \$13

Intermediate Hip Hop: \$13

Pre-Senior Hip Hop: \$15

Senior Jazz: \$16.50

Senior Contemporary: \$16.50

Senior Acro: \$16.50



Online Portal and Enrolment System:

To register your enrolment with us, please visit the below link: **(new students only)**

<https://app.classmanager.com/classes/t-k-dance-stars>

Here you can view all classes open for enrolment and register your account with us for 2025.

Once you have enrolled into your appropriate classes, please email us to confirm we have received your enrolment, and we can confirm this for you.

Invoicing:

Invoices are issued in week 10 of the previous term, with the exception of Term 1, which is issued 2 weeks prior to the commencement of Term 1.

All term fees are due by the first day of the term and payment plans can be arranged prior to this date if required. Late payment of fees negates your discount scheme, unless payment plan is booked in prior.

**For our full fee policy please read below in our policies and procedures.*

Discount Scheme:

We offer a discount scheme for students who undertake multiple classes. This is discounted per student, not per family.

3-4 classes per week: 10% discount

5 classes per week: 15% discount

6 or more classes per week: 20% discount

Discounts are taken off total class fees for that term. Conditions apply for payment on time to receive your discount. Fee discount scheme is not valid for uniforms, shoes or costumes.

Uniform and Shoes:

Our studio uniform can be purchased at the stores listed below. Unfortunately, from 2025 onwards we will not be stocking uniforms on site at the studio. Some items, such as tights and tap shoes will be available to order through our lovely administration manager, however all other uniforms can be purchased through Bloch in Miranda, Daisy Dancewear in Engadine or Beat Street in Carlton. Alternatively, if you prefer to purchase online, we can recommend Dance and Play (online in QLD) or alternatively Energetiks.

Our beautiful friends at Bloch in Miranda have a list of all requirements for our studio should this be a little too overwhelming. They are fabulous at helping you find exactly what you need when you walk in and say "I'm from T K Dance Stars"

We have listed below our uniform including the names of the items relevant to the stores you can purchase these from and the classes they are related to. If you have any questions regarding our uniforms or shoes, please do not hesitate to reach out and we will confirm for you the best uniform choices for your child.


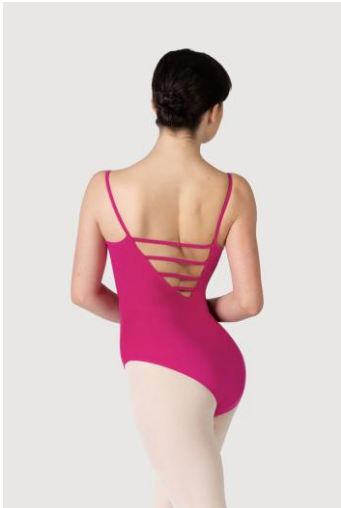


If you would prefer to purchase uniforms second hand, we do have a great secondhand Facebook buy and sell page for all second hand uniform/shoe sales. This is a fabulous way to help families within our studio to sell old shoes and purchase new ones at a much cheaper price!





The link for our second hand buy and sell page is:

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/558147323508697>

It is expected that all students have their hair in a neat bun for all classes. This is to allow for poise and safety in all class styles and for our teachers to view the posture and alignment of the spine in working with your son/daughter to develop the appropriate strength and skills in a safe and age-appropriate way.

| <i>Image</i> | <i>Class</i> | <i>Where to Buy?</i> |
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|  | <p><i>All students</i> <i>Pink Ballet colour - for</i> <i>ballet classes</i> <i>Tan - for all other</i> <i>classes</i></p> | <p><i>Email: tkdancestars@gmail.com</i></p> |
|  | <p><i>Grade 2 Tap and</i> <i>Above</i></p> | <p><i>Through the studio</i> <i>tkdancestars@gmail.com</i></p> |
|  | <p><i>Tiny Dancers - Grade</i> <i>2 Tap</i></p> | <p><i>Through the studio</i> <i>tkdancestars@gmail.com</i></p> |

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|  | <p><i>Tiny Dancers - Grade 1 (all genres)</i></p> | <p><i>Bloch - Odetta in Mulberry Energetiks: Charlotte Leotard in Mulberry</i></p> <p><i>Daisy/Beat Street and Dane and Play: As per Energetiks</i></p> |
|  | <p><i>Grade 2 and Above (All genres)</i></p> | <p><i>Bloch - Oxana leotard in Mulberry</i></p> |
|  | <p><i>Optional for All students</i></p> | <p><i>Bloch - V front Dance Shorts</i></p> <p><i>Daisy/Dance and Play: Studio 7 Vi front dance shorts</i></p> |
|  | <p><i>Skirt required for all ballet classes</i></p> | <p><i>Bloch - Geena Ballet Skirt in Mulberry</i></p> <p><i>Energetiks/Daisy/Beat Street/Dance and Play: Wrap Skirt in Mulberry</i></p> |

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|  | <p><i>Winter Optional for all students</i></p> | <p><i>Bloch: Crossover in Mulberry</i></p> <p><i>Energetiks/Daisy/Beat Street: Crossover Top in Mulberry</i></p> |
|  | <p><i>All Jazz Classes (with the exception of Tiny Dancers and Pre-School classes)</i></p> | <p><i>Bloch - TAN Elastabooties</i></p> <p><i>Energetiks/Daisy: Tan Slip on Jazz Shoes</i></p> |
|  | <p><i>All Ballet Classes, Tiny Dancers and Pre-School Classes</i></p> | <p><i>Bloch - Ballet Shoes</i></p> <p><i>Tiny Dancers - Pre-Primary - FULL SOLE</i></p> <p><i>Primary Ballet - Bar to Gold - SPLIT SOLE shoes</i></p> |
|  | <p><i>Optional: For all students</i></p> | <p><i>Order through the studio:</i></p> <p><i>Email: tkdancestars@gmail.com</i></p> |

Our Annual End of Year Concert:

Our 2025 end of year concert is a fun and exciting opportunity for your child to perform on stage for their family and friends. It is an inclusive and enjoyable afternoon to showcase your child's talents and the work they have put in throughout the year.

Our concerts are not compulsory, however are encouraged to families to participate in a fun experience. In term 2 we will advise on the formal costs for all costumes and concert package for the event. At this point you can let us know if you would like to participate or just attend normal classes. Once you have committed, the full payment of costumes and packages are required, and a payment plan can be set up for you if required.

This year our concert will be held on Saturday 6th December 2025 for a midafternoon show at the Marana Auditorium in Hurstville.

*We have listed below an **estimated** cost breakdown for you to prepare accordingly and for full transparency for the year ahead.*

Concert Package: Includes professional video of the show, professional photos from photo day and the concert performance, certificate of participation, USB for all photos and video footage, staff and venue fees for any on stage rehearsal and photo day. (inclusive of gst)

First Child: \$140

Second Child: \$85

Costume costs:

Tiny Dancers and Pre-School costumes: \$40 - \$50 per class

All other costumes: \$50 - \$75 per class

Concert Tickets:

Tickets for our show will go on sale on the 1st October 2025. Details for this will be released in Term 2. Tickets range from \$20 - \$40 per ticket for the performance.

Exam Stream:

As a member of the Australasian Dance Association, we host exam sessions with our association for the individual success and achievement of our students.

Exams can be a daunting word for many and can give more stress than needed. Within our studio exams are given a positive and successful individual achievement outlook with many options available for all students to successfully complete exams with support of their teachers and friends.

Our exam stream begins in “Pre-Primary” which is aged between 5-7 years. In Pre-Primary, our students go into their exam in a group of 4 with their teacher and perform their exam exercises with their teacher and friends. This is a nurturing and enjoyable experience for our students to be welcomed into the exam stream at this age.

In Primary and above our students go into their exam in a group of 2-3 friends and perform many exercises together with their friends. As the grades progress, they will perform some exercises and routines on their own.

All students who participate in their exams receive a report exploring their achievements and areas for growth, these are not scored out of 100 but rather are a scale to show the progression level of each exercise individually. Students will also receive a certificate and a badge for their success in passing each level and genre.

Class Performance Awards:

We also have the opportunity for students to undertake a Class Performance Award, or CPA. The CPA is a smaller portion of the exam that the student and teacher can select the students’ strongest exercises in the grade to perform if they feel they are not quite ready to undertake the full exam. The student can then take in a buddy and complete all exercises with a buddy. CPA students also receive a report, certificate and a ribbon for their achievement.

Inclusive and Special Education Exams:

The ADA provides opportunities for all students to participate in the success of completing their dance exams. Our Inclusive and Special Education Dance Exams are jointly constructed by the teacher and student to suit the diverse learning needs of the student undertaking the exam. A support person or teacher will enter the exam room with the student and a buddy can accompany them also should this be required to complete the exam. These wonderful students will also receive a report, certificate and ribbon for their successful achievement also.

Diplomas in Dance Teaching:

As our students progress into their higher grades we have the opportunity to offer the Diplomas of Dance Teaching in Tap, Jazz and Classical Ballet with the ADA. These Diplomas range from Pre-Elementary to Advanced and cover our syllabus from our Pre-Primary's through to our Bar to Gold Star Seniors. The Diploma not only encompasses the syllabus content but also covers the anatomy and physiology of the human body, development of our students by age, safe dance practices and various teaching methods and positive classroom management.

ADA Awards Competition:

Within our association we have our annual awards competition. This is a fun onstage performance for students to compete with their exam stream work onstage against many dance schools from within our association. The Awards competition is held from the 28-30th September 2025 and this year will be our Australasian Championships with studios coming from across the South Pacific to compete here in Sydney.

More details regarding this wonderful opportunity will be released in Term 2 when we commence our exam and awards entries.

Dates for the Diary:

Throughout the year we have some wonderful community and studio events that we participate in. We will be updating these regularly on BAND and via email, so we ask you to please keep an eye out for any additional dates that may come up throughout the year.

1st February – First Day of Term 1

1st February – Term 1 Fees are Due

10th – 15th February – Bring a Friend to Dancing week

15th February – Studio Open Day!

8th – 12th April – Easter Celebration Week – Bring your Easter Hat for our Virtual Easter Hat Parade!

12th April – Last day for Term 1

28th April – First Day of Term 2 – Term 2 Fees are Due including Concert package forms and First concert installment

10th May – Mother's Day Celebrations – Mum's Dance Day

8-10th June – June Long Weekend – All classes on as normal

16th June – Pyjama Week! Wear your comfy Pjs to class!

5th July – Last Day of Term 2

22nd July – First Day of Term 3 – Term 3 Fees are Due including final costume installment and concert package payment

August – ADA Exams – Dates TBC

6th September – Father's Day Celebrations – Dad's Dance Day!

27th September – Last Day of Term 3

28th – 30th September – ADA Championships

13th October – First Day of Term 4 – Term 4 Fees are Due

25th October – Grandparents Day

16th November – Photo Day (pending confirmation)

6th December – Concert Day

8th December – 13th December – Christmas Celebration Week

13th December – Final Day for 2025

Policies and Procedures:

Attendance and Respect for Staff and Fellow Students:

- Students are to always respect one another and their teachers
- Attitude or disrespect will not be tolerated. Parents will be notified if a student is showing attitude or disrespect for further communication and discussion.
- Attendance is how we achieve success. If you continually miss classes, we cannot guarantee exams, performance opportunities. If a student is unable to attend a class please contact your teacher **prior** to this class as a courtesy and to discuss available make up lessons.
- Students are to be ready **10 minutes before** their first class is to commence. If a student is not ready to commence their class on time this can disrupt other students in the class and take away from their learning. Please be respectful of other students in your class and arrive in a timely manner.
- Students are **NOT** to leave the premises without a parent / guardian being present to collect them. Parents must enter the hall to collect their child.

Studio Representation:

- Any student representing T K Dance Stars must attend any event in full studio uniform (tracksuit jacket/Studio Polo Shirt)
- All students representing T K Dance Stars must act appropriately, and respect the uniform and studio they are representing at all times.
- T K Dance Stars is a respected family studio with an outlook on positive sportsmanship and encouragement. Students are not to discourage their fellow students and/or other competitors. They are to respect teachers and event staff at all times.

Mobile Phones and Electronic Equipment:

- Mobile phones and Electronic devices must be kept in a student's dance bag at all times when at the studio. They may be retrieved for videoing purposes and to contact a parent if classes are altered.
- Please note: **T K Dance Stars does not take responsibility for these items whilst on premises.**

Fees:

- All private lessons must be paid for per term as per invoice.
- Fees are to be paid prior to the first day of the specific term to be eligible for the fee discount scheme. Any fees not paid by this date will incur full fee payment not including any discounts.
- Payment plans are eligible to retain discounts if set up prior to the invoice due date at the first day of the term.
- Private lessons **must be paid** for in the event of missed attendance unless the parent informs the studio 1 week prior, AND the lesson has been filled by another student.
- Missed Lessons - If your child/ren are unwell or injured we offer a full make up for the value of those classes. This includes any class of the appropriate age group for your child/ren. Due to being a small business we cannot guarantee the “same” class for a make up, however we have a variety of classes in each age group for you to attend as a make up class.
- Any class that is cancelled by a staff member will be made available at another time or day to allow for a make up lesson of this class. This will be advised as soon as staffing and hall arrangements are confirmed to give you as much notice as possible. If you are unable to attend this class then the above missed lessons policy will apply and you will be eligible to attend a make up class of your choice in an eligible age group.
- In the event of a COVID-19 outbreak or pandemic classes will be provided online using either Zoom or Google drive formats. Classes during that remaining term will be non-refundable however the option to re-enrol during a further period will be made available.

Photography and Videography:

- Photography and videography within the studio may only be taken if approval is given by the appropriate member of staff. In the event that this is approved photography/videography may only be used for a families own personal viewing and must be approved by all parents of students within the selected class.
- Under no circumstances are students to use photography and/ or videography within the studio premises unless approved by a teacher.
- Photography and/or videography taken within the studio, must not be uploaded to any form of social media or internet based programs without consent.
- T K Dance Stars is not associated with Tik Tok in any form.

Parents and Guardians:

- T K Dance Stars offers a positive and encouraging environment, where all students are encouraged to perform their best and enjoy the art form of dance. Parents are asked to speak positively and kindly to any student(s) at all times. Derogatory or negative comments toward any student(s), staff or fellow parent(s) will not be tolerated, and if this occurs you may be asked to leave.
- Watching week is the last week of each term. Only on this week will parents be allowed to sit in and watch, but please be advised teachers have the right to change this at any time.
- Watching week for 2-4 years, Pre-Primary and Primary will be split throughout the terms to avoid any major distractions for our young people OR windows will remain open for discrete viewing at any time throughout the term.
- Tiny Dancers may have a parent/guardian viewing during class time due to the young age of these students (18 months -3 years). If you are viewing please ensure any siblings are seated and not disrupting the class during this time.
- Parents must drop off and pick up students at the door of the studio.
- Parents who are waiting in the foyer or kitchen area must respect the classes that are engaged by keeping noise to a minimum and ensuring that any children are kept with their parent at all times.
- Only open the studio doors should you need to enter the class or to use the bathrooms. Additional openings of the door are a large distraction for students and we want to make the most of the time we have with your children to build their success.
- If the hall, kitchen or foyer is vacant, please do not allow children to dance, run around
- in these areas. These are common areas that are used for lunch breaks and seated communal time, not for chasing games or climbing.

WHILST AT THE STUDIO:

- Students who wish to leave the studio to collect food must be accompanied by an adult or WRITTEN consent must be brought to the studio and given to a teacher.
- All students must wear appropriate clothing over their leotard and shorts to walk to and from the studio.