



Shilleena's Dance Academy

## NEWSLETTER TERM 1 2026

It's almost time to return to the studio, and we are so excited to see everyone. We warmly welcome new students and families to SDA and are looking forward to having our current students return. Our teachers have been refreshing their syllabus knowledge and first-aid training over the holidays and can't wait to get started. Regular classes start on **MONDAY 2<sup>nd</sup> FEBRUARY**. To review your class times, check page 2 of this newsletter.

Over the break, we have completed an important overhaul of our policies and procedures in view of the changes to child protection laws in Queensland. A copy of our [Policies and Procedures](#) can be downloaded from our website and we ask every family to read this in conjunction with our [Privacy Policy](#), also available on our website.

It is vital we have your most up-to-date contact details and medical information. Students can have their own email added to the account as well as a parent email. If anything has changed, please advise Miss Shilleena via email.

All the necessary information about our dance school including fees and uniform information is found in our [Prospectus](#). You can download a copy from the [Latest News](#) page on the website.

Some important dates for 2026 are listed further on in the newsletter, so please make the relevant notes in your dairies. All dates are subject to confirmation and can always be checked on the website.

### PERFORMANCE TROUPES

Last year's Christmas shows for BlueCare Wynnum and Camp Hill Aged Care were so much fun (and very well received by residents). Thanks to everyone who participated, it's such a joy to give back to the community!!

The 2026 Performance Troupes were finalised at the end of last year. Miss Lilius will be taking an Intermediate and a Senior Performance class in 2026 along with Miss Alanah (Intermediate) and Miss Paige (Senior & Combined). This year we will be competing at the Wynnum, Evolution, Beenleigh and SFD Eisteddfods and returning to the charity events we love at the end of the year.

PT dancers have bootcamp on Saturday 31<sup>st</sup> January and everyone is required to attend. Please arrive promptly for a 10am start.



### TEACHERS IN 2026

At the end of last year, we said goodbye to Miss Alessandra who has travelled to Europe to complete further study for her degree. We wish her every success.

This year we welcome three of our senior students to the teaching staff. Miss Caitlin, Miss Kairi and Miss Jess are teaching some of our younger students on Saturdays. Miss Caitlin and Miss Jess are completing Diplomas in Professional Dance at QCD and Miss Kairi is in her second year of a Bachelor of Creative Arts.

### MEDIA RELEASE

We have a new [Media Authority and Release](#) form. With the review of our Privacy Policy, it is appropriate to have every dancer confirm their agreement or otherwise to video and photographic content.

If you aren't sure about the options provided on the form, please contact Miss Shilleena. You can amend your permissions at any time by completing a new form.

# 2026 TIMETABLE

MONDAY – YORK STREET UPSTAIRS			MONDAY – YORK STREET DOWNSTAIRS		
4:00-5:15	Beginner/Intermediate Acro (7+ yrs)	Miss Asha	4:00-5:15	Pre-Elementary Ballet (class 1)	Miss Alanah
5:15-6:30	Advanced Acrobatics	Miss Asha	5:15-6:30	Elementary Ballet (class 1)	Miss Alanah
6:30-7:30	Sub-Senior Contemporary	Miss Lilius	6:30-7:45	Intermediate Ballet (class 1)	Miss Vanessa
7:30-8:45	Sub-Senior & Senior Performance	Miss Lilius	7:45-9:00	Advanced Ballet (class 1)	Miss Vanessa
9:00-9:30	Pas De Deux	Miss Vanessa			
TUESDAY – YORK STREET UPSTAIRS			TUESDAY – YORK STREET DOWNSTAIRS		
			3:30-4:15	Level 2 Ballet (1)	Miss Zoe
3:45-4:45	Intermediate Jazz Tech (9-14 yrs)	Miss Paige	4:15-5:00	Level 3 Ballet (1)	Miss Zoe
4:45-5:45	Combined Performance	Miss Paige	5:00-6:00	Level 5 Ballet (1)	Miss Zoe
5:45-6:45	Sub-Senior & Senior Performance	Miss Paige	6:00-7:00	Open Adult Contemporary	Miss Zoe
6:45-7:45	Commercial Jazz (15+)	Miss Paige	7:00-8:00	Open Adult Jazz	Miss Zoe
7:45-8:45	Advanced Lyrical (15+)	Miss Paige	8:00-9:00	Open Adult Cabaret	Miss Zoe
WEDNESDAY – YORK STREET UPSTAIRS			WEDNESDAY – YORK STREET DOWNSTAIRS		
9:00-9:30	Creative Movement (2.5-4 yrs)	Miss Abby			
			3:45-4:45	Level 6 Ballet (class 1)	Miss Zoe
4:30-5:45	Intermediate Ballet (class 2)	Miss Shilleena	4:45-5:45	Intermediate Contemporary	Miss Zoe
5:45-7:00	Open Contemporary (16+ yrs)	Miss Shilleena	5:45-7:00	Pre-Elementary Ballet (class 2)	Miss Zoe
7:00-8:15	Advanced Ballet (class 2)	Miss Shilleena	7:00-7:45	Pointe Tech (Syllabus Students)	Miss Zoe
8:15-9:15	Level 9 Tap	Miss Shilleena	7:45-9:00	Elementary Ballet (class 2)	Miss Zoe
THURSDAY – YORK STREET UPSTAIRS			THURSDAY – YORK STREET DOWNSTAIRS		
4:00-5:00	Level 8 Jazz	Miss Paige	4:00-5:00	Intermediate Performance (class 1)	Miss Lilius
5:00-6:00	Level 7 Tap	Miss Paige	5:00-6:00	Intermediate Performance (class 2)	Miss Alanah
6:00-7:00	Level 9 Jazz	Miss Paige	6:00-7:00	Level 6 Ballet (class 2)	Miss Alanah
7:00-8:00	Advanced Jazz Technique (15+ yrs)	Miss Paige	7:00-8:00	Level 8 Tap	Miss Alanah
8:00-9:15	Level 10 Jazz	Miss Paige	8:00-9:00	Advanced Cabaret	Miss Alanah
FRIDAY – YORK STREET UPSTAIRS			FRIDAY – YORK STREET DOWNSTAIRS		
			3:30-4:15	Junior Street Jazz (6-11 yrs)	Miss Emma
4:00-5:00	Level 7 (1 <sup>st</sup> Year) Jazz	Miss Lilius	4:15-5:00	Intermediate Street Jazz (11-15 yrs)	Miss Emma
5:00-6:00	Level 6 (2 <sup>nd</sup> Year) Tap	Miss Shilleena	5:00-6:00	Level 5 (1st & 2nd Yr) Tap	Miss Lilius
6:00-7:00	Level 6 (2 <sup>nd</sup> Year) Jazz	Miss Shilleena	6:00-7:00	Level 5 (1st & 2nd Yr) Jazz	Miss Lilius
7:00-8:00	Open Tap Technique (16+ years)	Miss Shilleena	7:00-8:00	Open Adult Beginner Tap	Miss Lilius
8:00-9:00	Open Jazz Technique (16+ yrs)	Miss Shilleena	8:00-9:00	Open Adult Beginner Ballet	Miss Lilius
SATURDAY – YORK STREET UPSTAIRS			SATURDAY – YORK STREET DOWNSTAIRS		
8:00-9:00	Open Pointe Tech & Ballet Conditioning	Miss Alanah			
9:00-10:00	Open Adult Intermediate Ballet	Miss Alanah	9:00-9:30	Creative Movement (2.5-4 yrs)	Miss Abby
			9:30-10:00	Foundation Jazz (5yrs)	Miss Abby
10:00-11:00	Open Adult Intermediate Tap	Miss Alanah	10:00-10:30	Foundation Tap (5yrs)	Miss Caitlin
			10:30-11:15	Foundation Ballet (5yrs)	Miss Caitlin
11:15-12:00	Level 2 Tap	Miss Alanah	11:15-12:00	Level 1 Tap	Miss Caitlin
12:00-12:45	Level 2 Ballet (class 2)	Miss Alanah	12:00-12:45	Level 1 Jazz	Miss Jess
12:45-1:30	Level 2 Jazz	Miss Alanah	12:45-1:30	Level 1 Ballet	Miss Jess
1:30-2:30	Level 5 Ballet (class 2)	Miss Alanah	1:45-2:30	Level 3 Tap	Miss Emma
2:30-3:30	Level 4 Tap	Miss Emma	2:30-3:15	Level 3 Ballet (class 2)	Miss Kairi
3:30-4:30	Level 4 Jazz	Miss Emma	3:15-4:00	Level 3 Jazz	Miss Kairi

Legend: Pink =Ballet, Red = Jazz, Blue = Tap, Green = Commercial/Street Jazz, Lime = Technique classes, Purple = Cabaret, Brown = Contemporary, Grey = Acrobatics, Aqua = Performance

## 2026 DANCE DATES

January	
31:	PT Bootcamp
February	
<b>02:</b>	<b>First Day of Term 1</b>
16-21:	Bring a Friend Week
March	
23-28:	Parent Watching Week #1
April	
02:	Last Day of Term 1
TBC:	Charity Dance Day
<b>20:</b>	<b>First Day of Term 2</b>
25:	ANZAC Day Public Holiday (no regular classes)
25:	PT Eisteddfod Rehearsal
May	
02:	Wynnum Eisteddfod 12U
03:	Wynnum Eisteddfod Opens
04:	Labour Day Public Holiday (no regular classes)
22-24:	Evolution Dance Eisteddfod
30-31:	Exam Workshops #1
June	
06-07:	Exam Workshops #2
13-14:	Exam Workshops #3
17-24:	SFD Ballet, Tap & Jazz Exams
27:	Last Day of Term 2
July	
<b>13:</b>	<b>First Day of Term 3</b>
18-19:	Costume Measuring Weekend
August	
01-02:	Beenleigh Eisteddfod Opens
08-09:	Beenleigh Eisteddfod 12U
12:	EKKA Public Holiday (no regular classes)
22:	SDA Choro Comp
29-30:	SFD Eisteddfod
September	
07-12:	Parent Watching Week #2
19:	Last Day of Term 3
October	
05:	King's Birthday Public Holiday (no regular classes)
<b>06:</b>	<b>First Day of Term 4</b>
06:	Combined Concert Timetable Commences
TBC:	Professional Photo Weekend
November	
01:	Theatre/Dress Rehearsal LEC
<b>14:</b>	<b>Concert Day</b> <b>11am &amp; 5pm Shows</b>
16:	Term 4 Timetable Starts
23-28:	PT Auditions for 2027
23-28:	Dress Like Your Teacher Week
30:	Bring A Friend Week
December	
01-5:	Crazy Outfit Week
05:	Break Up Party @ Studio (TBC)
05:	Last Day of Term 4
08:	PT Break Up Party (TBC)

## BRING A FRIEND WEEK IN TERM 1 2026

We are mixing it up and would love to invite friends of our dancers to trial any class (except PT) in week 3 of this term. School friends, cousins, neighbours – all are welcome!

## SFD BALLET, TAP & JAZZ EXAMS

Examinations are a wonderful way to assess the progress of a student against the wider dance community through a standard set of exercises. At SDA, however, we understand that exams are not for everyone. To be eligible to undertake ballet exams, students need to attend two classes per week from Grade 2 onwards. Jazz and tap exams are taken every year for grades Foundation to 4, and then every second year for grade 5 and above (unless otherwise determined by your teachers).

During the first five weeks of term, teachers will be looking at every student and deciding if they are ready to undertake an exam in their chosen discipline. A letter will then be sent to parents via email outlining whether we feel they are ready to participate in an exam. If you have strong feelings regarding whether you would like your child to undertake an exam this year, please let us know.

Examinations are held at SDA studios in the middle of June. Please reconsider booking any travel if you wish for your child to participate in exams. There are at least two additional weekend rehearsals prior to the exam that are compulsory for every student.

## 2025 CONCERT "ICONIC"

We hope everyone enjoyed last year's ICONIC concert at the LEC. Everyone danced so beautifully, and all your teachers were incredibly proud of your efforts!

Congratulations to Jessica H who was named winner of the SDA Perpetual Trophy for 2025 and to all our other award winners! If anyone is still interested in purchasing the live action photos, please do not hesitate to contact me as I can always authorise additional downloads. Please also remember to download your copy of the filmed concert before the link expires.

Save the date for this year's show - Saturday November 14. The theme for this year's concert is "REMIX 26" with dances set to covers and remixes of popular songs. It's going to be so much fun!!



## GENERAL INFORMATION

**Second-hand dancewear** is available at SDA and is kept in the 'Upstairs' kitchen cupboards. If you are interested in trying something on, please ask your teacher before or after class. Students are also welcome to sell any second-hand dancewear by placing the item in a snap-lock bag with your name, the item, its size and the price you are asking. All items left at the studio for sale are done so at your own risk. SDA is not responsible for the items.

**Lost Property** is retained at the studio in the lost property cupboard in the 'Upstairs' kitchen cupboard (next to the second-hand items). Please check the shelf or with your teacher ASAP if you are missing any property. Any items remaining in the cupboard at the end of each term will be donated to charity.

**SDA Apparel** is available, with orders placed regularly. We have a range of crops and pants, singlets and t-shirts, dance bags, socks and masks. All exam and concert tights are available to purchase from Miss Shilleena. Please see the order form available on our website.

**Emergency Procedures:** A stocked first aid kit is always accessible to all classes. Teachers are all qualified in medical first aid and CPR. They carry updated lists of emergency telephone numbers and in the event of a medical emergency, the teacher will endeavour to contact parents immediately. If parents are un-contactable, the teachers reserve the right to call for ambulance service if deemed necessary. It is imperative that all pre-existing conditions or temporary medical conditions be disclosed to Miss Shilleena upon enrolment and during the year as required.

**Traffic** can become congested at busy times around York Street. Parents are asked not to park on the grassed area, and to leave the driveway clear for teacher parking only. Please be considerate of the residents in the area and do not park across driveways or footpaths. Please be careful to respect the church's property and always keep an eye on your children to make sure that they are following the rules. As the teachers are in class and are unable to supervise the waiting areas or outside, please be aware that any children outside the classroom are your responsibility.

**The Kitchen** area is available to students and parents waiting for classes to start or finish. There is a kettle/microwave/vending machine for your convenience. Please remember to be considerate of other patrons and always throw your rubbish away, clean up any crumbs and wash your dishes/glasses with the washers and cleaning products provided in the kitchen. Please note that NO FOOD/DRINK is to be taken into the studio (excluding a named water bottle) as some of our students have food allergies.

**Fees** for lessons are charged per term by dividing the annual fee into 4 equal term payments. There are no adjustments for shorter- or longer-term periods. Classes are held on all pupil free days. If your class falls on a day when we are not holding classes (such as a Public Holiday), you will receive a credit on your invoice. **Payment** is required by the end of week two each term (direct deposit, cash or cheque). Please email your remittance advice and use your invoice number and surname as reference. If you have queries about your account, please direct them to Shilleena via email. **Unpaid fees** attract an administration fee of 20% to all outstanding balances. Prompt settlement of any overdue accounts will prevent the school from spending unnecessary administration time chasing overdue accounts.

**Withdrawing your enrolment** must be made in **writing to Miss Shilleena** otherwise fees will continue to accrue as the student's place is held in the class. If a student withdraws their enrolment before the end of a term, the full term's fees will remain payable.

**Classes Missed due to Illness or Holidays** will not be refunded or credited. Students may take a 'make-up' lesson instead with a comparable class. Make-up lessons expire at the end of term 4 each year. Make-up lessons are a great way to try out a new class or add a second ballet class – there are heaps of options! Please contact Shilleena if you would like to arrange a make-up lesson at any time.

**Casual classes** for adult or advanced classes are \$25 per class. Please give the correct money to your teacher at the start of each lesson.