



2024

**INFORMATION PACK
FOR NEW STUDENTS**

JOIN US IN 2024

We are very excited to invite you to enrol for 2024!



JUMP'N JIG PRE SCHOOL PROGRAM

AGES 2 TO 5 OR NOT AT SCHOOL IN 2024

RECREATIONAL PROGRAM

A FOCUS ON FUN & FITNESS

COMPETITION PROGRAM

FOR THE STUDENT WANTING MORE





JUMP'N JIG AGES 2 TO 5



RECREATIONAL PROGRAM



Weekly Recreational Class



Weekly Adult Classes

COMPETITION PROGRAM



Levels 1 to 6 Soft Shoe



Levels 1 to 5 Hard Shoe



Stretch Classes



Exam Classes



State and National Teams



Open Classes for Comp Team



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MCALEER DANCE SCHOOL

JUMP'N JIG

Description

Jump'n Jig is the leading preschool Irish Dance program for your child. Developed by Fiona Holmes, the director of McAleer Dance School, your child will have the very best start!

Class Levels

Tiny Jig 2 to 3 years - Parent/Guardian welcome to join the class

Mini Jig 3 to 4 years

Little Jig 4 to 5 years

Students may be individually assessed, and placed in the best class for their physical, social and emotional development.

Days and Time

Thursday morning @ Pakenham

Friday morning @ Narre Warren **(subject to enrolments)**

Saturday morning @ Pakenham

Costs

2024 Enrolment Fee \$45 (includes the MDS Milestone Diary)

30 minute class \$17.50

45 minute class \$19.50

Maximum Enrolments

10 per class

Uniform

Jump'n Jig Dress

or

Jump'n Jig T-Shirt and Shorts

Irish Dance Socks

Irish Dance Shoes

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RECREATIONAL LEVEL 1 & 2

Description

The ideal class for new students starting Irish Dance for the first time in 2024, Jump'n Jig graduates and students looking for a focus on fitness and fun. Our recreational students do not compete or complete exams, and are encouraged to work towards our annual concert in December. In 2024, we are offering the following recreational classes:

Days and Time (subject to enrolments)

Thursday 4:30pm @ Pakenham

Saturday 9:45am @ Pakenham

Costs

2024 Enrolment Fee \$55 (includes the MDS Milestone Diary)

45 minute class \$19.50

Maximum Enrolments

15 per class

Uniform

MDS Dress

or

MDS T-Shirt/Singlet and Shorts

Irish Dance Socks

Irish Dance Shoes



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RECREATIONAL ADULT CLASS

Description

Our Recreational Adult class is back in 2024!

The class has a strong focus on fitness and fun, and we will cover technique, Ceili dancing and show dancing in our classes.

Days and Time

Wednesday nights @ Pakenham

Costs

2024 Enrolment Fee \$55

75 minute class \$25.50

Uniform

No uniform requirements required.

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FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Can my child attend a trial class first?

All new students in 2024, are welcome to book a trial class via

<https://www.mcaleeririshdance.com.au/book-a-free-trial>

Once a child completes their free trial, we will send you the link to enrol for the remainder of the term.

Can I watch classes?

One parent or guardian of a Tiny Jig student is encouraged to support their child in their studio. If a child in this class demonstrates good independence, we will encourage you to wait in our waiting area. Parents and guardians of Mini Jig, Little Jig and Recreational students are required to remain in the waiting areas provided. We value giving children the opportunity to bond with their teacher and develop a sense of independence. This is best achieved without an audience or distractions.

Can I drop my child off at the studio?

Students can certainly be dropped off and left in the care of teachers, if parents need to take the opportunity to pop out for 'me' time. Please ensure you arrive on time to pick your child up.

Where can I purchase uniforms?

Uniforms are not required until a student formally enrolls in the class.

Uniforms can be purchased via our website and details of our show supplier can also be found there.

www.mcaleeririshdance.com.au

Can I get a refund?

Fees are non refundable. Families commit each term, and fees are required to be paid for the term via a weekly debit. Our classes are limited in size, and our overheads continue regardless of students attendance.

What if my child misses a class?

We do allow students that present a medical certificate, to attend a make up class. Please apply via email to arrange a make up class - office@mcaleeririshdance.com.au

How do we pay?

All families will be required to enrol on our Autopay system at the time of enrolment. Each week, the class fee is debited from your nominated debit or credit card.

What is your cancellation policy?

We hope once a student enrolls in classes, we can see them throughout the entire year to achieve the most out of their classes. The minimum enrolment period is for one term. Each term, families will be asked to confirm their enrolment for the following term. Please read through the comprehensive terms and conditions available at the time of enrolment via the 2024 Waiver.

2024 PRICING STRUCTURE

2024 ENROLMENT FEES

Jump'n Jig

\$45 per student

Recreational

\$55 per Student

Competition Students

\$65 per Student

Immediate Family Enrolment Maximum Fee

\$130

CLASS RATES

30 Minute Group Class \$17.50

45 minute Group Class \$19.50

60 Minute Group Class \$21.50

90 Minute Group Class \$25.50

120 Minute Group Class \$27.50

STUDENT PACKAGES

(for students attending 3 days of classes per week)

Level 1 & 2 Students: \$60.00

This packages includes all classes on Monday, Thursday and Saturday.

Level 3 to 6 Students: \$75.00 (saving of \$12.50 per week)

This package includes all classes on Monday, Tuesday and Thursday, and includes stretch exams, teams, soft shoe, hard shoe.

FAMILY PACKAGE

Immediate Family Weekly Maximum \$150

(unlimited classes for all immediate family members)

WEDNESDAY & SATURDAY OPTIONAL

Locked in rate for the term: \$15 (debited weekly)

Casual rate: \$25.50 (charged on the day of the class)

PRIVATE LESSONS

30 Minutes \$33

45 Minutes \$49.50

60 Minutes \$66

2024 ENROLMENT POLICIES

PERMISSIONS and PUBLICATIONS

I hereby acknowledge and give permission for McAleer Dance School to take, use and disclose any personal information that may be necessary to implement the rules, regulations and policies of McAleer Dance School. I agree to allow results, names and photos to be published in official programs, newsletter and websites for the promotion of the School or any other lawful purpose pertaining to McAleer Dance School.

FEES

Parents/Guardians are fully responsible for the tuition payments in accordance with the McAleer Dance School. Students are enrolled for the full term of dancing and fees are due weekly. ALL families will be required to pay their account via a weekly debit from a nominated credit or debit card through our Autopay system. The full term fee payment option, is not available.

New families will be required to set-up the AutoPay option at the time of enrolment. AutoPay is a service that automatically schedules and deducts weekly payments from your nominated credit or debit card.

All debits will be made early Friday AM. We ask parents to ensure they have funds available in the account each Thursday in preparation of the debit.

An example of a weekly debit and all fees charged, is as follows:

Jenny Smith's weekly tuition is \$20.00. Each Friday (early AM), the \$20.00 tuition fee and a 2.7% process and handling fee (0.54c), will result in \$20.54 being debited from the nominated card.

Parents can update their card details, via their Parent Portal at anytime.

Class fees are non-refundable, with the exception of withdrawal being due to a prolonged illness, serious injury or a family move which must be confirmed with appropriate documentation from a physician or company, whichever the case may be.

Additional charges will apply for enrolment fees, private lessons, open classes, workshop classes, costumes, costume accessories, exams and competitions, if the student wishes to take part.

MAKE UP CLASSES

If a student misses a class, families can apply via email to attend a make up class, if a class and space is available.

Payment plans can not be paused for families away during the dancing term on holiday. Families have the option to cancel their enrolment, and re-enrol (paying the fee) on their return, or remain enrolled in their class.

COMMUNICATION

The McAleer Dance School is a paper free business. All documents will be emailed and available for download from your Parent Portal, and where possible on our Facebook private group.

It is parents' or students' responsibilities to ensure that you have a current and working email address, that is checked regularly. Please also ensure all emails received from McAleer Dance School are not landing in your Junk Mail folder. We will also use Facebook as a means of instant communication and recommend families request to join our closed Facebook page. Text messages will also be sent as required.

Reminders will not be sent for entries that are due, so families are asked to make a note of all due dates as listed in our calendar in your own diaries.

The best form of contact is via email to office@mcaleeririshdance.com.au

Our team will endeavour to reply to all emails within 48 hours. If a student is going to be absent from class, please advise us through the parent portal. Please do not call during class times, as teachers are unable to take your calls. Parents are also asked not to interrupt teachers before, during or after classes. If you need to have a lengthy conversation, please arrange a time with Miss Fiona via text or email.

COMPETITIONS & EXAMS

Competitions and exam entry fees will not be accepted, if any outstanding tuition is owed. Students will be required to purchase/hire the costumes and or standard of costume as set by the Principal.

The teachers, students, parents and friends of the McAleer School must display the upmost sportsmanship behaviour always whilst attending competitions and exams.

Where possible, teachers will attend competitions to support dancers. Dancers are expected to be able to attend competitions with their families, warm-up and run through the dances prior to competing. When a teacher is present and available, all students can warm-up and run through with the teacher together.

STUDIO AND CAR PARK

All classes are closed to spectators. If a child is unable to be left in the studio without parental supervision, parents should recognise that the child is not ready for dance class. Parents are advised to drop the children off at the specified arrival time.

Students will then need to sit in the waiting area as allocated by the teachers and put on their shoes ready for class.

Parents are required to collect children at the time of the class ending. Our classes run to time, so please ensure you are also on time.

We encourage parents to leave students in our care during class times. This promotes independence and ensures complete focus. Parents can use our waiting areas at both studios.

Only students and teachers are permitted in our studios. Friends and siblings are unable to view classes.

The students of the McAleer Dance School are required to wear a uniform.

All parents and students must park in the marked bays only.

Please take note of the on-street parking signs always.

The McAleer Dance School does not tolerate bullying or negative behaviour from students and parents.

Parents with concerns are asked to speak directly to Fiona. Families that respect this policy will also receive the time and respect from our teachers. Parents that speak negatively to others about the staff, school or other families will be asked to leave the school. No exceptions.

SOCIAL NETWORKING SITES/INTERNET POLICY

Personal blogs/social media pages should have clear disclaimers that the views expressed by the author in the blog and or website is the author's alone and do not represent the views of the McAleer Dance School.

Be respectful to the McAleer Dance School, teachers, students, parents, family members, IDC & AIDA members and your fellow competitors.

Your online presence reflects the McAleer Dance School. Be aware that your actions captured via images, posts, or comments can reflect that of our dance school.

Do not reference or cite teachers, students, parents, family members, IDC and AIDA Members and your fellow competitors without their express consent.

Respect copyright laws, and reference or cite sources appropriately. Plagiarism applies online as well.

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