



2023

Information Pack

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FROM THE DIRECTOR

Hi, nice to meet you, I'm Natalie.. or as most students like to call me..
"Miss Nat".

After 17 years teaching for various Dance Studios around Australia, I decided to take the plunge and open my own!

In 2010 Melbourne Acrobatic and Dance, AKA "MAD Studios" was born!

I'm passionate about learning, whilst making it fun - both as a teacher and also for my students.

One of my mottos is "Never stop learning!"

Miss Nat

Hello everyone and welcome to Melbourne Acrobatic and Dance Studio,

I'd like to start by sharing my appreciation to all of the families who supported us the past few years. It was such a tough time for us all and we couldn't have got through it without you.

We cannot wait to enjoy the 2023 dance year with you all and have some amazing things planned. We will be bringing back some of our favourite events and of course we have some surprises up our sleeve too.

Natalie Bale. (RAD- Rts,
CSTD, Acrobatic Arts)
Director.



ABOUT US

Mission Statement

In 2010 Melbourne Acrobatic and Dance Studio opened its doors with a dream of providing quality dance training in a positive learning environment. We have continued to grow each year and available classes now include Pre-school classes, Ballet, Jazz, Tap, Hip-hop, Acrobatics, Musical Theatre and Contemporary.

Our mission is to provide a safe environment where your child can grow with qualified and experienced teachers who are extremely passionate about what they do. Our nurturing Teachers are understanding and work to provide opportunities for self-expression and creativity whilst promoting excellence, dedication and hard work. We strive to get the best out of each individual student whilst working towards attainable goals, which will leave your child feeling confident and positive.

About the School

Melbourne Acrobatic and Dance Studio has been operating since 2010 under Principal, Natalie Bale. The studio grew very steadily in the Bayside suburbs of Hampton and then also Beaumaris, Melbourne. We started with just 10 students in 2010 and now we have over one hundred students from ages 2 and upwards. Classes originally started with Jazz, Ballet and Acrobatics and now also include Tap, Musical Theatre, Contemporary. We are an official location for the "Ready Set Dance" program, as seen on Nickelodeon and Ch 10 Shake.

In 2016 M.A.D. Studios started entering students in examinations with the Royal Academy of Dancing (RAD Ballet) and the Commonwealth Society of Teachers of Dancing (Comdance -Tap) as well as competitions. In 2019 we commenced examinations with the world renown Acrobatic Arts syllabus and in 2020, we became an official location for Ready Set Dance. In August of 2017, we moved into our fully equipped, purpose built studios in Moorabbin.



TESTIMONIALS

"What a beautiful environment for my daughter to learn within. She has been there for the past 4 years, since she was 2 years old and was cared for with such a nurturing touch by Miss Natalie. She looks forward to her dance classes every week and the concerts are incredible. There's a lovely community too, with the "big girls" looking after the "little girls" and a really friendly parent network. Can't imagine sending my daughter anywhere else!"

Bec- Dance Mum.

"Natalie engages beautifully with the children. We like the range of classes and how the children can learn with some expectations but not too much pressure. We also like the format for the end of year concert, particularly having only one rehearsal, and concert day. The concerts themselves are always enjoyable as they are just the right length."

Denise - Dance Mum

"MAD is an incredible studio and I never leave a class without a smile on my face. Even though I started dancing later than some of the other girls at the studio, I have never felt more nurtured and at home thanks to the friends I've made over the years and the wonderful teachers. Dancing is the highlight of my week and it is amazing to go to a studio with great discipline and people." Monika - Senior student

"If I hadn't joined MAD Studios 9 years ago, I don't know where I would be today. From my first day at the studio to today I have felt that same welcoming warm and happy energy every time I am dancing. MAD studios to me is more than an average dance studio, MAD is a family, a family of kind caring and accepting people that I have grown up around and I couldn't be more thankful.

Ms Natalie is the most understanding, joyful and loving dance teacher I have ever met. She just has this radiating passion for dance which she uses to teach and educate us with. All of the faculty and teachers that I have had the opportunity to learn from have helped grow my passion for dancing. Finally, I just have to say that every single girl I have met growing up at this studio has been non-judgemental, kind, passionate and funny. I could not recommend this studio enough to beginner, intermediate or experienced dancers. Join MAD Studios today, I promise you will love it." Abigail – Senior Student

"My little babe adores her classes here. It's the perfect mix of caring and discipline. Highly recommend!"

Christina - Dance Mum



WHY US?

TOP 5 reasons to choose M.A.D. Studios

1. Qualified teachers

We are proud of our teachers who are all qualified and experienced in their fields. We are also proud to be affiliated with associations and teach syllabus that require teachers to continue their professional development with further study each year to keep their registrations.

2. Our Friendly Community

We pride ourselves on being a welcoming and friendly studio, no matter your level or experience. Our students are taught values such as inclusivity, respect and teamwork.

3. Purpose Built Studios

Our Studios have been specifically built for dance. We are very passionate about safe dance practice and looking after our bodies. We have two spacious studios with sprung flooring, barres and full length mirrors.

4. Outstanding Exam results

Students wishing to enter exams have always received very high marks, well above average. Whether it be R.A.D. Exams for ballet, Comdance Exams for Tap, or Acrobatic Arts exams.

5. The variety of genres available!

Our students are very well rounded dancers, giving them opportunity to explore Ballet, Jazz, Tap, Hip-hop, Contemporary, Acrobatics and Musical Theatre. You can choose to focus on one or try them all!

TEACHERS



Natalie Bale (Principal / Director)

- RAD Rts - DOTS Diploma in Dance Teaching Studies
- CSTD - (Theatrical) Teachers Diploma and Teachers Certificate
- Brent St - Performing Arts Diploma
- Actobatic Arts - Module 1 Certification
- PBT Certification
- Level 1 Teacher and Practitioner training + Level 2 Flexibility and Training
- Turnout in Tiny Dancers courses with world renown Dance Physio Lisa Howell
- First Aid and WWCC
- Competition Judge - Australia and International
- 30 years teaching experience



Georgia Cross

- Associate Diploma (Musical Theatre) AMDA, (American Musical and Dramatic Academy- New York).
- Bachelors of Fine Arts (Musical Theater) received from The New School in Manhattan, New York.
- Performances with Amore Opera Company, Folli Jolli cabaret and produced her own show in the East Village. As an aerialist she performed at The Slipper Room and for The Muse Productions.
- Acrobatic Arts certified
- Private Ariel coach for Naomi Watts and Liev Schribers son.
- WWCC and First Aid
- 13 years teaching experience



Catherine Bam

- RAD. CBTS. Registered teacher
- Attended National School of Arts, South Africa
- Member of GL14 Dance Company
- Successfully entered students for RAD Examinations
- Lisa Howell Level 1 Teacher and Practitioner training
- Level 2 Pointe intensive
- First Aid and WWCC
- 15 Years teaching experience



Kiahna Yammouni

- Kiahna has trained in all styles of Dance and has completed her full- time Dance teaching and Management course at Kelly Akers Full-time Dance.
- She is in her final year completing her RAD CBTS (Certificate in Ballet Teaching Studies) in 2023.
- WWCC and First Aid
- 5 Years Teaching Experience

CLASSES

Pre-School age classes



Ready Set Ballet

Explore the fundamentals of ballet whilst developing co-ordination rhythm and exploring creativity.



Ready Set Dance!

We are proud to be an official location for the award winning Pre-School programme "Ready Set Dance". A combo class with Jazz, Tap, Hip-hop singing and more!.



MAD Mini's Acro

Developing agility, strength and co-ordination, we proudly follow the Acrobatic Arts syllabus.

School age classes



Jazz

Fun classes for ages 5-17 years.



Ballet

RAD Ballet syllabus for ages 5-17 years.



Tap

Comdance syllabus for ages 5-17 years.



Acrobatics

Acrobatic Arts syllabus for ages 5-17 years



Musical Theatre

Singing, acting and movement- a fun class for ages 7 and up.



Contemporary/ Lyrical

Classes for ages 11-17 years.



Hip- Hop

Get your groove on! Ages 7-17 years.



FEES/ENROLMENT

Please find below our affordable class rates for 2023:

Class fees (includes GST)

30 minute class / \$14.00 per week

45 minute class / \$17.00 per week

60 minute class / \$20.00 per week

Discounts:

2 classes per week = 5%

3 classes per week = 7%

4 classes per week = 10%

5 classes per week = 15%

6 + classes per week = 20%

Registration fee

\$40 per child or \$60 per family, per year. Payable on registration.

Payment methods

Eftpos, (payment via invoice
online.

Automatic payments will be set up in 2023..

Payment policies

A late fee of \$10 will apply once fees are more than 7 days overdue.

- Enrolment will be placed on hold where fees are more than 14 days overdue. Payment arrangements may be made.

HOW DO I ENROL?

Enrolments are done online through our website. Once you have decided what classes you wish to participate in, simply create an account (sign up) and add your child/ren. (You may have already done the first step if you have previously booked in for a trial). It will take you through to select your classes and pay the registration fee. Invoices are usually sent 1 - 2 weeks prior to Term commencement.

Quicklink: <https://app.classmanager.com/portal/melbourne-acrobatic-and-dance-studio/register>



At M.A.D. Studios we believe that wearing studio uniforms give students sense of belonging to our family as well as encouraging discipline. It also help students resist peer pressure to buy stylish clothes for class.

Uniforms can be purchased year-round from any of the Dance wear stores close by.

(*Ready Set Dance Uniform is sold exclusively at the Studio).

Each store has our uniform list and will be able to help you. All you need to do is tell them you are attending our Studio and what class/es you are doing!

We also have our optional extras at the Studio, by "Activated Industry", on sale in our foyer - including singlets, leggings, shorts and jackets.

Uniform Stockists

Bloch Shop B175 Chadstone Shopping Centre. 9563 0733

Capezio 296 Glenhuntly Rd, Elsternwick. 9532 8492

Energetiks Moorabbin Super Centre 3/444 Warrigal Rd, Moorabbin 9551 2799

Studio 7 6/8 Walter St, Moorabbin. 9555 7372



Ready Set Dance Uniform - (Available exclusively at the Studio).

- RSD Tutu and RSB Tulle skirt
- RSD L/S Crossover
- T-shirt
- Shorts



Optional Extras by Activated Industry -
(Available exclusively at the Studio).

- Jackets
- Singlets
- Leggings
- Shorts

CLASS TIMES

MAD Studios
(Age as at 1st January)



2023 Timetable

	MONDAY	
4.00pm	RAD Gr 2 Ballet	9-10 yrs
5.00pm	RAD Grade 3 Ballet	10-12 yrs
6.00pm	Intermediate Jazz	10-12 yrs
7.00pm		
	TUESDAY	
4.15pm	Junior Jazz	7-8yrs
5.15pm	Grade 1 Comdance Tap	7-8yrs
6.30pm	Senior Jazz	14yrs +
7.30pm		
	WEDNESDAY	
10.00am	Ready Set Ballet	3-5 yrs
10.30am	Ready Set Dance	3-5 yrs
11.30am		
4.00pm	Lyrical *	10-12yrs
5.00pm	Grade 1 Ballet	7-8yrs
6.00pm	Acro Purple *	7-8yrs
7.00pm	Acro White *	Open
	THURSDAY	
10.00am	Ready Set Ballet	3-5 yrs
10.30am	Ready Set Dance	3-5 yrs
11.30am		
4.15pm	Acro Pink	5-6 yrs
5.15pm	Pointe	13yrs+
5.45pm	RAD Gr 8 Ballet	

4.15pm	Acro Pink	5-6 yrs
5.00pm	Sub Intermediate Jazz	9-10 yrs
6.00pm	Acro Red *	9-10yrs
7.00pm	Acro White *	10-12 yrs
4.00pm	RAD Grade 2 Ballet	9-10 yrs
5.00pm	RAD Grade 8 Ballet	13yrs +
6.30pm		
4.15pm	Junior Hip hop	5-8yrs
5.00pm	Sub/Inter Hip hop	9-12 yrs
6.00pm	Senior Hip hop	13 yrs +
7.00pm		
	THURSDAY	
4.15pm	RAD Grade 3 Ballet	10-12 yrs
5.15pm	Comdance Grade 3 Tap	10-12 yrs
6.15pm		
7.15pm	Contemporary *	13 yrs +

	SATURDAY	
9.00am	Ready Set Dance Lv 1	2-3yrs
10.00am	Ready Set Dance Lv 2	4-5 yrs
11.00am	Pre-primary Ballet	5-6 yrs
11.45am	Pre-Junior Jazz/Tap	5-6 yrs
12.00pm	Musical Theatre	7 + yrs
1.30pm	Senior Tap	14yrs +
2.30pm	Ready Set Dance Lv 2	
3.30pm		
NB:	* Classes have	
	prerequisites - see	
	enrolments for more info.	
	PRICES (per class)	
30 mins	\$14.00	
45 mins	\$17.00	
1 hour	\$20.00	
1.5 hours	\$27.00	

	SATURDAY	
9.00am	Mini's Acro	3-5 yrs
9.30am	Ready Set Ballet Lv 2	4-5 yrs
10.00am	Ready Set Ballet Lv 1 (30min)	2-3 yrs
10.45am	RAD Primary Ballet	6-7 yrs
11.45am	Adv Foundation Pointe	14yrs +
12.15pm		
12.30pm	RAD Adv Foundation	14yrs +
	DISCOUNTS (per week)	
1 class		
2 classes	5% Discount	
3 classes	7% Discount	
4 classes	10% Discount	
5 classes	15% Discount	
6 + classes	20% Discount	

Classes run to School terms and do not run on Public holidays, unless otherwise specified.



CALENDAR

Term dates

Term 1 - 31st January to 6th April 2023

Term 2 - 24th April to 23rd June 2023

Term 3 - 10th July to 15th September 2023

Term 4 - 2nd October to 15th December 2023

Public Holiday dates (No classes held on these dates)

Labour Day - 13th March 2023

Anzac Day - 25th April 2023

King's Birthday - 12th June 2023

Melbourne Cup - 7th November 2023

Performance dates

Mid year concert - 11th June 2023 *TBC

End of year concert - 19th November 2023

Dress Rehearsal - 15th November 2023

*You can stay up to date with all the latest info on important dates through the Parent Portal of our website.

Please join our Facebook Parents page : M.A.D. Studios - for up to date information and 2nd hand uniforms.



FAQ'S

Can I watch the class?

You're welcome observe the first class from our viewing window. We understand Pre-School aged children may be anxious and may have their parent may sit in if you wish. We usually have time at the end of our weekly classes to show our grown ups what we have been working on for this age.

We encourage parents to leave their children as soon as possible as children concentrate much better and have less anxiety if they aren't being "watched". From that point onwards, parents are kindly asked to wait outside the classroom in the foyer or

you are able to drop and go. All children under 12 years of age must be accompanied on entry and exit by a parent or guardian as to comply with our council permit regulations.

Can I attend a free trial?

Yes, we offer a free trial class for all classes (provided they are not at capacity) for the first 2 weeks of every Term.

After that point, we still offer trial at a regular 1 off lesson price, so you are still able to try before you commit. We dedicate the first 2 weeks each term (with the exception of Term 4, which is "Concert Term"), to trials and after that point we have to focus on class work for the particular performance or exams we are working on.

Is there a uniform?

Yes, we have a uniform for all dancers. You can find this info on page 9.

Do I have to do Exams?

No. Exam work is taught in most classes and is great for improving skills and learning safe technique, but only those wishing to do an exam (at the teachers discretion) will enter.

Is there a concert?

Yes. We have 2 Concerts actually! Our Mid- year concert is very low key - no costumes or make up required. It gives our performers (especially our new or younger performers) a chance to get accustomed to being onstage in front of an audience and the bright lights! It is also a chance to showcase all of the skills learnt in the first 2 Terms of the

year. Our end of year concert is the highlight of the year! It's a wonderful opportunity for all students to dance up on stage for an audience of family and friends and give the students a real sense of pride and achievement!



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