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Kalgoorlie's longest running dance and cheer academy

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Kalgoorlie Dance and **Cheer Academy** 

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At KDA, there is a class for everyone. With a variety of class offerings from the age of 1 to adults, there is sure to be something to suit.

KDA is the place that you can enjoy learning the foundations of Dance and Cheer while making new lifelong friends.

KDA aims to create a safe and supportive environment for students to thrive. All students become important members of the KDA family, whether they choose to participate for competition, examination, recreation or fitness.

This information booklet is to provide you with everything you need to know before starting your Dance and Cheer journey at KDA.

KDA aims to provide not only Dance and Cheer tuition, but also

SOMEONE TO LOOK UP TO,

MANY FRIENDSHIPS AND

A DREAM TO CHASE.

SOMETHING TO LOOK FORWARD TO,

## About KDA

KDA Dance and Cheer Academy is Kalgoorlie's longest running dance and cheer academy, having been established in 2006 by Sharon Greatorex.

In 2022 Shenae Hannagan took on the role of Principal, continuing to solidify KDA in the fabric of the Kalgoorlie community. Having danced and performed since she was born, Shenae provides students with an exceptional example. She leads a passionate and qualified teaching team, who are dedicated to ensuring all students are provided a high quality and professional dance and cheer education.



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KDA encourages all students to complete exams to help them set goals to work towards.

While exams are not compulsory, they are highly beneficial as it has shown to provide motivation and subsequent improvement of skills.

All exams are set by accredited organisations with external examiners who provide invaluable feedback to enhance student development.

Exams offered in	Exam Syllabus	Exam Minimum Age
Performing Arts	Comdance	4
Ballet	AICD	6
Jazz	Comdance	6
Тар	Comdance	6
Acrobatics/ Aerial	Acrobatic Arts	6
Highland	VSDA	6
Contemporary	Comdance	12







# COMPETITIONS

KDA provides opportunities for students to compete in dance and cheer competitions throughout the year locally and nationally. A variety of genres are available in solos, duos/ trios and groups.

Lessons outside normal classes are classified as private lessons.

Students competing in organised competitions will do so at their own cost.









# Performances

KDA is dedicated to supporting the local community. Students are routinely asked to perform at various community events, providing

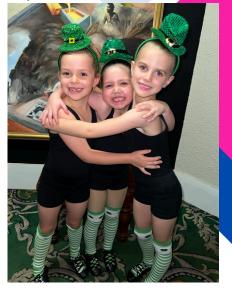
fantastic opportunities to enhance their performance skills.

2024 performances included: Goldfields Giants NBL Home Games, St Patrick's Day, Nursing Homes, Lighting of the Christmas Tree, Christmas Luncheons, St Barbara's Parade as well as various Multicultural events around Kalgoorlie.

All students are invited to perform at the end of year concert to showcase their talents.











# **PRIVATE LESSONS**

KDA offers students the opportunity to receive private tuition in genres they are enrolled in. This could be to choreograph a routine for competitions, prepare for exams or simply to improve skills.

These are by appointment through the Principal and are subject to teacher and studio availability.

Please contact Miss Shenae if you would like private lessons. Additional classes and fees apply.



Dance STUDENT TEACHER

## Dance STeP

KDA provides students who show an interest in progressing their teaching and leadership skills the opportunity to join the Dance Step program.

Dance Step participants assist in at least one class a week as well as completing theory based work.

Having begun this global program at KDA in 2024, we have already seen students in the program excel in taking responsibility and forming positive connections with younger students, fostering the KDA values of always having 'SOMEONE TO LOOK UP TO' and 'MANY FRIENDSHIPS'.

Please discuss suitability with Miss Shenae.

# WHAT TO WEAR

Being well presented and prepared to classes is a vital life skill which will assist students in their future endeavours.

KDA Dancewear and dance shoes available at reception.

Styles have different requirements. Please ask at reception.

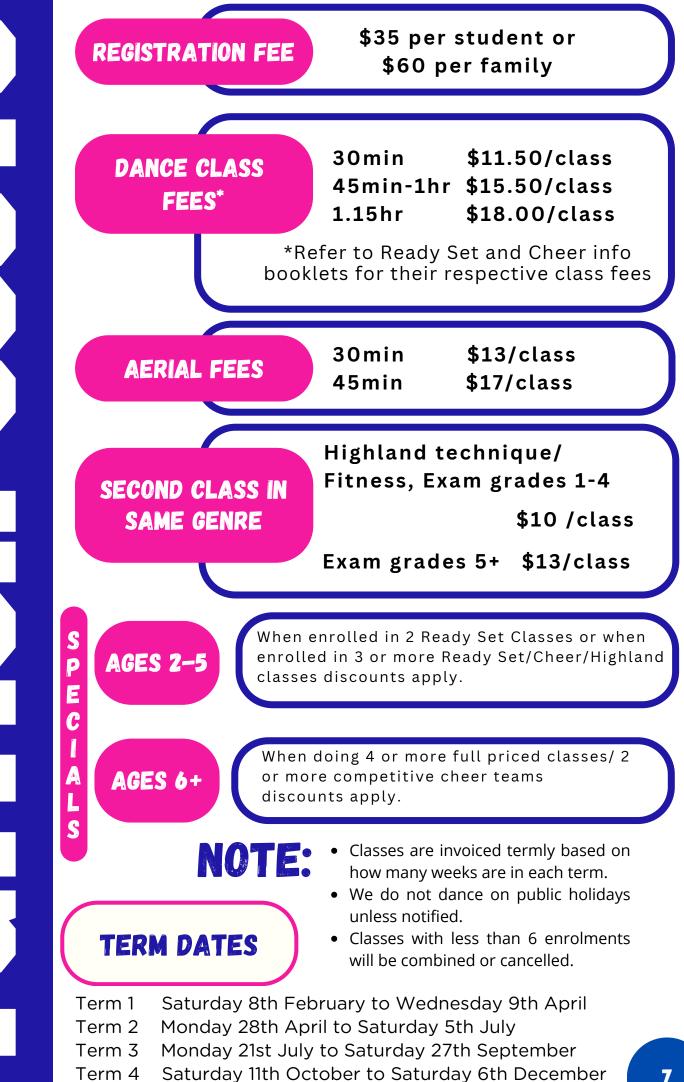
Ready Set and Cheer requirements outlined in respective info booklets.













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Per class

> If you decide to continue the class, the term invoice will begin from the week of the trial, with the \$12 applied as a credit

## CLASS Descriptions

#### **Acrobatics**

#### Age: 6yrs+



Acrobatics involves elements of balancing, jumping and tumbling individually and with others.

Students focus on flexibility and strength to safely perform incredible tricks. Acro classes are based on skill;

students will be assessed in the first 3 weeks of class first 3 weeks of class to ensure they are in the class best suited to their skill level.



#### Ballet

#### Age: 6yrs+

Ballet is a technical style that provides students with the basics of posture, co-ordination and muscle strength which is the foundation of all genres. Senior students who excel have the opportunity to go 'en pointe'.



## MINI MIX CLASS YRS 1-2

Jazz, Tap and Hip Hop in one energetic, fun 45 min class. Jazz

#### Age: 7yrs+

Jazz is a very popular and dynamic genre of dance with numerous styles from Broadway to commercial jazz. Students kick, turn and leap whilst learning the



importance of technique and timing.

#### Тар

#### Age: 7yrs+



Tap utilises metal plates on shoes to create sound

and rhythms. Students learn about music and timing, whilst enjoying making lots of noise.

#### Pom

Age: 7yrs+

Pom uses high energy dance elements combined with precision movements and formations.

Dancers hold 'poms' during the routine.



#### Highland

#### Age: 4yrs+

#### Performing Arts Age: 8yrs+

Want to be part of an international sport which can take you all over the world and keep you fit? Originating in Scotland Highland dancing is well known as a high cardiovascular exercise and teaches cross-lateral movements. This type of movement has been proven to improve using both sides of the brain together and subsequently enhance academic skills, memory and the ability to concentrate.



Highland classes are based on skills rather than age. Students are required to attend their level class and a technique class each week.

#### Contemporary/ Lyrical Age: 7yrs +

Contemporary and Lyrical are emotive styles that combine elements of Ballet and Jazz.



KDA students explore the differing styles and techniques of this ever evolving genre. Performing Arts incorporates singing, dancing and acting to create the ultimate triple threat performer.



Students learn about classic and new musicals, stage terminology and the performance world. Students should be enrolled in another discipline to participate in this class.

#### Нір Нор



Hip Hop is a high energy style of dance which encourages students to find their own groove and musicality.

Age: 6yrs+

Irish

Age: 6yrs+

Originating in Ireland, Irish dance is traditionally known for the 'dance with no arms'. Though the genre continues to develop to include arms, the fancy footwork and strong jumps are timeless. KDA teaches hard shoe and soft shoe styles.



Age as of the 31/12/2025

## OTHER PROGRAMS

## Ready Set Program Age: 1 to Pre Primary

KDA is the official location of READY SET in Kalgoorlie. These award winning classes combine specifically designed music, games and dance to engage yonger dancers.

#### Ask for our READY SET info pack for more information.





# Cheer Program Age: 3 - Adult

Cheer incorporates dance, stunting, tumbling and jumping to create a high intensity routine.

#### KDA offers:

- Recreational (3 Adult)
- Competitive (5- Adult)
- Specialty tumbling and stunting classes.

Ask for our CHEER *info pack* for more information.

# IN 2025



## **Aerial** Age: 6yrs+

Aerial combines flexibility, strength and grace to perform movement while on an apparatus suspended in the air.

Classes are taught using the highly trusted Acrobatics Arts syllabus with exams available.

## MINI MIX Age: Yr 1 - 2

Not sure what style your child will enjoy? Mini Mix teaches a mix of popular styles - Jazz, Tap, Music and Hip Hop.

## **ADULT COMBO CLASS** Age: 18yrs+ Beginner

Stay active and have fun in a supportive environment. Different styles will be taught throughout the year with a focus on the fundamentals and improving fitness.

Everyone can dance. There is never a wrong time to start!

Weekly payment options available.

# FAQ'S

#### Can I watch my child's classes?

In our experience, students are able to concentrate better without the distraction of parents and spectators. They also develop additional attachments with their teachers and peers.

We therefore ask only students enter classes. If you need to ask a teacher a question, you may direct these through reception or Miss Shenae.

Having said that, some children are timid at first and need to know that a parent is close by. Parents are able to watch the first class if necessary, to help them adjust.

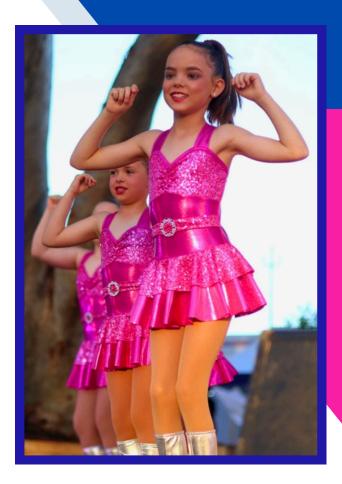


Watching day is where parents get to view their child as an audience in the classroom. This is a chance for your child to begin their first step to working on their performance skills.

#### Do we need to purchase uniform and shoes?

Students must wear dance attire to class. Comfortable clothes and bare feet/sneakers are fine for the first couple of lessons. Once your child has settled, you can purchase uniforms and dance shoes at reception.

Don't hesitate to ask any questions you have to make you and your child feel ready and confident to join in.



#### Are the teachers qualified?

All teachers have their Working with Children Check, and follow programs endorsed by experts in their field. Teachers and assistants are qualified or working towards gaining their accreditation in their chosen field.

### What does my child need to bring to class?

Backpack/dance bag and a water bottle. Please ensure all belongings are clearly labelled with your child's name. For dance shoes please put name on INSIDE of shoe. Students to wear socks/stockings with all dance shoes.



Introduction of the assistant teacher training program



# Band APP

KDA uses the Band App to communicate important information.

Once you have enrolled, you will receive a link to join.







If you would like to enrol in a fantastic year of Cheer at KDA, or to discuss your options further, please contact us!









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