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Dancing is FUN at *Dancin' Mates!*

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Welcome to a New Year!

We wish to take this moment to welcome back all of our returning families, and to welcome our new families to Dancin' Mates! We are looking forward to a new year full of fun and excitement for everyone!

We ask that all returning clients take a moment to review our updated School Policies and Studio Uniform Sheets (available in our waiting area). Our policies are intended to insure that every student receives utmost attention, an opportunity to advance, and to support the disciplines so vital to the success of every personal achievement. Our policies are also intended to insure that each client can be served in a fair manner. A few changes to our policies must be made, from time to time, and we ask you to take a moment to acquaint yourself with those changes.

Thank you to our returning customers who have recommended us to their friends.

Examinations & Assessments

Dancin' Mates is very proud to offer students from the age of 6 yrs & up Examinations & Assessments for the Classical Ballet, Jazz/Hip-Hop, Tap & Modern Classes. By offering these Examinations and Assessments, we aim to provide an excellent opportunity for the children, teaching them to focus, to concentrate, and to work towards a goal that results in a marvellous sense of achievement after the event.

An announcement regarding participation requirements for all Examinations and Assessments will be given out later during Term 1. The Examinations and Assessments for Jazz/Hip-Hop & Tap are tentatively planned for the 1st week of the July School Holidays. Classical Ballet Assessments & the Modern Exams/Assessments will be conducted towards the end of Term 2, and the Ballet Examinations will be held early in Term 3. All Examinations and Assessments will be conducted at Dancin' Mates Studios in Umina Beach unless otherwise instructed.

Please note that participation in any Examination or Assessment offered is completely OPTIONAL and does not affect the student's participation or progress in his/her regular class, however, we do hope that your child can take advantage of this wonderful opportunity!

Adult Classes

You don't have to be a child to reap the benefits of doing dance class! Dancin' Mates offers dance classes for Adults, so why not give it a go? Classes are reasonably priced and set up for casual attendance to suit your busy lifestyle. Talk about a great way to get or stay fit - don't be shy, give it a go!

Uniform Sale – 25% OFF Selected Items!



In need of some new dance shorts or singlet tops? We are currently having a sale of certain uniform items. These include the Dancin' Mates dance shorts with embroidered logo, singlet tops with embroidered logo, & navy blue leotards. Don't miss out - only on while supplies last!

Studio News

Term Fees vs. Weekly Installments: The fees for Term 1 are now due and payable. We remind you that all Class Fees are structured and required for the entire term, regardless of whether you pay for the term up front, or pay in weekly installments. We offer those who have at least two (2) classes per week on their account the opportunity to pay in weekly installments as a convenience.

It is, however, vital that those eligible to pay in Weekly Installments keep them current, with those installments not paid due to absence being paid upon return to class. We appreciate your up to date payment as this helps to keep administrative costs down. Don't forget, should you miss class due to illness or vacation, we offer make-up lessons and you should check with your teacher for make-up class times.

Self-Service Reception Kiosk: Our Self-Service Reception Kiosk is offered for you to pay your term fees or eligible weekly installments, and to make any Costume, Music, Video, and/or Ticket orders. We have provided special "Fees Envelopes" for your use. All payments made to this box will be processed the next business day. Please note that any change due will be credited to the student's Costume Fund. Requested receipts can be claimed at reception from the following business day.

2007 Concert Videos/DVDs: If you didn't order a Concert DVD from last year but you still wish to purchase one, you can still order one from directly from Eternal Memories Video Productions. The phone number is 4344 2645, and ask for Barbara. Please specify whether you require the Main Concert or the mini-Mates Concert.

2007 Concert Programs: Did you miss out on getting a copy of the Souvenir Program of the 2007 Concert? You can still order yours from reception for only \$4, a great keepsake to accompany your DVD.

Open Week: For those unacquainted with our Open Week, it is the chance for parents, family, and friends to view the students in their normal classes. Open Week will be from Mon, 7th April - Sat, 12th April, which is the last week of regular classes for Term 1. More detailed information will follow later in the term. Mark your calendars now!

2008 Dance Team: Congratulations to those talented students who successfully auditioned for the 2008 Dance Team. This team performs in local fetes, festivals, and competitions throughout the year, and is an option for any Dancin' Mates dancer age 7 & up who has at least 6 months experience with Dancin' Mates and is enrolled in Ballet, Jazz/Hip-Hop & Tap.



Attendance: We wish to mention the importance of regular attendance for all students. Consistency now is vital for personal improvement & progress, as well as building confidence. Most of all, we want everyone to remember that Dancing is FUN at Dancin' Mates!

