

# HVT STUDIO OF PERFORMING ARTS CLARENCE TOWN

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# Welcome to HVT Studio of Performing Arts!!

HVT has proudly created happy and confident performers for the past 20 years. Our goal is to provide students with high quality training in the performing arts whilst helping them to shine in an encouraging environment. At HVT your child will be guided and nurtured by our expert staff through the various stages of their training. We cater for students of all ages, from beginner to advanced, and strive to help each performer reach their full potential.

At HVT you can be guaranteed our classes have age appropriate music, costumes and dance styles.

We understand the needs of busy families today so we hold classes for each age group on the one day! For those who prefer weekend classes, we offer class options each Saturday morning. Parents are welcome to relax in our comfortable foyer whilst classes are in progress and monitor their child's progress through our viewing windows. Parents may also choose to leave and return at the completion of the class.

All students are rewarded for their hard work during the year with a trophy presented at our end of year concert. 'Most Improved' and 'Encouragement' awards and also 20 Scholarships are presented at the end of each year. Scholarships are awarded to students who have shown exceptional ability & progress during the year. These Scholarships entitle the chosen student to receive a reduction in the following years tuition fees and are awarded among each class level for each style.



# CLASSES

## PRE-SCHOOLER (2-5 YEARS)

**Leaps 'n Bounds Toddler Ballet & Jazz** – Leaps 'n Bounds Toddler Ballet & Jazz is a favourite with our little ones who have their heart set on learning ballet but also want to try a little jazz too. In this 45 minute class we introduce the basics of ballet & jazz in a fun and interactive way. We implement props and imagination games that start to encourage their skills. Each dancer will receive a FREE hot pink tutu to wear to class each week. Boys receive a HVT T-shirt.

## SCHOOL AGE (UP TO 12 YEARS)

### **TAP**

HVT's tap classes focus on the L.G.T.D.A. tap syllabus for the first semester then concert preparation for the second semester. This tap syllabus produces excellent tap technique and a thorough knowledge of all tap variations which can be incorporated into our concert routines to produce fabulous results.

### **BALLET**

HVT ballet classes follow the R.A.D. (Royal Academy of Dance) syllabus, the most recognised ballet organisation in the world. Learning a syllabus enables students to learn age appropriate exercises and develop their skill and love for Ballet.

### **JAZZ**

This is a fun, popular dance style that helps to showcase a dancer's individual style with energetic moves, up beat steps and modern music. This class improves a dancers flexibility as well as stamina and is great exercise. A ballet class must be taken in conjunction with jazz for optimum results.

### **HIP HOP**

Hip Hop Classes are for those who wish to dance to current music following today's modern trends. You will learn a choreographed routine and find this class fun and intricate.

### **EXAMINATIONS**

Examinations are introduced at the age of five and are optional. HVT offers exams in Tap (L.G.T.D.A.) and Classical Ballet (R.A.D.). We encourage students to participate in exams annually as it gives the children a great understanding of terminology, appreciation for music & rhythm and is also confidence building. Exams are a great way to set and reach goals and it offers students the incentive to improve. The results from sitting for an exam are very rewarding.

Class requirements to attempt an annual exam -

**Tap:** Students sitting a tap exam are required to enrol in one tap exam group class per week. Once they reach Bronze Star and above, one class and one private lesson per week is required.

**Ballet:** Students sitting a Ballet exam are required to participate in two ballet exam group classes each week from Primary-Grade 1. Grade 2 will require two classes and a character/exam dance group lesson and from Grade 3, two classes and a private lesson are required. Private lessons may be shared with an exam partner to reduce costs. Leotards and character skirts are hired from the Studio for the ballet exam from Primary to Grade 5 level. From Intermediate Foundation and above you will be advised what leotard and style to purchase.

### **EISTEDDFOD SOLO WORK**

HVT students have been very successful for many years competing in solos at Eisteddfods, winning many awards and championships. We pride ourselves on our reputation, professionalism and our results are of a

very high standard. Eisteddfods are a great way for children to gain confidence and boost their self-esteem through the achievements that can be gained. If you are interested in gaining more stage time or you have a dancer that would love to perform on stage on their own we can help. Along with a private lesson, an eisteddfod group class is required once you have two routines or more. This is where your routines are polished which leaves your private lesson time to focus on new routines. Practise should also take place at home during the week too and is very important for improvement.



### CLASS UNIFORMS

When beginning a dance class a HVT dancer is required to purchase the proper attire. The dress code that HVT Studio of Performing Arts implements is ultimately for the benefit of the student.

Dress codes ensure that the instructor can see the dancer's body and verify that they have the correct alignment and posture. The pink tights wearable for ballet classes make the lines of the legs visible. You may feel uncomfortable wearing ballet stockings during the warmer months but it is much better for the dancers legs to have support whilst dancing and ballet stockings absorb the sweat and moisture. Loose and baggy clothing hide mistakes and incorrect posture. When all of our dancers are following a dress code they can be more focused. Dancing is a discipline and must be respected as such. Following a dress code teaches focus and discipline.

For many dancers, putting on the correct leotard helps them achieve the mind frame needed to practice. The dancers are effectively "dressing the part." Dress codes also create unity among the dancers. No one dancer can stand out more than another. Many beginners take comfort in knowing that there is no stress about what to wear to class. Every dancer has a chance to sparkle because of their skill not their attire. When students are dressed alike, it's easier for a teacher to spot someone out of form or behind the count.

***Dancers wear their hair pulled back in a bun so they have a full range of sight while performing. If you need assistance please bring your hair gear to class and your teacher will be more than happy to help out. Bun kits are available for \$15 and include everything from hair bands to the correct bun pins and hair nets.***

Every student dancing with HVT will wear our studio leotards and uniforms printed with the HVT logo to and during all classes (no other attire/leotards will be accepted in our classes except during trials & whilst uniforms are being ordered). The correct footwear must also be worn for safe dance practice.

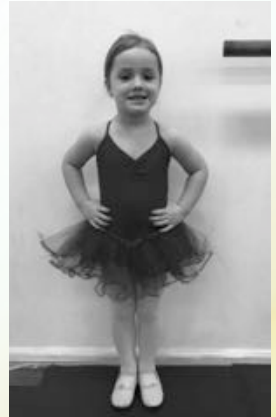
**Uniforms are purchased direct from HVT by pre-ordering in Term 1.**

## **UNIFORM REQUIREMENTS**

### **LEAPS 'N BOUNDS TODDLER BALLET**

#### **Girls**

HVT red class tutu  
HVT crossover for winter is acceptable  
Pink ballet stockings  
Pink ballet shoes  
Hair in a bun



#### **Boys**

HVT ballet t-shirt  
HVT red shorts  
White socks  
Black Ballet shoes with elastics



#### **TAP**

### **Pre Juniors, Sub Juniors and Juniors (Pre-Test 1, Test 1, 2 &3)**

HVT leotard  
HVT red, black and white roll waist shorts  
Camel tap shoes (Flat Heel)  
Hair in a bun with HVT red, black and white scrunchie  
HVT Studio Jacket (winter)  
Pink ballet stockings (winter)

#### **Boys (All grades)**

HVT red, black and white muscle shirt  
HVT red, black and white shorts  
Black tap shoes  
HVT track pants and HVT jacket (winter)

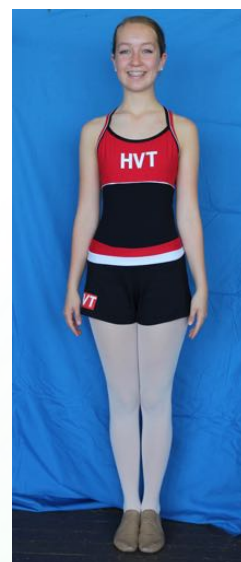




## **JAZZ & HIP HOP**

### **Girls**

HVT leotard or  
HVT Red, black and white singlet  
HVT red, black and white roll waist shorts or  
HVT red, black and white knee length tights  
Camel jazz shoes  
Hair in a bun with HVT red, black and white scrunchie



### **Boys**

HVT red, black and white muscle shirt  
HVT red, black and white shorts  
Black jazz shoes  
HVT Track pants and HVT jacket (winter)

## **BALLET**

### **Girls**

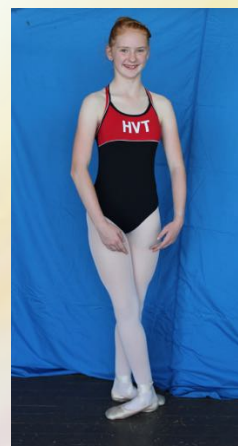
HVT leotard (all other leotard styles and colours will not be accepted for class)  
A black crossover for winter is acceptable



Pink Ballet Stockings  
Pink Ballet shoes with elastic  
Hair in a bun with HVT red, black and white scrunchie

### **Boys**

HVT red, black and white muscle shirt  
HVT red, black and white shorts  
White socks  
Black Ballet shoes with elastics  
HVT Jacket



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## **Frequently asked questions...**

### **\* IS THERE AN ENROLMENT FEE?**

An annual non-refundable registration fee of \$35.00 per student must be paid at enrolment to cover administration costs including copyright and intellectual property fees for music.

### **\* CAN I WATCH MY CHILD'S CLASSES**

This is not permitted due to distractions that occur with parents and siblings in the room. There is a viewing day mid year where parents are welcome to watch the class.

### **\* WHAT DO THEY WEAR FOR THE FIRST LESSON?**

A singlet or t-shirt and shorts or leggings are fine to get started. Sneakers are acceptable until you are sure your child will be continuing class.

### **\* DO WE NEED TO PURCHASE UNIFORM AND SHOES?**

All students must wear correct dance clothes and footwear in all dance classes. Uniform must be purchased within the first month of commencing classes. Uniform orders are available inside your information pack.

### **\* DO WE PAY FOR COSTUMES FOR THE CONCERT?**

Costumes play an enormous part in portraying themes and give the students a taste of the magical world of stage. They reflect HVT's standard and adds to the professionalism of our concerts. Students will be required to purchase one costume per class that they participate in except the Pre Intermediates and above who may require two. For each class performed in the concert a costume deposit of \$50 must be paid by the end of Term 2. This is a lay-by system for their Concert costume so we have funds to purchase discounted materials as they appear during Terms 3 & 4 in order to reduce costs.

### **\* CAN MY CHILD TRIAL A CLASS TO SEE IF HE/SHE LIKES IT?**

We don't doubt that your child will absolutely love our classes, but before committing to the term payment your child can try any number of classes week 1 to make sure they are in the right class. You will only be sent an invoice for the full term on the classes you decide to enrol in.