



**HVT  
STUDIO OF  
PERFORMING  
ARTS**

**2023  
Information  
Pack**

## **Welcome to HVT Studio of Performing Arts!!**

HVT has proudly created happy and confident performers for over 25 years. Our goal is to provide students with high quality training in all genres 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 that our classes have age appropriate music, costumes and choreography. This is something that we pride ourselves on.

We understand the needs of busy families today so we hold classes for each age group on the one day!



## **SCHOOL AGE CLASSES**

UP TO 11 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.

### **ACROBATICS**

Acrobatics also known as Acro is a class that works on progressions in flexibility, strength, balancing, limbering and tumbling. Dancers who partake in an Acro class have balanced development, are stronger, more flexible and are fearless!

### **JUNIOR COMBO CLASS**

This is the perfect class for beginners aged 8-12 years of age who want to our most popular classes all in the one class. It's a 45 minute class that incorporates flexibility, strength and they will also learn a choreographed routine and find this class fun.

## **AGE 12 + TAP**

Once our students move up into the higher grades of L.G.D.T.A. the focus is more on complex steps and combinations along with turns, pick-ups and wings. Experience is necessary to participate in these intermediate and advanced level classes.

## **BALLET**

By the time our students progress to this age they are starting to cover the major exams offered by R.A.D. and pointe work is introduced. Previous ballet training is a must with a good solid technical background.

## **JAZZ**

By this age students have grasped the basics of jazz and have already begun to master their kicks, leaps and turns. Their strong jazz technique is also really starting to shine through. Choreography is moving towards a more commercial style and combining the technique they receive in their ballet class results will be impressive.

## **HIP HOP**

Now that we move into our more advanced classes the choreography becomes more complex, the tempo is faster and the routines more challenging and intricate. This is the perfect class for those wanting a challenge and who have a strong jazz background.

## **CONTEMPORARY, LYRICAL & ACRO**

For those dancers who have a strong classical ballet background, this class is the perfect add on for you. It is of a modern style that utilises the body's natural lines and fluidity of movement. We also add in acrobatic skills which will be used through out the choreography.

## EXAMINATIONS

Examinations are introduced from Kindergarten and are optional but encouraged. HVT offers exams in Tap (L.G.T.D.A.) and Classical Ballet (R.A.D.). We find that dancers who participate in exams annually understand the terminology more, have a greater appreciation for music & rhythm and has a boost in their confidence. 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 exam 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 or a private lesson in place of the character class and from Grade 3, two classes, a character/dance/pointe class and a private lesson is 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.

## **POINTE**

Pointe work is offered to those students attempting to sit their Intermediate Foundation Ballet Exam. Once they are seen to be ready to be assessed parents will be contacted to take their dancer to a preferred physiotherapist who will put the dancers through a range of assessments to see if they are ready for Pointe work. Once they are given the all clear, pointe work will commence.

## **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 child 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 a ballet class is required. Once you have 3 routines or more you will require a 45 minute private lesson to have enough time to keep learning new routines and to allow time to run through the old routines. Practise should also take place at home during the week too and is very important for improvement.

## UNIFORMS

When beginning a dance class a HVT a dancer is required to purchase the proper attire and approved shoes. 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 a 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 and be approved by a member of our staff.



# UNIFORMS

## TAP, JAZZ, CONTEMPORARY, ACRO & HIP HOP

### Girls



HVT Girls Tap, Jazz, Hip Hop, Acro & Contemporary Basic Pack



HVT Girls Tap, Jazz, Hip Hop, Acro & Contemporary Premium Pack



TAP UNIFORM

## TAP, JAZZ, CONTEMPORARY, ACRO & HIP HOP BOYS



HVT Boys Basic Pack



HVT Boys Mid Pack



Please note that this pack must be ordered in February to ensure your jacket is ordered.



JAZZ UNIFORM

### JAZZ SHOES

Tan jazz shoes are required for all of our juniors and pre intermediates. Black jazz shoes for Seniors.

### TAP SHOES

Tap shoes are available for order through HVT directly. We use an Australian supplier who produces great quality shoes at discounted prices.

Please purchase straight through our website for jazz & tap shoes.



## Junior Ballet Uniform



### HVT Girls Ballet Pack

A black crossover for winter is acceptable -  
(purchase from Big W, Target or a dance supplies store)

Pink Leather Ballet shoes with crossed elastics purchased from a  
dance supply store is required for all levels.

Hair in a bun with HVT red & black hair bow for all of our classes.

### Boys (Grade 5 and above)

HVT Black T-shirt with logo

Black tights/Bike Pants

White socks

Black Ballet shoes with crossed elastics



**BALLET UNIFORM**

## **Intermediate Foundation & Above**

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 Demi Pointe Ballet shoes with ribbons

Pointe Shoes (when advised you require them)

Hair in a bun with HVT red & black hair bow

## **Boys**

HVT Black T-shirt with logo

Black tights/Bike Pants

White socks

Black Ballet shoes with crossed elastics



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

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

An annual non-refundable registration fee of \$40.00 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. Please drop off and collect straight after 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 our HVT uniform and approved dance footwear in all dance classes. Uniform must be purchased from HVT within the first month of commencing classes. Uniforms can be ordered through our website.

### **\* IF WE MISS A LESSON/ PRIVATE LESSON CAN IT BE MADE UP ON ANOTHER DAY OF THE WEEK?**

Classes and private lessons cannot be made up on another day if you are unable to attend.

### **\* 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 to two costumes per class that they participate in. For each class performed in the concert a costume deposit of \$50 per class must be paid by the end of Term 2 for Juniors and \$100 for Intermediates and Seniors. There is also a once off concert fee that includes your rehearsal fee, copy of the concert delivered via download to any digital device and end of year presentation gift.

### **\* 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.