

O'BRIEN ACADEMY OF IRISH DANCE

2025 INFORMATION



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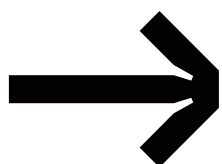
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The Story



THE O'BRIEN ACADEMY IS A FAMILY OWNED AND OPERATED IRISH DANCING SCHOOL BASED IN JOONDALUP, CELEBRATING OUR CULTURE AND HERITAGE THROUGH THE MEDIUM OF IRISH DANCE - A TRADITIONAL ART FORM WHICH HAS TRANSFORMED INTO A SOMEWHAT OF A SPORT IN RECENT YEARS, YET MAINTAINING ITS HISTORICAL ROOTS.

OUR DANCERS HAVE OPPORTUNITIES TO DANCE LOCALLY, NATIONALLY AND INTERNATIONAL AND THROUGHOUT OUR HISTORY HAVE BEEN VERY SUCCESSFUL. WE ARE PROUDLY HOME TO THE FIRST EVER WORLD GLOBE HOLDER IN THE HISTORY OF IRISH DANCE FOR WESTERN AUSTRALIA.

THE EMPHASIS FOR OUR DANCERS IS THE COMMUNITY THEY BUILD WITH EACH OTHER AND ENGAGING AUDIENCES BY DEMONSTRATING THEIR LOVE AND PASSION FOR THE ARTFORM.

THE O'BRIEN ACADEMY OF IRISH DANCING IS REGISTERED WITH THE GOVERNING BODIES AN COMIMISIUN LE RINCI GAELACHA (WWW.CLRG.IE) AND THE AUSTRALIAN IRISH DANCING ASSOCIATION (WWW.AIDAINC.COM)



MINI BOPPERS

A GREAT INTRODUCTION TO IRISH DANCE FOR 2-3 YEAR OLDS. THIS 20 MINUTE CLASS IS STRUCTURED TO STIMULATE COORDINATION SKILLS, LISTENING SKILLS, BALANCE, MUSIC INTERPRETATION AND MOTOR DEVELOPMENT IN THE YOUNGEST DANCERS. PARENT/GUARDIAN WELCOME TO JOIN IN THE CLASS TOO!

DAY AND TIME

MONDAY @ FRANCIS JORDAN SCHOOL- CURRAMBINE 3.00 - 3.20PM

SATURDAY @ THE STUDIO 9AM-9.20AM

COSTS

2025 ENROLMENT FEE:

NEW STUDENTS \$55.00 (INCLUDES PRACTICE TOP)

RETURNING STUDENTS \$45.00

20 MIN CLASS \$15 PER DANCER

MAXIMUM ENROLMENTS

10 PER CLASS

UNIFORM

O'BRIEN ACADEMY PRACTICE TOP

OR

O'BRIEN ACADEMY MALLEY TSHIRT

BLACK SHORTS

IRISH DANCE SOCKS

IRISH DANCE SHOES



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TRIAL

BEGINNER JIGGERS

THE IDEAL CLASS FOR NEW STUDENTS STARTING IRISH DANCING FOR THE FIRST TIME IN 2024 AND RECREATIONAL BEGINNERS LOOKING FOR FOCUS ON FITNESS. THIS IS THE CLASS FOR YOUR DANCER IF THEY ARE NOT QUITE SURE ABOUT COMPETING OR COMPLETING GRADES AND ARE WORKING TOWARDS OUR ANNUAL CONCERT IN DECEMBER

DAY AND TIME

MONDAY @ FRANCIS JORDAN - CURRAMBINE - 3.00 - 3.45PM

WEDNESDAY @ THE STUDIO - 4.45PM - 5.15PM

SATURDAY @ THE STUDIO 9.30AM- 10.00AM

COSTS

2025 ENROLMENT FEE:

NEW STUDENTS - \$55.00 (INCLUDES PRACTICE TOP)

RETURNING STUDENTS - \$45.00

30 MIN CLASS \$18.50 PER DANCER

MAXIMUM ENROLMENTS

10 PER CLASS

UNIFORM

O'BRIEN ACADEMY PRACTICE TOP

OR

O'BRIEN ACADEMY MALLEY TSHIRT

BLACK SHORTS

IRISH DANCE SOCKS

IRISH DANCE SHOES



ADULT CEILI FUN AND FITNESS

THE IDEAL CLASS TO REVIVE THOSE IRISH DANCE STEPS YOU LEARNT AS A CHILD OR LEARN A COMPLETELY NEW SKILL. A FUN AND RELAXED WAY TO LEARN TRADITIONAL CEILI (GROUP DANCES) PLUS BASIC STEPS IN BOTH SOFT AND HEAVY SHOES. OPEN TO AGES 18 PLUS WHO WISH TO DANCE FOR RECREATION OR COMPLETE GRADES AND DANCE IN MASTERS COMPETITION SECTION

DAY AND TIME

MONDAY @ THE STUDIO - 7.35PM - 8.20PM

WEDNESDAY @ THE STUDIO - 6.35PM - 7.20PM

COSTS

2025 ENROLMENT FEE:

NEW STUDENTS - \$55.00 (INCLUDES PRACTICE TOP)

RETURNING STUDENTS - \$45.00

45 MIN CLASS \$20.00 PER DANCER

MAXIMUM ENROLMENTS

16 PER CLASS

UNIFORM

O'BRIEN ACADEMY PRACTICE TOP +
ATHLETIC BOTTOMS (NO DRESSES OR
SKIRTS)

SOCKS AND TRAINERS
OR

IRISH DANCE SHOES



GRADED DANCERS

THE IDEAL CLASS RETURNING STUDENTS WHO HAVE COMPLETED THE PRELIMINARY GRADES AND LOOKING TO PROGRESS WITH THEIR DANCING CAREER OR POTENTIALLY TRY OUT COMPETITIONS. AS WELL AS PRACTICING SOFT SHOE DANCES, YOU WILL LEARN HEAVY SHOE DANCES WHERE IT'S ALL ABOUT RHYTHM AND THE BEATS.

DAY AND TIME

WEDNESDAY @ THE STUDIO - 5.30PM - 6.30PM

SATURDAY @ THE STUDIO 10.00AM- 11.00AM

COSTS

2025 ENROLMENT FEE:

NEW STUDENTS - \$55.00 (INCLUDES PRACTICE TOP)

RETURNING STUDENTS - \$45.00

60 MIN CLASS \$20 PER DANCER

MAXIMUM ENROLMENTS

15 PER CLASS

UNIFORM

O'BRIEN ACADEMY PRACTICE TOP

OR

O'BRIEN ACADEMY TSHIRT

BLACK SHORTS

IRISH DANCE SOCKS

IRISH DANCE SHOES



FEIS AND CHAMPIONSHIP

THE IDEAL CLASS RETURNING STUDENTS WHO ARE PREPARING FOR COMPETITION AT LOCAL/STATE/NATIONAL LEVEL. DANCERS FOCUS ON FITNESS, TECHNIQUE, STAMINA AND PERFORMANCE PLUS COMPLETE FURTHER GRADES, PARTICIPATE IN TEAMS AND CEILI.

DAY AND TIME

MONDAY @ THE STUDIO - 5.30PM - 7.30PM

SATURDAY @ THE STUDIO 11.05AM - 1.00PM

COSTS

2025 ENROLMENT FEE:

NEW STUDENTS - \$55.00 (INCLUDES PRACTICE TOP)

RETURNING STUDENTS - \$45.00

120 MIN CLASS \$25 PER DANCER

MAXIMUM ENROLMENTS

15 PER CLASS

UNIFORM

O'BRIEN ACADEMY PRACTICE TOP

OR

O'BRIEN ACADEMY TSHIRT

BLACK SHORTS

IRISH DANCE SOCKS

IRISH DANCE SHOES



SETS AND TRADITIONAL SETS

THE IDEAL CLASS FOR STUDENTS WHO ARE PREPAIRING FOR COMPETITION AT LOCAL/STATE/NATIONAL LEVEL OR COMPLETEING GRADES 3 AND ABOVE. THIS CLASS FOCUSES ON TRADITIONAL SET DANCES BOTH AND OWN CHOICE CHOREOGRAPHY SET DANCES REQUIRED FOR COMPETITION AND GRADES.

DAY AND TIME

THURSDAY @ THE STUDIO - 4.30PM - 6PM

COSTS

DANCERS MUST BE ENROLED IN EITHER GRADED DANCERS OR FEIS/CHAMPIONSHIP CLASS TO PARTICIPATE IN THIS CLASS
90 MIN CLASS \$15.00 PER DANCER

MAXIMUM ENROLMENTS

15 PER CLASS

UNIFORM

O'BRIEN ACADEMY PRACTICE TOP
OR
O'BRIEN ACADEMY MALLEY TSHIRT
BLACK SHORTS
IRISH DANCE SOCKS
IRISH DANCE HEAVY SHOES



2025 PRICING STRUCTURE

FEES ARE CALCULATED ON A PER ANNUM BASIS

2025 ENROLMENT FEES

NEW STUDENTS - \$55.00 (INCLUDES PRACTICE TOP)

RETURNING STUDENTS - \$45.00

CLASS RATES PER CLASS

MINI BOPPERS 20 MIN GROUP CLASS \$15.00

BEGINNER JIGGERS 30 MIN GROUP CLASS \$18.50

GRADED DANCERS 60 MIN GROUP CLASS \$20.00

ADULT CEILI FUN AND FIT 45 MIN GROUP CLASS \$20.00

SETS AND TRADITIONAL SETS 90 MIN GROUP CLASS \$15.00

FEIS AND CHAMPIONSHIP 120 MIN GROUP CLASS \$25.00

(CASUAL PAY AS YOU GO CLASSES ARE AN ADDITIONAL \$5.00 TO THE ABOVE)

PRICE PACKAGES

(FOR DANCERS ATTENDING 2 OR MORE CLASSES PER WEEK)

BEGINNER JIGGERS \$35.00 PER WEEK

GRADED DANCERS \$38.00 PER WEEK

FEIS AND CHAMPIONSHIP \$47.00 PER WEEK

GRADE FEIS COMBO PACKAGE \$54.50 PER WEEK

(THIS PACKAGE INCLUDES CLASSES ON MONDAY, WEDNESDAY AND SATURDAY)

FEIS FANS PACKAGE \$58.50 PER WEEK

(THIS PACKAGE INCLUDES CLASSES ON MONDAY, THURSDAY AND SATURDAY)

SUPER FEIS FANS PACKAGE \$72.50 PER WEEK

(THIS PACKAGE INCLUDES CLASSES ON MONDAY, WEDNESDAY, THURSDAY AND SATURDAY)

FAMILY PACKAGES

IMMEDIATE FAMILY WEEKLY MAXIMUM \$115.00

PRIVATE LESSONS - 30MINS \$30.00 / 60 MINS \$50.00 CASH ONLY

2025 IMPORTANT DATES

2025 TERM DATES

TERM 1: 3 FEBRUARY TO 12 APRIL

TERM 2: 28 APRIL TO 3 JULY

TERM 3: 21 JULY TO 27 SEPTEMBER

TERM 4: 13 OCTOBER TO 12 DECEMBER

WORKSHOP WITH ASHLING

APRIL SCHOOL HOLIDAYS EXACT DATES TO BE CONFIRMED

STATE SOLO AND CEILI BOOTCAMP

14TH - 18TH JULY

EVENT DATES

15TH MARCH - ST PATRICKS DAY PARADE

16TH & 17TH - ST PATRICKS DAY DANCE DISPLAYS

31ST MAY - QUIZ NIGHT FUNDRAISER

20TH SEPTEMBER - NATIONALS TEAM FUNDRAISER

26TH OCTOBER - HALLOWEEN PARTY

13TH DECEMBER - CHRISTMAS CONCERT

2025 FEIS DATES

8TH & 9TH MARCH - *CELTIC ACADEMY - ST PATRICKS DAY FEIS*

29TH & 30TH MARCH - *AIDA WA BLACKOUT FEIS*

6TH APRIL - *O'BRIEN ACADEMY IN-HOUSE CLASS FEIS*

13TH - 20TH APRIL - *WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS (DUBLIN)*

17TH & 18TH MAY - *SWEETS OF MAY FEIS*

21ST & 22ND JUNE - *MRS MCGOWAN MEMORIAL FEIS*

3RD TO 7TH JULY - *AIO (TWEED HEADS NSW)*

19TH & 20TH JULY - *WA ACADEMY WINTER SHIELD (TBC)*

2ND & 3RD AUGUST - *PERTH PREMIERSHIP & STATE CEILI/TEAM
CHAMPIONSHIP*

16TH & 17TH AUGUST - *STATE SOLOS CHAMPIONSHIPS*

14TH SEPTEMBER - *SPRING FEIS (INTERMEDIATE/OPEN FEIS)*

30TH SEPT TO 4TH OCTOBER - *AUSTRALIAN NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS*

9TH NOVEMBER - *BUN AND TUS FEIS*

ENROLMENT POLICY

PERMISSIONS AND PUBLICATIONS

- I HEREBY ACKNOWLEDGE AND GIVE PERMISSION FOR O'BRIEN ACADEMY OF IRISH DANCING TO TAKE, USE AND DISCLOSE ANY PERSONAL INFORMATION THAT MAY BE NECESSARY TO IMPLEMENT THE RULES, REGULATIONS AND POLICIES. I AGREE TO ALLOW RESULTS, NAMES AND PHOTOS TO BE PUBLISHED IN OFFICIAL PROGRAMS, NEWSLETTER AND WEBSITES FOR THE PROMOTION OF THE SCHOOL OR ANY OTHER LAWFUL PURPOSE PERTAINING TO O'BRIEN ACADEMY OF IRISH DANCING.
- A 25% DISCOUNT ON FEES IS OFFERED TO THE THIRD CHILD IN FAMILIES OF THREE SIBLINGS WHO ATTEND THE O'BRIEN ACADEMY OF IRISH DANCING.
- AN ENROLLMENT FEE FOR ALL STUDENTS (NEW OR RETURNING) IS TO BE PAID AT TIME OF ENROLLMENT.
- AS OUR COSTS ARE FIXED, FEES REMAIN PAYABLE IN CASES OF ABSENCE. THERE ARE NO REDUCTIONS FOR SICKNESS, HOLIDAYS OR NON-ATTENDANCE.
- HALF A TERM'S WRITTEN NOTICE OR PAYMENT IN LIEU IS REQUIRED IF YOU WISH TO WITHDRAW YOUR CHILD FROM CLASSES WITH THE O'BRIEN ACADEMY OF IRISH DANCING.
- PHYSICAL CONTACT MAY BE NECESSARY WHEN HELPING TO DEMONSTRATE OR CORRECT STUDENTS.
- ALL DANCERS SHOULD ARRIVE PROMPTLY, BE APPROPRIATELY DRESSED AND ATTEND CLASSES REGULARLY.

- DANCERS NOT IN APPROPRIATE ATTIRE WILL NOT PARTICIPATE IN THE CLASS.

FEES

- PARENTS/GUARDIANS ARE FULLY RESPONSIBLE FOR THE TUITION PAYMENTS IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE O'BRIEN ACADEMY OF IRISH DANCING.
- STUDENTS ARE ENROLLED FOR THE FULL TERM OF DANCING.
- ALL FAMILIES WILL BE REQUIRED TO SET UP THE AUTOPAY OPTION AT THE TIME OF ENROLMENT.
- AUTOPAY IS A SERVICE THAT AUTOMATICALLY SCHEDULES AND DEDUCTS REGULAR PAYMENTS FROM YOUR NOMINATED CREDIT OR DEBIT CARD THROUGH STRIPE.
- PARENTS/GUARDIANS WILL HAVE THE FREQUENCY OPTION OF WEEKLY OR MONTHLY AND WE ASK PARENTS TO ENSURE THEY HAVE FUNDS AVAILABLE IN THE ACCOUNT THE DAY BEFORE IN PREPARATION OF THE DEBIT.
- CLASS FEES ARE NON-REFUNDABLE, WITH THE EXCEPTION OF WITHDRAWAL BEING DUE TO A PROLONGED ILLNESS, SERIOUS INJURY OR A FAMILY MOVE WHICH MUST BE CONFIRMED WITH APPROPRIATE DOCUMENTATION FROM A PHYSICIAN OR COMPANY, WHICHEVER THE CASE MAY BE.
- ADDITIONAL CHARGES WILL APPLY FOR ENROLMENT FEES, PRIVATE LESSONS, OPEN CLASSES, WORKSHOP CLASSES, COSTUMES, COSTUME ACCESSORIES, EXAMS AND COMPETITIONS, IF THE STUDENT WISHES TO TAKE PART

MAKE UP CLASSES

- IF A STUDENT MISSES A CLASS, FAMILIES CAN APPLY VIA EMAIL TO ATTEND A MAKE UP CLASS, IF A CLASS AND SPACE IS AVAILABLE.
- PAYMENT PLANS CAN NOT BE PAUSED FOR FAMILIES AWAY DURING THE DANCING TERM ON HOLIDAY.
- FAMILIES HAVE THE OPTION TO CANCEL THEIR ENROLMENT, AND RE-ENROL (PAYING THE FEE) ON THEIR RETURN, OR REMAIN ENROLLED IN THEIR CLASS.

COMMUNICATION

- THE O'BRIEN ACADEMY OF IRISH DANCE IS A PAPER FREE BUSINESS.
- ALL DOCUMENTS WILL BE EMAILED AND AVAILABLE FOR DOWNLOAD FROM YOUR PARENT PORTAL, AND WHERE POSSIBLE ON OUR FACEBOOK PRIVATE GROUP.
- IT IS PARENTS' OR STUDENTS' RESPONSIBILITIES TO ENSURE THAT YOU HAVE A CURRENT AND WORKING EMAIL ADDRESS, THAT IS CHECKED REGULARLY. PLEASE ALSO ENSURE ALL EMAILS RECEIVED ARE NOT LANDING IN YOUR JUNK MAIL FOLDER.
- WE WILL ALSO USE FACEBOOK AS A MEANS OF INSTANT COMMUNICATION AND RECOMMEND FAMILIES REQUEST TO JOIN OUR CLOSED FACEBOOK PAGE.
- TEXT MESSAGES WILL ALSO BE SENT AS REQUIRED.
- THE BEST FORM OF CONTACT IS VIA EMAIL. OUR TEAM WILL ENDEAVOUR TO REPLY TO ALL EMAILS WITHIN 48 HOURS.
- IF A STUDENT IS GOING TO BE ABSENT FROM CLASS, PLEASE ADVISE US THROUGH THE PARENT PORTAL.

- PLEASE DO NOT CALL DURING CLASS TIMES, AS TEACHERS ARE UNABLE TO TAKE YOUR CALLS. PARENTS ARE ALSO ASKED NOT TO INTERRUPT TEACHERS BEFORE, DURING OR AFTER CLASSES.
- IF YOU NEED TO HAVE A LENGTHY CONVERSATION, PLEASE ARRANGE A TIME WITH TEACHERS VIA TEXT OR EMAIL

COMPETITIONS & EXAMS

- COMPETITIONS AND EXAM ENTRY FEES WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED, IF ANY OUTSTANDING TUITION IS OWED.
- STUDENTS WILL BE REQUIRED TO PURCHASE/HIRE THE COSTUMES AND OR STANDARD OF COSTUME AS SET BY THE TEACHERS.
- THE TEACHERS, STUDENTS, PARENTS AND FRIENDS OF THE O'BRIEN ACADEMY MUST DISPLAY THE UPMOST SPORTSMANSHIP BEHAVIOUR ALWAYS WHILST ATTENDING COMPETITIONS AND EXAMS.
- WHERE POSSIBLE, TEACHERS WILL ATTEND COMPETITIONS TO SUPPORT DANCERS.
- DANCERS ARE EXPECTED TO BE ABLE TO ATTEND COMPETITIONS WITH THEIR FAMILIES, WARM-UP AND RUN THROUGH THE DANCES PRIOR TO COMPETING.
- WHEN A TEACHER IS PRESENT AND AVAILABLE, ALL STUDENTS CAN WARM-UP AND RUN THROUGH WITH THE TEACHER TOGETHER

STUDIO AND CAR PARK

- PARENTS ARE ADVISED TO DROP THE CHILDREN OFF AT THE SPECIFIED ARRIVAL TIME.

- PARENTS ARE REQUIRED TO COLLECT CHILDREN AT THE TIME OF THE CLASS ENDING. OUR CLASSES RUN TO TIME, SO PLEASE ENSURE YOU ARE ALSO ON TIME. PARENTS CAN USE OUR WAITING AREA IN THE STUDIO.
- ONLY STUDENTS AND TEACHERS ARE PERMITTED IN OUR STUDIO. FRIENDS AND SIBLINGS ARE UNABLE TO VIEW CLASSES.
- THE STUDENTS ARE REQUIRED TO WEAR A UNIFORM.
- WE DO NOT TOLERATE BULLYING OR NEGATIVE BEHAVIOUR FROM STUDENTS AND PARENTS. PARENTS WITH CONCERNS ARE ASKED TO SPEAK DIRECTLY TO THE TEACHERS. FAMILIES THAT RESPECT THIS POLICY WILL ALSO RECEIVE THE TIME AND RESPECT FROM OUR TEACHERS. PARENTS THAT SPEAK NEGATIVELY TO OTHERS ABOUT THE STAFF, SCHOOL OR OTHER FAMILIES OR DO NOT SHOW DUE RESPECT WILL BE ASKED TO LEAVE THE SCHOOL. NO EXCEPTIONS.

FAQ'S

HERE YOU WILL FIND A LIST OF FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS ABOUT THE 'O'BRIEN ACADEMY OF IRISH DANCING 'AS WELL AS IRISH DANCING IN GENERAL. IF YOU HAVE ANY OTHER QUESTIONS, FEEL FREE TO CONTACT US!

DOES MY CHILD HAVE TO BE IRISH OR HAVE PREVIOUS IRISH DANCE EXPERIENCE TO JOIN?

NOT AT ALL! NO DANCE EXPERIENCE IS NECESSARY AND NEITHER IS AN IRISH HERITAGE. DANCERS OF ALL AGES AND BACKGROUNDS ARE WELCOME TO JOIN OUR CLASSES. ALL STUDENTS WILL BE TAUGHT THE BASICS OF IRISH DANCE.

AT WHAT AGE CAN MY CHILD BEGIN TAKING IRISH DANCE CLASS?

DANCERS ARE WELCOME TO JOIN AS EARLY AS 2 YEARS OLD IN OUR MAMMY AND ME CLASSES. IT'S ALSO NEVER TOO LATE TO BEGIN! WE OFFER CLASSES FOR ALL AGES, FROM YOUTH TO ADULT.

HOW MUCH ENERGY/PHYSICAL EXERTION IS REQUIRED? WHAT ABOUT FLEXIBILITY?

A MODERATE AMOUNT OF BOTH ENERGY AND FLEXIBILITY IS REQUIRED. IRISH DANCE IS AN AEROBIC EXERCISE AKIN TO SPRINTING RATHER THAN DISTANCE RUNNING. THE BEGINNER LEVELS REQUIRE MODERATE EXERTION AND IT GETS MORE TAXING AS THE LEVELS PROGRESS. FLEXIBILITY IS NOT A NECESSITY BUT IS DEFINITELY BENEFICIAL AND SHOULD BE IMPROVED AS A DANCER ADVANCES.

DO YOU OFFER ADULT CLASSES?

YES, WE DO. IT'S NEVER TOO LATE TO LEARN OR TO GET BACK INTO IT. THERE IS A PLACE FOR EVERYONE, WHETHER A BEGINNER OR SOMEONE WITH IRISH DANCE EXPERIENCE.

WHAT SHOULD MY CHILD WEAR TO CLASS?

- CLOTHING: REGARDLESS OF AGE, STUDENTS SHOULD WEAR CLOTHING THAT IS EASY TO MOVE IN AND COMFORTABLE WITHOUT BEING BAGGY. PART OF IRISH DANCING IS FORM AND SO IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT SHORTS AND T-SHIRTS AND TANKS BE WORN. ONCE STUDENTS ARE ENROLED, THEY ARE REQUIRED TO WEAR OUR ACADEMY UNIFORM.
- SHOES: NEW BEGINNERS MAY COME TO THEIR FIRST FEW CLASSES IN SOCKS OR TENNIS SHOES. IF YOU WISH TO PURCHASE A DANCE SHOE, THEN A BALLET SLIPPER OR JAZZ SHOE IS APPROPRIATE. AS DANCERS PROGRESS IT IS REQUIRED THAT THEY PURCHASE GHILLIES ("SOFT" IRISH DANCE SHOES). ASK THE TEACHER FOR RECOMMENDATIONS ON WHERE TO GET THESE SHOES AS WELL AS HOW TO PROPERLY SIZE THEM.
- HAIR: HAIR SHOULD BE PULLED BACK AND AWAY FROM THE FACE, AND ANY JEWELRY SHOULD BE KEPT TO A MINIMUM SO AS NOT TO INTERFERE WITH DANCING.

IS COMPETITION MANDATORY?

WE ENCOURAGE STUDENTS TO PARTICIPATE IN COMPETITIONS BUT DO NOT REQUIRE IT- MANY CHOOSE TO DANCE SIMPLY FOR THEIR ENJOYMENT AND EXERCISE. STUDENTS WILL BE TAUGHT BOTH SOLO MATERIAL AS WELL AS CEILI (GROUP) DANCES, BOTH OF WHICH ARE SUITABLE FOR COMPETITION

DO I NEED TO BUY AN EXPENSIVE DRESS OR WIG?

DRESSES AND WIGS ARE NOT REQUIRED. FOR COMPETITIONS, BEGINNER AND INTERMEDIATE DANCERS DO WEAR A SCHOOL COSTUME, BUT NATURAL HAIR STYLES ARE ENCOURAGED. FOR MORE ADVANCED DANCERS, WIGS ARE OPTIONAL AND UP TO THE DANCER, HIS/HER FAMILY, AND THE TEACHER'S DISCRETION; SOLO COSTUMES CAN BE PURCHASED USED OR CUSTOM MADE. THESE COSTUMES CAN ALSO BE RESOLD.

WILL I GET TO SEE MY CHILD PERFORM AND WHEN CAN THEY START?

DANCERS OF ALL LEVELS ARE ENCOURAGED TO PERFORM WITH THE SCHOOL AT SHOWS THROUGHOUT THE YEAR. BEGINNER DANCERS CAN PARTICIPATE IN MOST OF THESE SHOWS. WE ARE ALWAYS ENCOURAGING NEW DANCERS TO GET STAGE EXPERIENCE TO GAIN CONFIDENCE. WE ALSO HOLD AN END OF YEAR 'CHRISTMAS CONCERT' WHERE ALL DANCERS ARE INCLUDED.

WHERE CAN MY DANCER REGISTER FOR CLASSES?

ENROLMENT IS OPEN THROUGHOUT THE YEAR, SO LONG AS SPACE IS AVAILABLE. COMPLETE THE ONLINE FORM UNDER THE 'CLASSES AND INFO' TAB AT THE TOP OF THE PAGE OR EMAIL US VIA OBRIEN_IRISHDANCING@HOTMAIL.COM FOR INFORMATION.

HOW MANY CLASSES PER WEEK CAN I ATTEND?

BEGINNER TO ADVANCED CLASSES ARE OFFERED 1-5 TIMES A WEEK. WE ENCOURAGE DANCERS TO COME 1 - 2 TIMES A WEEK AS A MINIMUM AND ALSO TO PRACTICE AT HOME. ADDITIONALLY, A WEEKLY CEILI (GROUP DANCING) CLASS FOR ALL STUDENTS OF ALL AGES AND LEVELS TO ENCOURAGE INTERACTION THROUGHOUT THE VARIOUS CLASS GROUPS. PRIVATE LESSONS ARE ALSO AVAILABLE.

CAN I WATCH MY CHILD'S CLASS?

OUR STUDIO HAS A WINDOW FOR YOU TO VIEW THE CLASS FROM RECEPTION AREA. HOWEVER, TO REDUCE DISTRACTION AND DISRUPTION, PARENTS ARE NOT PERMITTED TO STAND AT THE WINDOW OR SIT-IN ON CLASSES UNLESS REQUESTED TO BY A TEACHER. WE HAVE A SMALL KITCHENETTE AVAILABLE TO ALL PARENTS/GUARDIANS TO USE WHILE DANCERS ARE IN CLASS AND A COMFORTABLE WAITING AREA. PARENTS DO NOT HAVE TO STAY FOR THEIR CHILD'S CLASS, BUT MUST ACCOMPANY ANY CHILDREN AND/OR SIBLINGS WHILE THEY ARE NOT IN THE DANCE STUDIO UNDER DIRECT INSTRUCTION. FOR PARENTS WHO DO NOT WISH TO STAY DURING CLASS, PLEASE BE AWARE THAT YOU ARE STILL RESPONSIBLE FOR TIMELY DROP-OFF AND PICK-UP OF YOUR STUDENTS.

THE FEES ARE OUT OF MY BUDGET BUT I WOULD REALLY LOVE MY CHILD TO PARTICIPATE, CAN YOU HELP?

OUR SCHOOL ENDEAVOURS TO OFFER CLASSES TO ALL INTERESTED STUDENTS. IF FINANCES ARE A CONSTRAINT FOR YOUR FAMILY, PLEASE CONTACT THE TEACHERS PERSONALLY SO THAT WE MAY WORK OUT A PAYMENT PLAN THAT MEETS YOUR/YOUR FAMILY'S CAPABILITIES. NO STUDENT WILL BE TURNED AWAY.

WHAT SHOULD BE IN MY DANCE BAG?

A DANCE BAG IS A GREAT THING TO HAVE FOR ANYONE TAKING REGULAR CLASSES. IT KEEPS YOUR BELONGINGS TOGETHER DURING CLASS AND IS AN EASY WAY TO TRANSPORT THEM. IT SHOULD ALWAYS CONTAIN YOUR SHOES, SOCKS (AND AN EXTRA PAIR), A WATER BOTTLE, AND ANY FIRST AID THAT YOU MAY WANT ON HAND (BANDAIDS ETC.). IT IS STRONGLY ENCOURAGED THAT STUDENTS HAVE A WATER BOTTLE WITH THEM TO HYDRATE DURING CLASS.

WHERE DO I GO FOR FEIS (COMPETITION) INFORMATION? WHEN CAN I SIGN UP?

A FULL LIST OF ALL THE REGIONAL COMPETITIONS CAN BE FOUND AT WWW.AIDAINC.COM (A.I.D.A). FOR MORE INFO ON REGISTRATION AND COMPETITION INTEREST, PLEASE TALK TO THE TEACHERS DIRECTLY TO DISCUSS EXPECTATIONS AND THE ENTRY PROCESS.

WHERE CAN I FIND MUSIC TO PRACTICE WITH AT HOME?

DOWNLOAD 'FEIS THE APP' AND CREATE AN ACCOUNT. IT IS THE MOST CENTRAL AND CURRENT SOURCE OF DANCE MUSIC AND NEW TRACKS ARE UPDATED REGULARLY. ALTERNATIVELY, YOU CAN SEARCH FOR SPECIFIC TRACKS ON ITUNES.



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