

# Michelle Rae School of Dance

## 2026 Information

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### CLASS LOCATION

Hall 3 and 4, Monash District Performing Arts Centre, Fairway Avenue, MOUNT WAVERLEY.  
The end of Fairway Avenue.

**All parents/carers must park in the car park and not directly in front of the studios.**

### ABOUT US

Michelle Rae School of Dance has been established in Waverley for 50 years in 2026!

Catering for beginners to pre-professional students of all ages. Classes offered include Jazz, Tap, Classical Ballet, Lyrical, Contemporary, Broadway Jazz, VCE Dance, Acrobatics and Hip Hop.

We offer safe dance techniques, catering for dance as an enjoyable hobby or leading on to dance and dance-related careers, all in a fun and friendly environment.

All teaching staff are experienced and qualified.

State Dance Association examination syllabi are offered, as well as many other performance opportunities.

Dance classes enhance the emotional and physical development, promotes musical appreciation, creativity, postural and kinesthetic awareness and alignment, and self-confidence. When well taught, dance provides a good foundation for any form of physical activity and in fact for life itself.

### 2026 TERM DATES

**Term 1:** Saturday 31<sup>st</sup> January to Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> April 2026

**Term 2:** Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> April to Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> June 2026

**Term 3:** Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> July to Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> September 2026

**Term 4:** Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> October to end-of-year 2026 Performances

### 2026 TENTATIVE SHOWCASE PERFORMANCE DATES

Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> November 2026 (Full Costume/Make Up Rehearsal) | **ALL STUDENTS**

Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> December 2026 (Stage Rehearsal) | **PRE-INTER TO ADVANCED STUDENTS**

Friday 4<sup>th</sup> December 2026 (PERFORMANCE) | **ALL STUDENTS**

Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> December 2026 (TWO PERFORMANCES) | **ALL STUDENTS**

### FEES

Fees are to be paid strictly in advance for each term. The first class for new students is FREE.

A \$30.00 bookkeeping fee will be charged if payments are not made within 21 days.

To maintain the students' place in class, there are NO refunds or credits for missed classes. This includes absences due to illness, holidays, or school commitments. Make-up classes are subject to availability and must be taken within the same term.

Fees are invoiced by the term (regardless of term length), and can be paid by cash or direct deposit.

### 2026 Fee Structure:

30 minute class: \$16.00 per class

60 minute class: \$20.50 per class

45 minute class: \$18.00 per class

75 minute class: \$23.00 per class

A discount is available to students doing more than one class. These are calculated per student.

Discounts vary depending on the number of classes taken.

**A sibling discount** of 10% reduction is available when two or more siblings are enrolled for ongoing classes.

## UNIFORM

Uniforms must be worn to all classes in the interests of safe dance and technique.

Hair must be in a bun for Classical and a bun or ponytail for other classes. No jewellery or watches to be worn in class.

**Please refer to the uniform list prior to purchasing items.**

**ALL items must be purchased from either Energetiks or Bloch dance wear stores.**

### TINIES, JUNIORS, PRE-INTERS & INTERS:

<p><b>JAZZ</b></p>	 <p>Black singlet top Nylon lycra leotard <b>Debut Charlotte (DCL04) OR Charlotte (CL04)</b></p>	 <p>Ballet pink full circle skirt <b>Emily Skirt (CS17)</b></p>	 <p>Classic <b>footed</b> dance tights <b>BEIGE (CT27)</b></p>	 <p><b>Revelation (BSC07) or Annabelle (BSC03)</b> leather pink ballet shoes. Full sole, one elastic strap</p>
<p><b>TAP</b></p>	 <p>Black singlet top Nylon lycra leotard <b>Debut Charlotte (DCL04) OR Charlotte (CL04)</b></p>	 <p>Ballet pink full circle skirt <b>Emily Skirt (CS17)</b></p>	 <p>Classic <b>footed</b> dance tights <b>BEIGE (CT27)</b></p>	 <p>Debut <b>BLACK</b> tap shoes with one strap, low heel (<b>TSC06</b>)</p>
<p><b>CLASSICAL BALLET</b></p>	 <p>Black singlet top Nylon lycra leotard <b>Debut Charlotte (DCL04) OR Charlotte (CL04)</b></p>	 <p>Ballet pink full circle skirt <b>Emily Skirt (CS17)</b></p>	 <p>Classic <b>footed</b> dance tights <b>BEIGE (CT27)</b></p>	 <p><b>Revelation (BSC07) or Annabelle (BSC03)</b> leather pink ballet shoes. Full sole, one elastic strap</p>
<p><b>HIP HOP &amp; ACROBATICS</b></p>	 <p>Black singlet top Nylon lycra leotard <b>Debut Charlotte (DCL04) OR Charlotte (CL04)</b></p>	 <p>Black bike shorts or black leggings</p>		<p>Own lace up sneakers</p>
<p><b>LYRICAL &amp; CONTEMPORARY</b></p>	 <p>Black singlet top Nylon lycra leotard <b>Debut Charlotte (DCL04) OR Charlotte (CL04)</b></p>	 <p>Ballet pink full circle skirt <b>Emily Skirt (CS17)</b></p>	 <p>Classic <b>footed</b> dance tights <b>BEIGE (CT27)</b></p>	 <p><b>Revelation (BSC07) or Annabelle (BSC03)</b> leather pink ballet shoes. Full sole, one elastic strap</p>
<p><b>BOYS</b></p> <p>ALL STYLES</p>				 <p>Black dance shoes for the appropriate dance style</p>

Michelle Rae cross overs, windcheaters and vests are available to purchase from the studio for colder months

### UNIFORM SUPPLIERS

Energetiks Dance Wear & Bloch Dancewear

**PRE-SENIORS, SENIORS & ADVANCED:**

ALL items must be purchased from either Energetiks or Bloch dance wear stores.

<p><b>JAZZ</b></p>	 Black singlet top Nylon lycra leotard <b>Charlotte (AL04)</b>	 Mock wrap style BLACK skirt <b>Audrey Skirt (AS27)</b>	 Classic <b>footed</b> dance tights <b>BEIGE (AT27)</b>	 BLACK slip on jazz boot. No laces
<p><b>TAP</b></p>	 Black singlet top Nylon lycra leotard <b>Charlotte (AL04)</b>	 Mock wrap style BLACK skirt <b>Audrey Skirt (AS27)</b>	 Classic <b>footed</b> dance tights <b>BEIGE (AT27)</b>	 BLACK Cuban heel tap shoes. One strap
<p><b>CLASSICAL BALLET</b></p>	 Black singlet top Nylon lycra leotard <b>Charlotte (AL04)</b>	 Mock wrap style BLACK skirt <b>Audrey Skirt (AS27)</b>	 Classic <b>footed</b> dance tights <b>BEIGE (AT27) AND SALMON PINK (AT27)</b>	 Pink leather ballet shoes. Split sole, one elastic strap
<p><b>HIP HOP &amp; ACROBATICS</b></p>	 Black singlet top Nylon lycra leotard <b>Charlotte (AL04)</b>	 Black bike shorts or black leggings		Own lace up sneakers
<p><b>LYRICAL &amp; CONTEMPORARY</b></p>	 Black singlet top Nylon lycra leotard <b>Charlotte (AL04)</b>	 Black bike shorts	Convertible or stirrup <b>BEIGE</b> dance tights	

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## GENERAL NOTES

- In the interests of safety please ensure students are dressed correctly and hairstyles adhered to.
- New students' parents/carers may observe the first class only.
- At the commencement and completion of each class, students will be collected from and returned to the Michelle Rae flag. Michelle Rae staff cannot be responsible for student's whereabouts outside the studio. Please do not enter the class whilst classes are in progress (before, during or after).
- Examinations are conducted with the State Dance Association (Jazz, Tap & Classical Ballet). These are not compulsory, however are most beneficial to students progress.
- It is expected that all students will participate in all end of year performances and compulsory rehearsals.
- Mobile phones are not to be used during class. Michelle Rae School of Dance accepts no responsibility for replacing lost, stolen or damaged mobile phones, electronic devices or accessories.

## Classroom Guidelines and Policies

Students & Teachers of Michelle Rae School of Dance are expected to conduct themselves with a sense of pride, self-discipline and a strong commitment to dance. The following procedures allow us to give our students full attention during class time. They apply to all dancers and we appreciate your cooperation.

### Punctuality:

All classes commence and end on time. Students should arrive at least 10 minutes prior to class commencement time and must enter the classroom with their outer wear removed and dance shoes on. Students' punctuality ensures they are well warmed up, which is necessary to avoid injury whilst dancing.

### Presentation:

Neat presentation is part of the tradition of dance, and we expect students to be neat and tidy for all classes. Dance students make their best progress when their teachers can see their form well and when students are not distracted or restricted by floppy or ill-fitting clothing. Please refer to our uniform details on page 2 & 3.

### Etiquette:

Students should:

- have a positive attitude and tone at all times in the studio and foyer
- be respectful and courteous toward teachers and fellow dancers. Bullying of any kind is not acceptable
- not consume chewing gum or food in class
- bring with them a drink bottle containing water (not fruit juice or cordial)
- turn off mobile phones before entering the classroom

### Commitment:

When a student enrolls with Michelle Rae School of Dance, the expectation is that the student undertakes classes for the full year and participates in the end of year performances. However, if a student cannot participate in ALL performances, advice must be given to Miss Michelle at time of enrolment or at least before Term 2 concludes.

### Pointe work:

Please note that in order for students to be prepared for pointe shoes the minimum requirement is 2 ballet classes per week. Teachers will assess as to when the student is considered at an appropriate technique and age for referral to a pre-pointe assessment by a physiotherapist.

## Child Safe Policy

Under the **Child Safety and Wellbeing Act**, Victorian organisations that provide services to children are required to implement compulsory Child Safe Standards to protect children from harm.

Michelle Rae School of Dance (MRSD) has developed this Child Safe Policy to demonstrate the strong commitment of the Principal and staff to child safety and the policies and practices developed to keep everyone safe from harm, including abuse.

This document demonstrates that MRSD is compliant with the **Victorian Child Safe Standards updated on 1 July 2022**.

For more information, see *A Guide for Creating a Child Safe Organisation* produced by the Commission for Children and Young People (CCYP) available at [www.ccyp.vic.gov.au](http://www.ccyp.vic.gov.au).

This policy is available on the **Michelle Rae School of Dance website** and is **provided to students and families via email at the beginning of each year**.

## Commitment to Child Safety

Michelle Rae School of Dance (MRSD) is a **Child Safe organisation**.

As a school we are committed to providing a safe and supportive community for all students and their families at all times. We want our students to feel safe, supported, respected, happy, empowered and able to enjoy their dance education.

The welfare of the children in our care will always be our first priority. MRSD has **zero tolerance for child abuse**.

This policy demonstrates the strong commitment of the Principal and staff to child safety and outlines the policies and practices developed to keep children safe from harm. It applies to all staff, volunteers, students and individuals involved in our school community.

MRSD values the role of families and the community in promoting child safety.

We communicate openly with families and encourage their participation in decisions affecting their children.

Families are provided with accessible information about our child safe practices and are encouraged to provide feedback.

## Child Safe Standards Framework

MRSD is committed to implementing and upholding all **11 Victorian Child Safe Standards**, ensuring that child safety is embedded across all aspects of our organisation, including leadership, culture, policies and everyday practice.

MRSD regularly reviews and improves its child safety practices to ensure ongoing compliance with the Child Safe Standards.

## Children's Rights to Safety and Participation

MRSD encourages children to express their views and participate in decisions that affect them. We recognise that children and young people have the right to feel safe and to be heard.

We actively encourage children to:

- share their ideas, views and opinions
- feel confident speaking up about things that are important to them
- raise concerns if they ever feel unsafe.

We teach children what they can do if they feel unsafe and ensure that their concerns are listened to and acted upon appropriately.

- actively listen to children and take their concerns seriously
- support children to speak up about anything that makes them feel unsafe
- teach children age-appropriate strategies to recognise and respond to unsafe situations

We are committed to creating an environment where children feel confident, respected and empowered to participate.

## **Culturally Safe Environment**

*(Child Safe Standard 1 – Updated 1 July 2022)*

Michelle Rae School of Dance is committed to creating a **culturally safe and inclusive environment** for all children and young people, particularly **Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children**.

We actively support the ability of children to express and enjoy their cultural identity and ensure they feel respected and valued within our school community.

MRSD is committed to:

- actively supporting children's ability to express and enjoy their cultural rights
- acknowledging and appreciating the strengths of Aboriginal culture and young people
- ensuring any form of racism is identified, addressed and not tolerated
- supporting the participation and inclusion of Aboriginal children and their families
- providing a culturally safe, welcoming and inclusive environment for all children and families.

## **Valuing Diversity**

MRSD values diversity and does not tolerate discriminatory practices.

We are committed to ensuring all children feel safe, respected and included regardless of their background.

To achieve this we:

- promote the cultural safety, participation and empowerment of Aboriginal children and their families
- promote the cultural safety, participation and empowerment of children from culturally and/or linguistically diverse backgrounds
- welcome children with a disability and their families and support their participation
- create an inclusive environment where all students feel respected and valued.

## **Reporting a Child Safety Concern or Complaint**

All MRSD teachers, students and families are supported to raise any concerns or complaints regarding risks to a child's safety or signs of abuse.

All concerns or complaints should be raised directly with **Miss Michelle** and will be addressed as soon as possible. Support will be offered to all individuals involved.

If a child is in **immediate danger**, please call **000**.

### **Child Safety in Physical and Online Environments**

MRSD takes steps to identify and minimise risks in both physical and online environments.

All interactions with children, including online communication, must follow the Code of Conduct and maintain appropriate professional boundaries.

## Our Teaching Staff Commitment to Child Safety

All MRSD teachers understand and follow the Child Safe Policy and are committed to providing a safe and supportive environment for all students.

MRSD follows best practice recruitment and screening procedures including:

- interviews and referee checks for staff
- valid **Working With Children Checks** for all staff
- clear expectations of child safe behaviour.

Our commitment to Child Safety and our screening requirements are included in staff recruitment processes.

Students and families are encouraged to notify **Miss Michelle immediately** if they have any concerns regarding staff behaviour. Any breach of the Code of Conduct will be addressed promptly.

## Teacher Code of Conduct

This Code of Conduct outlines appropriate standards of behaviour by adults towards children.

The Code of Conduct aims to protect children and reduce opportunities for abuse or harm. It also provides guidance for staff and volunteers on how to best support children and manage difficult situations.

All staff and volunteers must comply with the Code of Conduct.

## Staff Responsibilities

All MRSD staff and volunteers are responsible for promoting the safety and wellbeing of children by:

- adhering to the Child Safe Policy and related policies
- taking reasonable steps to protect children from abuse
- treating everyone with respect and valuing children's ideas and opinions
- welcoming all children and families and promoting inclusion
- respecting cultural, religious and personal differences
- modelling appropriate adult behaviour
- listening to children and responding appropriately
- reporting any concerns, complaints or breaches of the Code of Conduct
- working with children in open and transparent ways
- respecting the privacy of children and their families.

## Staff Training and Awareness

Staff and volunteers are supported through ongoing guidance and awareness to:

- understand their responsibilities to child safety

- identify signs of harm or abuse
- respond appropriately to child safety concerns
- maintain safe and professional boundaries when working with children

### **Staff Must Not**

MRSD staff and volunteers must not:

- use children to meet the emotional or personal needs of adults
- ignore concerns or disclosures of abuse
- use discriminatory or oppressive language
- engage in rough physical games
- discriminate based on age, gender, race, culture or sexuality
- initiate unnecessary physical contact
- develop inappropriate or “special” relationships with children
- exchange personal contact details with children
- have unauthorised online or phone contact with children.

### **Reviewing This Policy**

This policy will be **reviewed every two years** to ensure it continues to meet current Child Safe Standards.

MRSD will seek feedback from **students, parents, carers and staff** as part of the review process to ensure ongoing improvement of child safe practices.

MRSD reviews any complaints or incidents to identify improvements and strengthen child safe practices.

MRSD ensures appropriate record keeping and information sharing in line with legal obligations to support child safety.

We look forward to welcoming you and your family to Michelle Rae School of Dance in 2026.