

# Michelle Rae School of Dance

## 2024 Information

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### CLASSES HELD AT

Pinewood Primary School, **Toombah Street**, MOUNT WAVERLEY  
AND

Monash District Performing Arts Centre, **Fairway Avenue**, MOUNT WAVERLEY. The end of Fairway Avenue.

\*\*Students will be collected from the Michelle Rae flag, and returned to this location for parent/carer pick up.

### ABOUT US

Michelle Rae School of Dance has been established in Waverley for over 45 years!

Catering for Beginner to Pre-Professional, all ages! Classes offered include Jazz, Tap, Classical Ballet, Contemporary, 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.

Conveniently located behind the Pinewood Shopping Centre.

Exam Syllabus is offered as well as many other performance opportunities.

Dance classes enhance the emotional and physical development, promotes musical appreciation, creativity, postural and body 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.

### 2024 TERM DATES

Term 1: Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> January to Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> March

Term 2: Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> April to Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> June

Term 3: Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> July to Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> September

Term 4: Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> October to 2024 Performances

### FEES

Fees are to be paid strictly in advance for each term. The first class for new students is FREE. A \$25.00 bookkeeping fee will be charged if payments are not made within 30 days. To maintain students' place in class, there are NO refunds for missed classes. However, missed classes may be made up at alternate times. Please refer to the timetable.

Fees are invoiced by the term, and can be paid by cash or direct deposit.

## 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. Some second-hand items are available for sale; sizes must be checked by the teacher. Uniform is not essential for new students immediately, however please refer to the uniform list prior to purchasing items.

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

- Black singlet top Nylon Lycra leotard
- Pink full circle skirt
- Michelle Rae cross over or windcheater for colder months (optional)
- Pink leather ballet shoes with one pink elastic strap (JAZZ & CLASSICAL)
- Black tap shoes with one strap (TAP)
- Tan classic dance footed tights or short white socks (JAZZ & TAP)
- Salmon pink classic dance footed tights (CLASSICAL)

<b>JAZZ</b>				
<b>TAP</b>				
<b>CLASSICAL</b>				

### SENIORS & ADVANCED:

- Black singlet top Nylon Lycra leotard
- Black full circle skirt
- Michelle Rae cross over or windcheater for colder months (optional)
- Black pull on split sole jazz boots/shoes (JAZZ)
- Pink leather ballet shoes with one pink elastic strap (CLASSICAL)
- Black tap shoes with one strap (TAP)
- Tan classic dance footed tights or short white socks (JAZZ & TAP)
- Salmon pink classic dance footed tights (CLASSICAL)
- Black dance shorts (CONTEMPORARY)

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## UNIFORM SUPPLIERS

Energetiks Dance Wear  
Bloch Dancewear

## GENERAL NOTES

- In the interests of safety please ensure students are dressed correctly and hairstyles adhered to. Please ensure students have a water bottle at all classes.
- Please ensure students are approximately 10 minutes early for class.
- Please confirm with your teacher colour of ballet, jazz and tap shoes required prior to purchase.
- New student's parents 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 at each studio location. Michelle Rae staff cannot be responsible for their 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. Michelle Rae School of Dance accepts no responsibility for replacing lost, stolen or damaged mobile phones, electronic devices or accessories.

## 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 (MRS D) has written a 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 any harm, including abuse.

This document demonstrates MRS D is compliant with Child Safe Policies & procedures. 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)

## Commitment to child safety

Michelle Rae School of Dance (MRS D) is a Child Safe organisation. As a school we are committed to and focused on providing a safe community for all students and family members at all times. We want our students to feel safe, supported, respected, happy, empowered and have fun.

The welfare of the children in our care will always be our first priority and we have a zero tolerance to child abuse. This policy effective 1 January 2017, demonstrates the strong commitment of the Principal and staff to child safety and provides the policies and practices developed to keep everyone safe from any harm, including abuse. It applies to all staff, volunteers, children and individuals involved in our school.

## Children's rights to safety and participation

MRS D staff encourage children to express their views. We listen to their suggestions, especially on matters that directly affect them. We actively encourage all children to 'have a say' about things that are important to them.

We teach children about what they can do if they feel unsafe. We listen to and act on any concerns children, or their parents/carers, raise with us.

## Valuing diversity

We value diversity and do not tolerate any discriminatory practices. 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 and their families
- welcome children with a disability and their families and act to promote their participation
- seek appropriate staff from diverse cultural backgrounds.

### **Our teaching staff commitment to child safety**

Please know that all of our MRSD teachers understand our child safety policy and are as passionate about providing a safe and fun environment for all students, where each and every student in their class feels supported and empowered.

MRSD applies the best practice standards in the recruitment and screening of staff. We interview and conduct referee checks on all staff and require current Working with Children Checks for all positions. Our commitment to Child Safety and our screening requirements are included in all advertisements.

All MRSD students and families must let Miss Michelle know immediately if they have any concerns regarding a teacher. If a teacher has breached their code of conduct or is behaving inappropriately, we will handle it immediately.

### **Reporting a child safety concern or complaint**

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

All concerns or complaints should be made directly to Miss Michelle and will be resolved as soon as possible. Support will be offered to all people involved.

Please remember that if you believe a child is at immediate risk to call 000 as soon as possible.

### **Reviewing this policy**

This policy will be reviewed every two years and we undertake to seek views, comments and suggestions from students, parents, carers and staff.