

NEWSLETTER 2012

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DANCE ACADEMY

Hello everyone,

Its 2012 a new year and looking forward to starting Term 1!! Hope you enjoy DDA's first newsletter for this year.

Some news to share with you: Teachers leaving for 2012

With great sadness I have to announce that Leigh, Mel and Sarah are leaving us for 2012.

Leigh Hodgkiss - has decided to create more time in her personal life to pursue other interests. She has an exciting year ahead having planned a 12 month holiday around Australia.

Mel Hill - has an exciting year ahead planning her wedding day and taking on a permanent full time preschool teacher position with the Education Department.

Sarah Bradshaw - has made plans to travel abroad and work for 12 months, together with her partner, exploring Canada and America.

Leigh, Mel and Sarah have been outstanding teachers and valuable contributors to Directions Dance Academy. They have also been amazing friends and supporters. My teaching staff and I wish them the very best in their future pursuits and know they will be successful in all their endeavors. Thank you so much for being part of our dance family.

An exciting year ahead for 2012: New teachers for 2012

I am delighted to announce that I will have 4 new teachers join DDA for 2012. All these teachers have been involved with the school during 2011. They bring professional expertise, knowledge and experience and are all extremely motivated and ready to begin!! To learn more about DDA's new staff, further information is provided overleaf.

Sarah Humeniuk - will be replacing Leigh Hodgkiss teaching Senior Ballet

Naarah Hallifax - will be replacing Mel Hill teaching Preschool, Foundational Level and Primary (A)

Bianca Pannowitch - will be replacing Mel Hill teaching Senior Tap

Angelique Kyriakopoulos - will be replacing Mel Hill teaching Junior Tap

Emma Hosie - will be replacing Sarah Bradshaw teaching Junior Jazz

Effie Saloniklis - will be replacing Sarah Bradshaw and teaching Beginner Jazz

Bron Cambareri, Emma Hosie, Laura Jarema and I would like to welcome new teachers to Directions Dance Academy and look forward to having them as part of our team!!!

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We have some fabulous news about three of our advanced students.....

Alex Hassiotis our "Dedication to Dance" and scholarship winner has successfully secured a position at Adelaide College of the Arts. Part of the performing arts course, includes a Bachelor in Dance over three years. On completion of these studies a professional vocation in dance can be pursued or a direct pathway into University studies is also another option. This is an intensive full time dance training program providing students with both a practical and theoretical appreciation of the dance world !!

Nickolas Kanakaris and Amy Lungley have also successfully secured a position at the Patrick Studios Melbourne, a full time dance training course with a vision to becoming professional dancers. The studio offers one of the largest full time training programs in the country and holds an impeccable record of graduate students and working contracts. Graduate students have successfully danced at Tokyo Disney, Universal Studios Japan, have become So You Think You Can Dance choreographers and have made their debut in musical productions including The Boy from Oz, Moulin Rouge, Cats, Chorus Line, Billy Elliot and Mary Poppins, just to mention a few.

Congratulations to everyone and best of luck. We are so proud of you!!

Enrolment for 2012

All students who submitted dance subject choices in 2011 have successfully secured a position in their preferred classes. Thank you for your assistance in this process and I appreciate your efforts.

Video and Photos

The 2011 end of year performance was a wonderful success! At the beginning of Term 1 2012, the video and photographs will be available for you to purchase at the front desk of the Camden Community Hall. Don't miss out on collecting your priceless memories. Order forms will also be available at the desk and payment must be made on collection.

Starting dates for 2012

The first week back for the year is the week beginning **Monday 30 January 2012**. Please ensure that you have the correct uniform attire, including the appropriate dance shoes for the dance subject chosen. If you are unsure please check the website for details.

Please note: Dance jackets will only be available for purchase during Terms 1 and 2 from the Stage Shop or Adelaide Dancers Boutique. Jackets will only be sent off to have the logo printed in groups of 10. Thank you for your patience when collecting jackets.

Payments for 2012

The preferred method of payment is electronic transfer of funds. I will have bank details available for you at the front desk and details are always displayed on your invoice. Cash and cheque are also accepted.

Invoices for 2012

As a new process, invoices will be sent out electronically for all who have provided an email address. This will make the administrative process much easier to manage. If you have not provided an email address you will still receive your invoice through the post. If you would like the invoice to be sent to two email addresses could you please advise me.

We are all excited about getting started for 2012 and look forward to seeing all of you on the first week back. Not long to go now so make sure you have your dancing shoes ready for a fun packed year to come!!!

Kindest regards,

Effie Saloniklis
Principal, DDA