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ECOLE BALLET & DANCE THEATRE

TERM 1 AT ECOLE



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WELCOME BACK



Welcome to Ecole for 2023 to our students and families new and returning. It is great to see everyone enjoying their classes. Everyone has settled into their classes. It is wonderful to see our teachers back in action. We welcome Miss Klarissa to our team. You can read about our amazing teaching staff on our website, www.ecole.com.au/our-team.

This newsletter has lots of information on what is coming up this term and also later in the year, so please take a moment to read through it. We cannot wait to share our Ecole events with you.

I look forward to seeing you around the studio.

Bonnie Sartori

Principal
Ecole Ballet & Dance Theatre

So great to see you again

TERM ONE HAS STARTED!

There are so many happy faces around the studios as the students get back to dance. Pictured here are students from 5 years to 17 years old in our Acro, Ballet and Lyrical classes.



What's in store for the year ahead

DIARY DATES & INFORMATION

Diary Dates

A summary of important dates can be found below. All dates are on the Ecole website, www.ecole.com.au/ecole-dates

Term 1

Friday 3 February to Thursday 6 April

Term 2

Monday 24 April to Sunday 25 June (classes on Saturday 24 June are replaced with Open Day)

Term 3

Monday 17 July to Saturday 23 September

Term 4

Monday 9 October to Saturday 2 December

Parent Watching Week at Ecole

Saturday 25 March to Thursday 6 April

Open Day Weekend at Ecole

Saturday 24 and Sunday 25 June

Junior & Middle School Concert Rehearsals at Ecole

Saturday 14 and Sunday 15 October

Junior & Middle School Concerts at Glen Street Theatre, Belrose

Saturday 21 October

Senior School Rehearsals and Concert over these dates

Saturday 11, Sunday 12, Thursday 16, Saturday 18 and Sunday 19 November

Ecole School Holiday Camps

Our Ecole Easter School Holiday Camps will be held in April. We have camp running over both weeks. Please visit our website to book your place, www.ecole.com.au/april-camp

Active Kids & Creative Kids vouchers

Invoices are sent out prior to the start of each term. If you would like your Active and/or Creative Kids voucher included on your invoice, please submit your voucher via our website, www.ecole.com.au/submit-vouchers

We have cut off dates for each Term:

Term 2 submit by 13 April

Term 3 submit by 28 June

Term 4 submit by 15 September

Contacting us

To stay up to date with information, please continue to check our website, www.ecole.com.au. You can follow us as well on [Instagram](#) and [Facebook](#).

For all queries, please contact Cassie at info@ecole.com.au or 0433 832 653. The phone is answered Monday to Friday from 9.30 am to 4.30 pm and Saturday 9.00 am to 12.00 pm. Email are responded to within 24 hours (Monday to Friday).

Please remember to email info@ecole.com.au or text 0433 832 653 if your child will be absent from class.

Ecole Office

Our office at the Studio is attended by Cassie or Cathy as follows:

Wednesday, 3.00 pm to 5.00 pm

Thursday, 3.45 pm to 5.30 pm

Saturday, 9.00 am to 12.00 pm

Try something new!

ENROLMENTS & NEW CLASSES

New Classes

We are now holding our Beginners Acro classes on Monday and Friday. We still have some spaces in our Friday class. Musical Theatre for Years 2 to 4 is back this year and Miss Akane has been a big hit with the students. Musical Theatre involves jazz dancing, singing and acting. It is great for the budding performer!

We have limited availability remaining in some of our classes and waitlists for others. If there are classes your child would like to try, please email info@ecole.com.au. If your child is on a waitlist for a class, we will be in touch if a place becomes available.

A full description of our classes can be found at www.ecole.com.au/classes and the timetable can be found at www.ecole.com.au/enrol.

We will send an email at the end of each term checking if you have any changes to make to your current classes. Please be reminded you don't have to re-enrol each term for your classes. The enrolment to the class is for the whole year. If you don't wish to continue with a class for the following term, we ask that you let us know via email.

Adult Jazz & Hip Hop Class

After many requests, we are going to run our **Adult Jazz & Hip Hop** class on a Tuesday evening from 8.00 pm to 9.00 pm. The first class is next Tuesday, 28 February.

Please email info@ecole.com.au to register. You can have a complimentary trial and after that classes are \$20 per class or use your Adult Dance Pass.

Adult Ballet Classes

Our **Beginners Adult Ballet** continues to run on a Tuesday evening, from 6.45 pm to 7.45 pm with Miss Rhiannon. Your first trial lesson is complimentary and you then purchase a 10 class pass valid for six months. Please register via the enrolments portal on our website.

If you are a more advanced Ballet dancer and looking to take classes again, Miss Elise runs **Intermediate Adult Ballet** classes on Monday and Thursday evenings from 7.30 pm and on a Wednesday at 10.00 am. Please email info@ecole.com.au for additional information.

Looking your best

UNIFORMS & SHOES

Tiny & Beginners Ballet uniform

It is great to see so many of our Tiny and Beginner Ballet students and Disco Kids Jazz students in our new uniforms. We have two styles to choose from. If your child does Disco Kids Jazz as a stand alone class or before or after their Ballet, they can wear the Ballet dress. They will require both Ballet and Jazz shoes.

Jazz, Acro, Hip Hop, Musical Theatre, Tap & Yr 7-9 Lyrical Students

Students in these classes are required to wear an Ecole uniform. This can be any combination of our Ecole tops and bottoms of your choice. If you have plain (no logos/branding, stripes etc) black leggings, black shorts or black hot pants, you may wear those with an Ecole top. Students in Years 7-9 Lyrical (Monday) can wear an Ecole uniform. Students in Year 2 to Year 6 Lyrical should wear their Ballet uniform.

You can purchase Ecole uniform items from Cassie or Cathy in the office, or order [online](#) for next day pickup. More stock is coming of our Ecole t-shirts in sizes 6 and 8 as well as the white tie back top.

Ballet Uniforms & Footwear

Ballet uniforms for students in Pre-Primary to SL9 (Advanced 1) can be purchased from Bloch. All canvas ballet shoes, jazz, tap and character shoes can be purchased from Bloch. We also have a MDM Ballet shoe fitting day once a term at Ecole.

Bloch Discount Week

Our Ecole 20% off at Bloch discount week is coming up, Monday 27 February to Sunday 5 March inclusive. To receive the discount you must show the Flyer (email) or a printed copy from the office.

Character Shoes & Skirts

All Ballet Students in Primary to Grade 5/6 require Character Shoes from Monday 13 March in all of their Ballet classes. Students in twice a week Ballet classes Grade 1 and above, require a Character Skirt as well as Character shoes. You can purchase a pre-loved skirt [here](#).

Preloved Uniforms and shoes

You can view Pre-loved items on a Thursday afternoon by request. Please chat to Cathy in the office.

dboot Special Offer

dboot have a special offer for Term 1. Buy any pair of dboots and receive four toggles for free. They are also offering 50% off their rain covers. You can order your dboots [here](#) or we have samples to try at Ecole.

The year that was

2022 - IT'S A WRAP

End of Year Performances

We finished 2022 by having our first End of Year Performances back on stage since 2019. It was incredible to be able to do this again. We had a total of five Performances in 2022 held over October and November and each one was fabulous. Students, parents and teachers all enjoyed them very much! We were so very proud of every student!

If you are still after a recording of the concerts, this is your last week to order a copy. Orders will not be accepted after Friday 3 March. Please click [here](#) to order a copy.

End of Year Awards

Some very deserving senior students were presented with Ecole Awards at our End of Year Performances.

The Jane Allyn and Ashley Killar Performance Award

Audrey Metcalfe, Senior Level 8

Outstanding Performance in Classical Ballet

Erin Rothemund, Senior Level 9

Outstanding Performance in Contemporary and Lyrical

Alisha Cheng, Senior Level 8

Outstanding Performance in Jazz & Hip Hop

Valeria Gonzalez Lopez, Year 9

Outstanding Performance in Tap & Musical Theatre

Willow Holm, Year 6

Graduate Awards

Mia Young, Millie Bedwell and Phoebe Chung

Encouragement Awards

Olivia Miller, Mia StClair, Edward Weir,
Grace Zingel, Olivia Simpson and Sophia Firth



Sharing the Christmas Spirit

CHRISTMAS AT WESTFIELD

We were invited to perform at Westfield Chatswood in their Christmas Grotto once again. Our Classical Group performed a Christmas Dance with Elves, Reindeers and Ice Skaters. We had small class groups from our 3 year olds to our oldest students performing a variety of dance genres. It was a great performance, enjoyed by all.



What else is happening

PERFORMANCES IN SYDNEY

As much as we love seeing our students perform, we also encourage our students and their families to see some of the wonderful productions that are held in Sydney each year.

The Australian Ballet

The Australian Ballet are performing the following ballets this year: Don Quixote, Identity, Jewels, Swan Lake and The Dream/Marguerite and Armand. Further information on their ballets and ticket bookings are available at www.australianballet.com.au/whats-on

Consider joining The Ballet Society (formerly Friends of the Australian Ballet). Check their website for the benefits of this membership www.theballetsociety.org.au

Shen Yun Performance

Another spectacular Shen Yun performance is being held in Sydney from April to May.

Shen Yun invites you to travel back to the magical world of ancient China. Experience a lost culture through the incredible art of classical Chinese dance, and see legends come to life. Shen Yun makes this possible by pushing the boundaries of the performing arts, with a unique blend of stunning costuming, high-tech backdrops, and an orchestra like no other. Be prepared for a theatrical experience that will take your breath away! For further information, please view their [website](#).

Musical Theatre

If you love singing and dancing, there are lots of Musical Theatre productions playing in Sydney in 2023. A couple worth mentioning are Beauty and the Beast at the Capitol Theatre from June and Wicked at the Lyric Theatre from August.