

# BRENT STREET PETITE DEPARTMENT



Learning dance can be fun, challenging, exciting – even magical. At Brent Street we provide a creative and stimulating environment where each child is encouraged to reach their full potential and develop a love of dance that can last a lifetime. The following are descriptions of all classes offered in the Petite department.

## **PETITE STAGE 1**

A class for children turning 4 in 2010, this is the perfect introduction to the world of dance and movement. Combining stretch, basic ballet steps and jazz with storytelling and mime helps the children to develop their musicality and coordination in a fun and relaxed environment. (45 mins)

## **PETITE STAGE 2**

For children turning 5 in 2010, Petite Stage 2 is designed to further develop their skills and co-ordination in basic ballet and jazz. These classes build confidence and concentration as we begin to link steps and actions to form short combinations and improve performance skills. (55 mins)

## **PETITE STAGE 3**

The Petite Stage 3 program includes challenging classes involving more advanced stretching and jazz combinations. Stage 3 also sees the introduction of basic tapping technique, which improves the children's rhythm and timing. Stage 3 is for students turning 6 this year. (55 mins)

## **PRE PRIMARY BALLET**

Pre Primary Ballet is a class for those turning 5 in 2010. Designed to introduce the RAD Syllabus of classical ballet to Stage 2 students. (45mins)

## **PRIMARY BALLET**

Primary Ballet is a class for children turning 6 this year (Stage 3) teaching the Royal Academy of Dancing (RAD) classical syllabus. Students learn to be more focused in their training as they work towards doing an exam that will be recognised by the RAD, one of the largest and most influential dance education and training organisations in the world. Ballet gives a wonderful foundation for further dance education and any serious student should consider making Primary Ballet a priority. (45mins)

## **SINGING/ ACTING/ ACROBATICS**

This combination class introduces the basics of drama and vocal techniques as well as tumbling and acrobatic work. Great classes for letting the kids express their creativity, the singing/acting/acrobatics combo is an excellent confidence builder and a whole heap of fun for anyone of Petite Stage 3 age (5-6yrs). (55mins)



## **BOYS ONLY HIP HOP**

This is for all the boys out there who may be a little daunted by the idea of attending dance class with girls. This class is for 5 and 6 year olds and is taken by one of our young male Hip Hop teachers. A great way to get the boys moving and appreciating rhythm and dance. (55mins)

# About Brent Street Petites...

For many of you this will be your first look into the world of dance. To help you and your child get the most out of the classes we have put together a short list of tips and reminders to keep the experience of dance positive for everyone.

## **PREPARATION FOR CLASS**

- Please ensure your child is well fed and watered before class.
- A small water bottle should also be brought into class for drink breaks.
- Be sure to take your child to the toilet also before class begins. This is so very important as they waste so much of their class time if they have to make that little trip to the loo, and...there is not always someone to take your child if you are not around.
- The teacher will be available both before and after classes for any quick questions or queries you may have. For more complicated matters please arrange a time to talk to the teacher in private when other classes are not scheduled.
- Please try to arrive a little early for your class to make the proper preparations (toilet, put on shoes etc). However, in the interest of yourselves and other students, we would prefer you to arrive relaxed and a little late rather than on time with a stressed and anxious child.

## **WHAT TO WEAR**

At Brent Street we don't mind what the children wear as long as they are comfortable and feel good about what they are wearing. Please make sure there are no dangly bits or pants that fall down. Fiddly bits will take their concentration away from where it's needed most.

The Brent Street Shop has canvas ballet shoes for sale, which are fine for little feet. Stage 3 will need Tap shoes at some stage, but a pair of school or party shoes will work well for the meantime.

## **WHAT TO EXPECT**

**Fun!** At Brent Street Petite School we want the children to have as much fun as possible so that they continue to love to dance. Over many years of experience we have developed a syllabus where the focus is on developing and enhancing a child's natural musical and performing nature. This should be a positive experience for child, parent and everyone. Our aim is to create a passion for dance and the performing arts.

## **CONTACTING TEACHERS**

My contact number is **8323 6666** and the Petite Department email is [tahnee@brentstreet.com.au](mailto:tahnee@brentstreet.com.au)

Further information can also be found at [www.brentstreet.com.au](http://www.brentstreet.com.au)

Please note that some of the classes may be full at this time so please give me a call to discuss availability.



## **FEES**

All Petite classes are **\$170** per term.

I am not always at my desk and am most often in the classroom teaching but I ALWAYS check my voicemail when I come in and will return your call ASAP if you leave your name and phone number.

## **Miss Tahnee**

Brent Street Petite Department Director