



**Celebrating Individuals.
Inspiring Community.**



DVDANCE

DIAMOND VALLEY DANCE ACADEMY

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WELCOME

We are so excited to share with you a little bit about our amazing school. We have a strong sense of family and community at DVDance as evidenced through our core values of ICCI:

INCLUSIVITY COMMUNITY CREATIVE INNOVATION

We are meticulous in our delivery of dance tuition to our students, but we are also very mindful of creating a welcoming and inclusive dance environment that supports each and every one of our dancers – from our Tiny Tots to our Advanced students, regardless of ability.



We love our dance community and all it offers our students and their families – support, friendship, a sense of belonging and an overwhelming feeling of joy as you walk in our doors! We love what we do, and we hope you will too!

Creating an innovative environment is very important to us. After all, dance is an art form and one that allows students of all ages to explore and develop regardless of their ability or age. We love giving our students as much opportunities as we possibly can to be creative and to provide the building blocks of amazing things to come!

We aim to provide our students with a holistic approach to dance in a welcoming and inclusive environment and we look forward to sharing with you our knowledge and enjoyment of dance.

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DVDANCE PROGRESSIONS



RUBIES
13 yrs+



DIAMONDS
16 yrs+



SAPPHIRES
6 - 9 yo



EMERALDS
9 - 12 yo



LITTLE STARS
3 - 4 yo



LITTLE STARS
5 - 6 yo

WHAT TO EXPECT

	LS 1 2-3yrs	LS 2 3-4yrs (4yr old Kinder)	LS 3 5-6yrs (Prep)	Sapphires 1 (6-7yrs/ Grade1)	Sapphires 2 (7-8yrs/ Grade 2)	Sapphires 3 (8-9yrs/ Grade 3)	Emeralds 1 (Grade 4 and 5)	Emeralds 2 (Grade 6)	Rubies 13yrs+ (Yr 7 - 9)	Diamonds 16yrs+ (Yr 10 & above)
Ballet	x	X	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
Jazz/Tap Combo		X	x							
Jazz				x	x	x	x	x	x	x
Tap				x	x	x	x	x	x	x
Hip Hop		x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
Song & Dance				x	x	x	x	x	x	x
Acro				x	x	x	x	x	x	x
Contemporary							x	x	x	x
Pointe Work									x	x
Exams				x	x	x	x	x	x	x
Little Stars Concert	x	x	x				x	x	x	x
Annual Performance				x	x	x	x	x	x	x
Mid Year Showcase							x	x	x	x
DanceStep									x	x
VET Dance										x
Diamonds Performance Group										x



DANCE WITH US!

We offer a number of different styles of dance at Diamond Valley Dance Academy, as we believe our approach to teaching dance should be like our students - diverse and exuberant!

Ballet

Classical ballet, is the foundation of all dance styles and one we truly love and cherish at DVDance. Our syllabus includes a mix of both Cecchetti Ballet and ATOD Ballet methods and sets our students up for a wonderful foundation of good technique, posture, discipline and strength and flexibility.

We offer ATOD ballet exams to our Sapphire and Emerald students and Cecchetti Ballet exams to our Rubies and Diamonds students.

Jazz

Jazz is one of our most popular genres at DVDance and if you watch one of our jazz classes, you will see why! Great music, challenging but achievable steps and routines and a great, fun atmosphere. ATOD Jazz Moves syllabi is taught throughout all our Jazz classes at DVDance, with examinations offered to our Sapphire students and above.

Tap

For those students who love the rhythms and sounds that tap shoes can make - this class is for you! Our tap classes offer a mixture of technique and creative flair and are lots of fun. We use a mix of ATOD Tap and open class work to get the most out of our tap students, with exams being offered to Sapphire students and above if suitable.

Hip Hop

Perfect for our beginner dancers as well as our more experienced students. We use age appropriate music in all our classes and teach the basics of hip hop moves, all the way through to our advanced levels - and these kids have got some skills! We use the ATOD Hip Hop syllabus and love that our Hip Hop students can also enter into exams if they wish.

Contemporary

One of the hardest skill sets to achieve, our dancers love the freedom of movement that contemporary offers them, but also the challenge of technique and discipline required. Our Emerald students and above are offered our Contemporary classes, but must be also undertaking a classical ballet class as a prerequisite, due to the high technical requirements of this genre. ATOD Contemporary syllabus and open styles taught with examinations offered.



DANCE WITH US!

Acro

Our acro classes are so much fun! Like our Song and Dance classes, our Acro classes are skill based, not age based and are evolved from the Acrobatic Arts syllabus. Our qualified teachers will assist our Level 1 and 2 students to learn how to cartwheel, hand/headstand, bridge, round off and other basic level acro skills, in a safe and structured environment. Our Level 3 and 4 students are encouraged to try and perfect harder skill sets including aerials, front and back flips and other tumbling sequences.

Musical Theatre - School Holiday Programs

Our musical theatre inspired school holiday programs are THE place to be during the school holidays! From Disney classics to musical theatre specialties, our students get an opportunity to use their voices as well as their bodies in a jam packed day filled with basic singing and vocal coaching, stage inspired choreography and arts and crafts. This culminates in a beautiful performance at the end of the day for our students to show off their skills to mum and dad.



LITTLE STARS

Little Stars - ages 3-6 years LEARN, CREATE, EXPLORE

Our Little Stars program encourages, supports and nurtures our littlest of dancers! Our Little Stars classes incorporate fun and educational dance tuition, which is implemented by qualified, motivated and caring educators.

Our Little Stars philosophy is to encourage the love of dance through play, music and dance. We love watching our Little Stars develop into confident and creative individuals.

Our Little Stars program is our own curriculum based on early learning principles and developed by qualified educators. The program, which caters for children aged 3 - 6years, has a number of themes throughout the year to keep your Little Star interested and motivated, with a number of progression points and skill set along the way. The program is designed specifically for preschool and early primary school aged children to enhance and encourage movement, mime, music, magic and make-believe and provides a wonderful start for your Little Star in the world of dance.

All our Little Stars students are invited to perform in our Little Stars Concert, held on a Sunday afternoon in November at Magis Theatre, Loyola College. A truly enjoyable and magical afternoon!

You will most definitely find the perfect class to suit your Little Star:

- Little Stars Ballet - 3-6yrs an age and skill level appropriate introduction and progression of classical ballet with levels 1-3 available
- Little Stars Jazz & Tap - 4-6yrs a basic introduction to the world of jazz and tap. A very energetic and dynamic class, which includes lots of up to date music and funky moves to boot!
- Little Stars Hip Hop - a beginner level and super fun introduction to the style of Hip Hop. Age appropriate music and steps used.

Our Little Stars Level 3 graduates are then invited to attend our Academy classes.



SAPPHIRES

Sapphires 6-9yrs

IMAGINE, INNOVATE, GROWTH

Our most energetic group of dancers! Our Sapphires are enthusiastic, creative and love to learn new steps and dances. Our Sapphires are invited to participate in our Annual Performance held at Magis Theatre, at Loyola College in November and are welcome to participate in examinations in ballet, jazz, tap and hip hop.

All our Sapphire classes are suitable for beginners and we offer a number of skill level based and age appropriate classes for our students in Grades 1 - 3 at school:

- Ballet
- Jazz
- Tap
- Hip Hop

With option to add Acro class.

What our Sapphires love about DVDance!

- That they get to perform in the "Big Show"
- Making up their own dances
- Coming to our Concert Reveal night and disco
- Participating in our theme weeks
- Making new dance buddies
- Their DanceStep student teachers



EMERALDS

Emeralds 9-12yrs **INSPIRED, MOTIVATED, DEDICATED**

Our Emeralds are dedicated, motivated and love being part of our DVDance Community and we love them! Our Emeralds play a huge part in our studio culture and epitomise our values of Inclusivity, Community and Creative Innovation. They have the opportunity to perform in our Mid Year Showcase and attend our Studio Sleepovers and Dance Camps - all very big events in our yearly calendar!

Emeralds perform in our Annual Performance held in November at Magis Theatre, Loyola College as well as some Emeralds having the opportunity to perform in our Little Stars Concert too.

A number of our Emerald classes are appropriate for beginners with all classes offering a challenge regardless of ability. For students in Grades 4 - 6 at school.

- Ballet
- Jazz
- Tap
- Hip Hop
- Contemporary (Ballet is a prerequisite)

With option to add Acro class.

What our Emeralds love about DVDance!

- Their dance friends!
- Harder and more challenging classes
- Dance Camp and Sleepovers
- Helping out at the Little Stars Concert
- Passing exams!



RUBIES

Rubies - 12 - 15yrs

EMPOWERED, RESOURCEFUL, PASSIONATE

Our Rubies are a dedicated group of young individuals who are an integral part of our DVDance Community. They are enthusiastic and love helping out in any way they can. Many of our Rubies participate in our DanceStep (Student Teacher Education Program) and adore assisting our younger students.

By this stage, most of our Rubies are in secondary school and have been dancing for quite some time, and although we do offer some beginner classes at this age, the majority of our Rubies classes have a very high skill and technical level, with exams being offered in all core genres.

Classes offered:

- Ballet - Cecchetti Syllabus and Open Ballet classes including pointe work
- Jazz - we offer both an exam stream and a more casual class option suitable for beginners or those with not much dance experience.
- Tap
- Hip Hop
- Contemporary - ballet is a prerequisite
- Stretch and Strengthen

With option to add Acro class.

What our Rubies love about DVDance!

- Being with their best friends
- Helping out with younger students
- Learning harder technique and choreography
- Performing with the Diamonds
- Improving all the time!



DIAMONDS

Diamonds 16yrs+

ACCOMPLISHED, DETERMINED, CONFIDENT

You made it! Diamonds are forever and once you make it to our Diamonds level, you will always be a DVDance Alumni and part of our amazing dance family.

The work is harder and more challenging than ever before, but you have the necessary skills and determination to get you through it. Be proud of your achievements and be confident in the skills you have learnt that will serve you not only in the dance world, but will assist you in VCE, University and work scenarios for years to come.

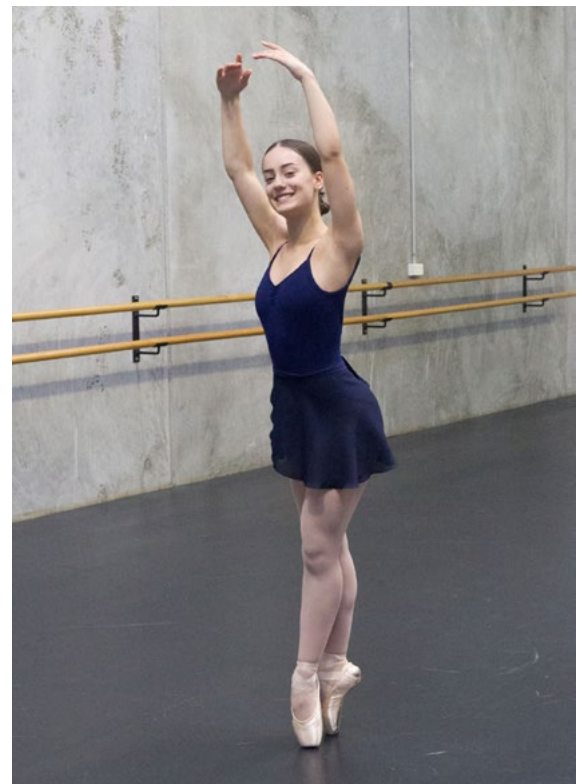
Our Diamonds classes:

- Ballet - Cecchetti Syllabus classes (Intermediate, Advanced 1 and Advanced 2), plus Open Ballet classes and pointe work.
- Jazz - includes an invitation to join our Diamonds Allstars
- Tap
- Hip Hop
- Contemporary
- Stretch and Strengthen
- VCE VET Dance - delivered by DVDance in conjunction with student's secondary school

With option to add Acro class.

What our Diamonds love about DVDance!

- The support from dance friends, teachers and dance community
- Amazing performance opportunities!
- Being challenged and empowered to do my best
- Taking my mind off studies and assisting with my wellbeing
- Being a DanceStepper and training to be a teacher
- Being a role model to our younger students



BOYS CLASSES

We love our DVDance boys! The dynamic energy and exuberance they bring to our classes is fantastic and we love watching them experiment and create in class.

Our male dancers are most welcome to join any of our classes on offer and we encourage them to try something a bit different.

We are very aware as a teaching cohort, that although each student attending our dance school should be treated as an individual, our boys require something a little extra in a heavily female dominated world of dance.



RHYTHM WORKS

Rhythm Works Integrated Dance for kids with special needs

One of our values is inclusivity and we try very hard as a dance community to include our special needs kids as much as possible, so that they feel safe, secure and happy to learn. We have a number of teachers who are Rhythm Works Integrated Dance (RWID) qualified and they love sharing their knowledge and expertise with the rest of our team.

For some students, the best way for them to develop and progress is to be part of our weekly classes. This means they get to experience all that our dance school and community has to offer and allows them to feel included and part of the bigger picture. .

Our teachers use their RWID qualifications and syllabus techniques to ensure our special needs kids are engaged and encouraged at all times, and we often use "aides" in addition to the class teacher, in these classes to ensure our other students in the class are still challenged and working to their best ability. This is our dance community working at its best!

For other students, our structured Rhythm Works class is the best of both worlds. A class designed especially for them and adapted weekly depending on how they are feeling and progressing. They still get to make beautiful friendships and participate in our events, but get the care and connection they need

Please let us know if you have a child with special needs at enrolment so that we can give them the best possible start to their dance journey.



WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW

Registrations

All registrations for classes are done through our online registration portal. Once processed, you will receive confirmation of classes, together with lots of important info about our school. If you are yet to receive a link, please email us at admin@dvdance.com.au and we will forward to you.

Super Simple All Inclusive Payments

Our all inclusive monthly fee makes payments super easy at DVDance! All payments are made through Ezidebit via your nominated account on the 1st of the month. Your monthly payment includes all tuition, registration and insurance fees, access to our online video app Movitae, and all concert costs including costume hire, rehearsal and photo sitting fees and a DVD of the concert. Please see our Payment Schedule for further details.

30 Day Money Back Guarantee

Please note that save for our "Come and Try" week in early December, we do not offer a trial class as such. We believe that one class is not enough time for our new students to fully immerse themselves in our program, get to know their teachers and experience our DVDance Community. As such, we offer a 30 day money back guarantee. If after 30 days from the date of your first class you would like to discontinue, we will refund you your first monthly payment.

Uniform

Our DVDance uniform is one of the many ways we show our sense of community and inclusiveness. It gives students a level playing field and ensures a sense of pride and belonging. We sell all our DVDance uniform and merchandise items at our Studios in Bundoora. Please see our Uniform Requirements for more details on what to wear for each level/genre.

Performances and Costume Hire

Performing on stage is one of the best parts of learning to dance! Our students absolutely love the opportunity to perform and enjoy every minute of the preparations. All our students are invited to perform in our concerts as follows:

Mid Year Showcase - a relaxed, social night for our families of our Emerald, Rubies and Diamonds students showcasing their dancing achievements. Held on a Saturday evening in a local venue at end of Term 2.

Little Stars Concert - our Little Stars shine on stage in their very own concert held on a Sunday afternoon in November at Magis Theatre, at Loyola College.

Annual Performance - the highlight of our dancing year for all our Sapphires, Emeralds, Rubies and Diamonds! Two weeknight performances in November/December held at Magis Theatre, at Loyola College.

Our shows are a great opportunity for our students to perform in front of family and friends and demonstrate what they have achieved throughout the year. All costumes for our shows are hired through DVDance - the cost of which is included in your monthly payment.

WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW

Examinations

DVDance offers students in just about all of our genres and classes the opportunity to take examinations from around the age of 8yrs old. Exams offer students the opportunity to set goals, work towards certain skill sets, apply themselves and achieve outstanding results. By teaching classes with structured class plans, our students are always well prepared and motivated to do their absolute best.

Exams are not for everyone and we support those students who would prefer to opt out by offering other opportunities for growth.



GET IN TOUCH

Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any questions.

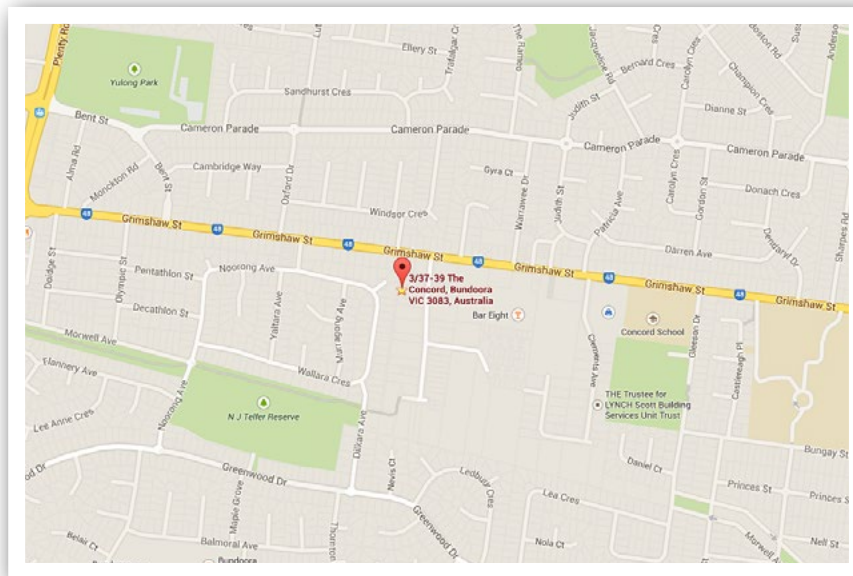
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