

## VCE Dance Information Sheet

VCE Dance consists of 4 Units. There are no pre-requisites for entry; however, it is expected that students undertaking the course will have had some dance experience.

Each Unit requires 40 hours of scheduled classroom tuition.

### Style of Dance

The VCE Dance Style undertaken at Crazy Feet is Contemporary. Students are required to attend the VCE Theory Class and a Contemporary class. Students may use any form of movement when constructing their dances e.g. ballet, tap, jazz, hip-hop, funk, modern, contemporary, ethnic.

### VCE dance Requirements

VCE Dance requires a balance of written and performed work. Units 1 and 2 may be taken alone but Units 3 and 4 must be completed as a sequence.

### Content

**Unit 1:** The body as an instrument of expression includes a study of anatomy, technique, composition and performance.

**Unit 2:** Explores expanding the student's dance movement vocabulary, analysis of nominated works, history of dance (Primitive to the Romantic Period), technique, composition and performance.

**Unit 3:** Develops choreographic skills, technique, analysis of solo works, composition and performance

**Unit 4:** Refines choreographic skills, analysis of group works, technique, composition and performance

Unit 3 and 4 scores are 50% for the performance (before 4 Assessors in October) of 2 works choreographed by the student, the technique solo from Unit 3 and the composition solo from Unit 4; 25% for Classwork (SACS) and 25% for a Theory examination (in November taken at the students home school).

There is homework e.g. the preparation of a solo in each Unit and the maintenance of a

Journal/Workbook to record class notes and reference material. There is a VCE text book "Choreographic Principles" that can be purchased from Crazy Feet for \$35. Reports will be issued at the end of each unit.

### CLASS TIMETABLE

The VCE classes take place on a Thursday afternoon.

#### Units 1 & 2:

Thursday 4:15 - 5:15: Theory Class.

Thursday: 5.15-6.30 (work on choreographic tasks studio time)

#### Units 3 & 4:

Thursday 5.15 - 6.30: Theory Class.

Thursday: 4.00-5.30 (Solo rehearsal studio time)

All VCE Students Thursday VCE Practical Class  
 Contemporary: Thursday 6.30-7.30

### Class Requirements

Equipment: Students must come to class with a folder/note book specifically for VCE dance with blank lined paper and pens to document processes and take notes.

### Uniform

VCE Theory Class: Normal dance class uniform i.e. leotard and dance pants. Neatness is essential.

### Appropriate dance footwear

**Contemporary Class:** Student's must wear 3/4 black leggings and a Leotard with bare feet.

### Practical Dance Requirements

Student's should participate in 8 hours of dance classes per week to maintain the standard required for VCE dance. Student's doing classes at dance schools other than Crazy Feet will be required to keep a log Book & bring it on Thursday to their VCE class.

### Attendance

As students attend VCE class once a week attendance is compulsory.

In cases of minor injury or illness students need to attend class and may be given a suitable task instead of practical work. A medical certificate is required for absences of more than one lesson.

It is appreciated that there may be times when a compulsory school function (e.g. camp or excursion) makes attendance impossible.

It is important to advise you VCE dance teacher well in advance.

**Advising Your School:** It is important that each student advises their school if they wish to take VCE Dance when making their subject choices for 2015. Units 1 and 2 are usually taken in Year 10 or Year 11 and Units 3 and 4 in Year 11 or Year 12. It is not recommended that students take Units 3 and 4 without first studying Units 1 and 2.

**COURSE TEACHER & CO-ORDINATOR: Faye Johnson Ross**

Ms Johnson Ross has forty years of experience teaching dance in both educational institutions and in the private sector. She was involved with the creation, implementation, trial and review of the VCE Dance and Dance Styles studies' designs and contributed to the Course Development Support Material.

Ms Johnson Ross has been a State Verification Chairperson and State Reviewer for Dance Styles and a Performance Assessor for Dance, Dance Styles and VCE Vet Dance and is currently the Chief Assessor for VCE Vet Dance.

Ms Johnson Ross holds a Dip. Arts (Dance) from the Victorian College of the Arts; and is a Fellow of the Imperial Society of Teachers of Dancing (London) and an Examiner for the Cecchetti Ballet Society of Australia. She is also a registered teaching member of the Royal Academy of Dance and the Commonwealth Society of Teachers of Dancing.

To add to these many qualifications she also holds a Certificate IV (Workplace Training & Assessment) and is a registered teacher with the Victorian Institute of Teaching.

Ms Johnson Ross has been presenting students for VCE Dance and Dance Styles since the studies inception in 1992 and has had students gain

Premier's Awards every year, and on many occasions dux of the State.

**TERM FEES**

All prices are GST inclusive  
VCE Dance \$550 per semester for the weekly theory class (One Semester = Two Terms)

Contemporary: as per separate fee schedule (see Crazy Feet Brochure)

Please see separate fee schedule for any additional classes.

5 weeks' notice in writing is required if the student is not going to continue during the year. Fees will be charged if 5 weeks' notice is not given.

**Fee Payment Dates 2015**

Unit 1 (First Semester) Fees Payable by 15th December 2014.

Unit 2 (Second Semester) Fees Payable by 25th April 2015

(One semester equals Two Terms)

**VCE ENROLMENTS**

Enrolments in the VCE class are limited. Once the maximum number of enrolments are reached we do not accept any further students.

\* Please refer to crazy feet brochure for any other information regarding enrolment\*