

# Grade 1 Ballet Students

## Cecchetti Ballet Convention 2016

Our grade 1 ballet students have made a fantastic start to the year and worked really hard in first term. Many of the students will be put in for their first serious level ballet exam which will take place on Sunday the 31<sup>st</sup> of July. The Cecchetti Syllabus is an international syllabus so the exams are important achievements. This notice gives you more information about the exam process, including the PRACTISE Exam day (known as the "Convention") which is held for all Cecchetti ballet students in Victoria who may be undertaking their ballet exams later in the year. To undertake their exam students need to have attended this convention.

**BALLET EXAMS:** At Crazy Feet our students study the international ballet syllabus "Cecchetti". The certificates for the exams are recognised around the world and can also lead into a student reaching their teachers certificate. Our students spend all their class time working towards their exam and it is a very rewarding process with great progress always shown by all students involved. The Cecchetti syllabus has 11 levels as follows

**Pre-Primary:** Prep at school

**Primary:** Students in this level are usually in Grade 1 at school

**Grade 1 Exam:** Students in this level are usually in Grade 2 at school

**Grade 2 Exam:** Students in this level are usually in Grade 3 at school

**Grade 3 Exam:** Students in this level are usually in Grade 4 at school

**Grade 4 Exam:** Students in this level are usually in Grade 5 at school

**Grade 5 Exam:** Students in this level are usually in Grade 6 at school or year 7 at high school- Can take 2 years to do

**Grade 6 Exam:** Students in this level are usually in Year 7 and above at school – Can take 2 years to do

**Intermediate Exam:** Can take 2 years to do (must be at least 13 years old)

**Advanced 1 Exam:** Can take 2 years to do (must be at least 15 years old)

**Advanced 2 Exam:** Can take 2 years to do

**EXAM PREPARATION:** Regular class attendance is *very important* in the exam preparation process. *We also hold three days of exam preparation classes for each grade in the first week of the June/July school holidays.* The children from Grade 1 to Advanced attend three sessions across three days that go for approx 1 and half hours each class in the school holidays. Dates and times for these sessions will be advised later in term 2. Attendance at the Cecchetti Exam Preparation Convention is also very important. Please see below for exact information and return your entry by **Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> March to front desk.**

**DATES FOR EXAMS:** All students in **ballet Grade 1 to Grade 4** who are selected to do an exam will have their exam on **Sunday the 31<sup>st</sup> of July** at the Crazy Feet Studio and will be examined by a Cecchetti Examiner.

**WHO WILL BE CHOSEN TO DO THE EXAM IN TERM 3? Grade 1 Exam:** Selected students from grade 1 sit the exam (based on their memory and attention to detail). If you have received this notice it means your child is seriously being considered to sit the grade 1 exam (which takes place in Term 3).

**WHAT IS THE CECCHETTI EXAM PREPARATION?** The annual grades convention is for all Cecchetti ballet students in Victoria who will be undertaking their ballet exams. It is the day that the students call their "cheat or advice day". They are taken through all their exam work by the examiners and given tips on what the examiners want to see when the students do their exam. It also serves as a practise for the exam and gives the students a chance to meet and see other Cecchetti students from all around Victoria. The convention is compulsory for those students wishing to undertake their exams this year. Participation costs are very cheap.

This day also gives Katie the opportunity to discuss with the examiners which students are ready to undertake their exams and whether it is advisable to do a progress exam or a graded exam.

## **DATE OF CONVENTION Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> May**

### **VENUE OF CONVENTION:**

**Ministry of Dance:** Level 1, 64 Sutton St North Melbourne. Very easy access from the south eastern freeway – go across the Bolte bridge and turn off (to your left) at the 2<sup>nd</sup> exit after crossing the bridge – exit is clearly labelled as “Racecourse Rd” exit. The studio is located just near the freeway exit. The studio looks like a big warehouse (with a yellow and pink stripe). Once inside the warehouse entrance go up stairs and follow the signs. Miss Katie & Miss Lisa will meet you near the sign in desk and take responsibility for the children after that point.

**TIME**                    **Grade 1 Students: 1:30pm – 3:30pm** Miss Katie will be meeting the students at the Ministry of Dance at **1:30pm**. Please come all the way up into the studios.

**COST**                    **Grade 1 Students: \$20.00 per student** Cash only please as Crazy Feet has to put in a group entry to pay Cecchetti.

**UNIFORM**            Children must wear their full Cecchetti uniform: Please wear your Crazy Feet Jacket over top of your uniform if you have one – Jackets can be purchased from Reception at Crazy Feet.

**Grade 1: Students Must wear the correct colour:** Lilac leotard & Lilac wrap skirt. Ballet tights – clean with no holes or ladders. Lilac crossover is optional on the day. Ballet shoes **must be cleaned or repainted**

**HAIR**                    Hair must be worn in an **extremely neat** bun on the crown of their head– it must be **gelled and sprayed**. A matching Comb bow will need to be worn in bun. The correct colour can be purchased from reception at Crazy Feet.

**Please fill out the form below and hand in with your CASH payment at reception no later than Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> of March as we have to send it to the Cecchetti Society**

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## **Cecchetti Ballet Convention**

\_\_\_\_\_ (Full name) will be attending the Cecchetti Exam Convention.

Ballet Grade: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth: \_\_/\_\_/\_\_ Enclosed : \$\_\_\_\_\_ cash only please