



Amanda O'Rourke Dance Academy & The Danz Factory

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Principal: Amanda O'Rourke, ARAD, RAD RTS

Patron: Mrs. Tanya Pearson ARAD

Professional Tuition in:

- R.A.D. Classical Ballet & Exams
- Glenn Wood Tap Classes & Exams
- Beanie Bopper Classes from 2 years of age
- Jazz, Funk & Hip Hop Classes
- Modern & Contemporary Classes
- Hip Hop Classes for Boys only
- Zumba Classes
- Coaching for Eisteddfod Solos & Groups
- Limber/Stretch classes
- Overseas Tours and much more

Amanda O'Rourke Dance Academy & The Danz Factory Studio of Performing Arts has been successfully training the Coast's talented youth in all forms of dance and performance techniques for 15 years.

Fully equipped studios located at:

- **Wamberal**, 180 Ocean View Drive
and
- **Gosford**, First Floor, 28 William Street



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Uniform

Requirements

Students must be aware that Classical Ballet or any form of Dance is a very disciplined art form, therefore Students must come to class, CLEAN, NEAT & TIDY with their hair in a bun or appropriately tied back.

Beanie Boppers

- Pale Pink Leotard
- Pink Ballet Shoes
- Ballet Tights or Socks
- Leather Ballet Shoes (no split sole)
- Pink Ballet Tu-Tu (only available thru Little Steps and Beyond) or Ballet Skirt

Pre Primary, Primary & Grade 1 Classical Ballet

- Pale Pink Leotard
- Pink Ballet Shoes
- Pink Waist elastic (Grade 1 only)
- Ballet Tights or Socks
- Leather Ballet Shoes (no split sole)
- Pink Ballet Skirt

Grade 2 & 3 Classical Ballet

- Dusty Pink Leotard
- Dusty Pink Waist Elastic
- Ballet Tights
- Leather Ballet Shoes (no split sole)
- Black Character Skirt
- Black Character Shoes

Grade 4 & 5 Classical Ballet

- Burgundy Leotard
- Burgundy Waist Elastic
- Ballet Tights
- Leather Ballet Shoes (no split sole)
- Black Character Skirt
- Black Character Shoes

Grade 6 & 7 Classical Ballet

- Navy Blue Leotard
- Navy Blue Waist Elastic
- Navy Blue full circle skirt
- Ballet Tights
- Leather Ballet Shoes (no split sole)
- Black Character Skirt
- Black Character Shoes

Intermediate Foundation & Intermediate

- Black Leotard
- Black Waist Elastic
- Ballet Tights
- Demi Pointe Shoes (no split sole)
- Pointe Shoes

Jazz, Funk & Hip Hop, Tap & Modern Classes

- Black 3/4 Tights
- Black Leotard or Studio singlet
- Black Jazz Shoes
- Camel Tap Shoes
- Socks or Ballet Tights
- NO SLOPPY T-SHIRTS



TERM DATES 2011	
TERM 1:	Monday 31 January to Friday 8 April
TERM 2:	Monday 2 May to Friday 1 July
TERM 3:	Monday 18 July to Friday 23 September
TERM 4:	Monday 10 October to Fri 9 December
Public Holidays:	Queen's Birthday Monday 13 June (No classes will be held on these days)

Uniform requirements are available through:

- Little Steps & Beyond (Gosford Studio-Shoes & BB's Tutus)**
- Erina Danzwear, Karalta Road, Erina and**
- Dancestuff, Central Coast Highway, East Gosford.**



Rules & Conditions



- Punctuality is essential. Students who arrive late not only miss class they disturb the other Students. If you are late you must speak with your Teacher before joining the class.
- Ballet, Tap and Jazz shoes are expensive so it is advisable not to wear them outside.
- Students must not leave the classroom without permission from their teacher.
- Students must not chew gum during class as this can be dangerous.
- Written permission must be given to Miss Amanda if you are to allow your child to play in the public areas without adult supervision, i.e. playground at the Wamberal Studio or Kibble Park at the Gosford Studio, otherwise Students must be picked up from the Waiting Room. No Student is allowed outside the Studio unless a parent or responsible adult is there to collect them.
- Parents are not permitted to watch class except for the last week of Term. This week will be Open Week where Parents, Grandparents, any family or friends are more than welcome to watch. A gold coin donation would be appreciated as you come through the door. The funds raised from this will go towards a 'very special Christmas Party' at the end of the year. Parents will notice that both the Wamberal and Gosford Studios have very comfortable waiting rooms where Parents can chat with other parents or just take 'time out' for half an hour or so.
- All Students must enter and leave the Studio appropriately dressed. Please do not go outside in a leotard only. Gosford Parents, please do not allow your child to run across the road while you are double parked when collecting them. I don't think I need to point out the obvious danger with this practice.
- Teachers are to be treated with respect and addressed by Miss Amanda, Miss Katie, etc.
- Parents wishing to speak with Miss Amanda may do so by phoning 4384 7001. I would prefer to speak with Parents out of teaching hours so classes are not disrupted.
- One (1) month's notice is required if any Student decides to leave the Studio.
- **ALL** Solo and Group Routines remain the property of the Amanda O'Rourke Dance Academy & the Danz Factory Studio of Performing Arts. These routines **MUST NOT** be performed elsewhere without Miss Amanda's written or verbal permission.
- **ALL** teaching Staff at the Amanda O'Rourke Dance Academy & the Danz Factory Studio of Performing Arts comply with the Child Protection Legislation that came into effect on 3rd July 2000.

Mission Statement

The Amanda O'Rourke Dance Academy and The Danz Factory Studio of Performing Arts believes in creating a warm caring family environment which allows each and every child the opportunity to develop to their full potential with confidence.



Discount & Terms & Conditions

BRING A FRIEND DISCOUNT

You will receive \$20.00 off your next terms fee for each friend you introduce to the Amanda O'Rourke Dance Academy and/or the Danz Factory Studio of Performing Arts and who attends and pays for a full term of tuition. So bring lots of friends!!!

PLEASE NOTE TERMS & CONDITIONS:

- Fees are to be paid in full by the fifth week of Term. All fees paid within three weeks of invoice date are eligible for the 10% early payment discount. Any fees not paid within the fifth week will incur a \$10.00 late payment fee and if they are more than 30 days overdue an additional \$25.00 late payment fee will be added.
- If your child attends the Beanie Boppers Classes, you may pay in a 5 week block. (Please make cheques payable to the Amanda O'Rourke Dance Academy or Danz Factory)
- If you have 2 or more children attending class/es, a 10% discount will be offered for the second and subsequent child and fees may be paid weekly, in advance.
- Fees can be paid by EFTPOS, Visa/Mastercard, cheque or can be directly deposited into the Business Account. Fees paid by EFTPOS, Visa/Mastercard will incur a \$1.00 service fee. Direct Deposit information is as follows:

Bank:	ANZ
BSB#:	012 621
Account#:	200436423
Name:	Mrs Amanda Beasley t/as Amanda O'Rourke Dance Academy & Danz Factory Studio of Performing Arts

- If you need to pay your Fees by cash please place the cash in the envelopes provided, complete details on the front and please have exact money as cash will not be kept on the premises for change. If attending the Wamberal Studio please complete the details on the front of the envelope and place in the Fees Box in the Waiting Room, if attending the Gosford Studio please hand the fees to Jan and a receipt will be issued. Gosford Studio will unfortunately not be keeping cash on the premises so please have the exact money.
- **MISSED CLASSES MUST BE PAID FOR** unless prior arrangements have been made. There are many other classes held throughout the week that can be make-up classes, notification must be given before attending these classes though and also this may give the Student the opportunity to try something different as well, if they wish to!
- A fee of \$11.00 per term will be charged to all students to cover Insurance, Licensing Fees and Administration costs, this will be noted on your Invoice.
- The Amanda O'Rourke Dance Academy & the Danz Factory Studio of Performing Arts is a member of the Australian Creditors Association (Dun & Bradstreet). As such, we are obliged to manage our accounts in a professional manner and reserve the right to evoke a reasonable collection charge on overdue accounts
- If you are experiencing difficulties in regard to payments of fees, please speak with Miss Amanda as soon as possible to avoid any embarrassment to either of us.
- **All fees are GST Inclusive.**





PRODUCTIONS



MID YEAR CONCERT



This concert is held annually at a local high school auditorium in May/June. This NO-FRILLS concert is designed for the students to have fun and gain valuable stage experience in an informal atmosphere and for parents to see a small part of what the students are learning in class. Parents are asked to assist with the canteen, door, raffles, BBQ and any other activities on the day. This is also a great way to get to know each other.

END OF YEAR PRODUCTION

Our End of Year Productions are held each year at the Laycock Street Theatre around mid November early December. This gives the students an opportunity to perform in a Professional Theatre environment with state of the art lighting, fantastic costumes and show the audience their progression and improvement whilst gaining performance experience and confidence. This concert is the pinnacle of the year's activities. In order to achieve such a professional result, several rehearsals are compulsory for all students to attend. There are two full studio rehearsals—the first a technical rehearsal and the second a dress rehearsal which are held at both our Wamberal Studio & Gosford Studio in the weeks leading up to the concert, and one full dress rehearsal at Laycock Street Theatre the week prior to the Productions. Extra rehearsals are scheduled where required only for certain groups at a small additional cost.



COSTUME LEVY



As an easy payment system, a costume invoice will be issued each term for the first 3 terms only totalling \$30.00 per child each term amounting to \$90.00. This covers the cost of two (2) costumes per class to be worn either at the end of the year and/or at the Eisteddfod/s throughout the year. Each term's invoice can be paid on a weekly basis or in a lump sum, whichever you prefer, but all costume monies owing must be paid by the end of Term 3. You will own these costumes unless the costumes are hired. I do not expect any junior member of the Academy to purchase any more than 2 brand new costumes per year. If you child is in more than 2 routines, I will do my very best to make sure that the other costumes will be hired at a fee of only \$25.00.

CONCERT PHOTOS AND DVD PRODUCTION

Independent operators provide professional quality photos and DVD recordings of our concerts. A "Photo shoot" is co-ordinated at the Wamberal & Gosford studios for the convenience of parents 2-3 weeks prior to the concerts where group and/or individual photos can be ordered. A professional video producer is hired to record our Productions and copies are available for you to order and have as a keepsake for many years to come.





Frequently Asked Questions

What age can a child start to learn dance?

Our "Beanie Bopper" classes start from the age of 2 years. Children need to be able to concentrate and take instruction from their teacher but these classes are based on developing motor skills, co-ordination and a sense of rhythm and musicality.

Which style of dance is best to start with?

For the two to five year olds the lessons comprise of a mixture of styles. It is based on fun and is a good introduction to the fundamentals of dance. Classical ballet is the basis of most dance styles and is important for developing technique and strength. Jazz dancing is fast paced and is usually choreographed to the latest music. It is great for improving co-ordination learning to isolate movement in different parts of the body. Tap dancing is becoming more and more popular due to groups such as Tap Dogs and the movie Bootmen. It is great for improving co-ordination and musicality. As your child progresses in dance it is best to have them involved in at least one technical ballet class a week.

What if my child doesn't know what class they want to attend?

It is always best to allow your child/ren to try a couple of different genres for say 5 weeks which will allow them to understand the differences between each genre and will allow them to know exactly what class they wish to continue with.

What to wear for Ballet and Modern Classes

This requires leather or canvas ballet shoes, a leotard, (with a matching skirt if required) stockings or socks, and hair in a neat bun. Later grades will need character shoes and skirt for examinations.

What to wear for Jazz/Funk and Hip Hop

Uniforms for jazz are more casual than ballet but we still ask students not to wear anything baggy as the teachers still need to be able to see your muscles to ensure that work is not being performed incorrectly which will then progress to injuries later on. Students are asked to wear either Black Dance pants or shorts, black leotard or black and Hot Pink studio singlet with Black Jazz shoes or skate shoes for Hip Hop Classes. **Shoes are required as they protect the foot as well as develop technique.**

What to wear for Tap Classes

This requires a proper pair of Tan hard soled tap shoes with tap plates attached and either a black leotard or black and hot pink studio singlet and either black dance pants or black shorts or skirt. There are different style tap shoes for boys and girls – girls having a strap and buckle and the boys a lace up leather soled shoe.

Why do you do Exams?

The reason we conduct examinations with the students is to give them something to strive for. Ballet, Jazz or Tap Examinations are the same as school exams, it gives you the parents an understanding of how the children are progressing in classes and also allows the students to better themselves from one year to the next.

Why do you hold Scholarship Concerts and End of Year Productions?

The Scholarship Concert which is generally held at a local High School half way through the year and the End of Year Productions which are held at the end of the year, gives the parents and grandparents, family and friends the opportunity to see the what can be achieved and it is always a very special moment when Mums and Dads first see their son or daughter up on stage and then continue to watch them grow into young stars of tomorrow. It allows the students vital stage experience in which they are gaining self confidence without realising it and it gives them the chance to show off for all their family and friends and especially when you are only 3 or 4 years of age, it is always "All about Me!".

PARENTS PLEASE REMEMBER THAT NO QUESTION IS EVER A SILLY QUESTION SO DON'T HESITATE TO CONTACT ME IF YOU



Professional Staff



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The Amanda O'Rourke Dance Academy & The Danz Factory Studio of Performing Arts has been successfully training the Coast's talented youth in all forms of Dance and Performance Technique for over 15 years. We have fully equipped studios conveniently located on the Coast at Wamberal and Gosford.

Past Students have been accepted into DW301 and Brent Street Studios Full-time Performance courses and have gone on to have successful careers aboard Cruise Liners travelling the world, performing at the Logie Awards and have also had the privilege of performing with the likes of Justin Timberlake and Kylie Minogue.

Amanda wishes to pass on her knowledge and experience to the many talented students she takes "*under her wing*". Amanda believes in giving every student the opportunity to develop to their full potential and this is evident by the success of her former students.

Professional Staff

Miss Amanda

Beanie Boppers & R.A.D. Classical Ballet & Performance Troupe

Miss Chantelle Sheen

R.A.D Classical Ballet

Miss Fallon De Marco

Jazz/Funk & Hip Hop & Boy's Only Hip Hop

Damian Parker

Boys only Hip Hop Classes

Miss Katie Dowzard

Jazz, Funk, Hip Hop & GWT Classes

Mrs Kristi Ayres

Jazz/Funk & Hip Hop & Modern

Mrs Kristy Waddington

Zumba & Zumbatomic Classes

Miss Skyla Michelle

GWT Classes & Performance Troupe

Josh Shediak

Student Teacher for Boys classes

Miss April Montgomery

Student Teacher

Miss Anna-May Evans

Guest Teacher

