CATHY-LEA STUDIOS JUNIOR INFORMATION PACK 2026 (ages 5-9years)

Experts in entertainment education.
Creating stars since 1990.

About Us

When established in 1990, Cathy-Lea was **unique in its performing arts curriculum.** 36 years later, we are still **leaders in performing arts education**, offering programs that are **educationally informed,** responsive to children's **diverse learning needs,** and preparing graduates for the **demands of the performing arts industry,** in an environment that is **positive, inclusive, encouraging** and **fun!**

Mission

Cathy-Lea Studios are committed to delivering 'best practice' in Dance and performing arts education, delivering registered, recognised and reputable training.
We strive to nurture students' passion for performing arts, inspire creativity and artistry, and develop strong Dance and performance technique.
We encourage students to achieve their personal best, while developing confidence, resilience and social skills within a nurturing, supportive community.

At Cathy-Lea your child will:

- Be welcomed, nurtured and supported regardless of age, ability, gender, or cultural background.
- Be inspired to develop creativity, confidence and musicality.
- Refine technique and artistry in dance, music and drama.
- Develop a passion for performing and the arts.
- Cultivate self-awareness, perseverance and resilience.
- Build physical skills such as fitness, agility and co-ordination.
- Foster inter-personal values such as commitment to others, empathy, and teamwork.
- Grow as 'triple threat' performers who can dance, sing and act.
- Experience varied performance opportunities including non-competitive and community events.
- Have options to pursue a wide variety of performing arts classes for fun and fitness.
- Have the option to undertake high standard technical training and prepare for a career in performing arts.
- Discover, develop and display their inner shining star!

Cathy-Lea Studios offer:

- **Expert tuition** from qualified teachers and top industry professionals, with Child Safety and Safe Dance training and WWCCs.
- **Extensive curriculum** of performing arts classes including many styles of Dance, instrumental Music, Drama and performance.
- **Exciting performance opportunities** including concerts, cabarets, community events and national and international opportunities.
- **Excellent outcomes** including top marks in examinations, awards, scholarships, eisteddfod placings and fulltime training placements, leading to dance and performing arts careers.
- **Exceptional learning environment** that recognises the whole child and nurtures individual learners, supporting those with disability and learning differences; providing for those who want recreational, fun classes; offering structured technical training; and extending those with talent and aspiration.
- **Reasonable rates** with significant family discounts and unlimited class passes so the more you do, the less you pay per class

2026 Timetable - Beginner & Junior classes

CONTACT US for personalised class recommendations
ENROL NOW at www.cathy-lea.com

	STREET FRONT 5/15-19 Vesper Dve, Narre Warren	BACK LANE STUDIOS 3/9-11 Vesper Dve, Narre Warren
Monday	**4.15-7.15 - U11 Elite**	
Tuesday	4pm - Grade 1 Ballet 5pm - 3 Jazz 5.45 - 3 Tap 4.15 - 4 Jazz 5pm - Grade 2 Ballet 6.30 - 4 Tap 7.15 - Junior Hip Hop	4.15-5.45 - 1 Combo class (Ballet, Jazz & Tap) 5-6yrs 4.15-6.15 - 2 Combo class 4.15 - Junior Drama 5pm - Junior Musical Theatre 5.45 - Junior Acrobatics 6.30 - Junior Hip Hop 7.15 - Junior Contemporary
Wednesday		4.15 - 2 Ballet 5pm - 2 Jazz 5.45 - 2 Tap 5.45- Junior Open Ballet (ages 5-9)
Thursday		4.15 -5.45 -1 Combo class (Ballet, Jazz & Tap) 5-6yrs 4.15 - Junior Hip Hop 1 5pm - Junior Hip Hop 2 5.45 - Junior Acro 6.30 - Junior Contemporary
Friday		**4.15-5.45 - U7 Elite** **4.15-6.15 - U9 Elite** **5.15-7.15 - U11 Elite**
Saturday	9am - Grade 1 Ballet 10am -3 Jazz 10.45 - 3 Tap 9.15 - 4 Jazz 10am - Grade 2 Ballet 11am- 4 Tap 11.30 - Junior Acrobatics	9am - 1 Ballet 9.45 - 1 Jazz 10.30 - 1 Tap 9am - 2 Ballet 9.45 - 2 Jazz 10.30 - 2 Tap 11am - Junior Acrobatics 11.45 - Junior-Inter Hip Hop 12.45 - Junior Contemporary 11am - Production class 12pm - Junior-Inter Musical Theatre

More Information on Classes

LEVELS

Beginner technique	ages 5-7	levels 1 & 2 Jazz, Tap & Ballet
Junior technique	ages 7-9	levels 3 & 4 Jazz & Tap, Grade 1 & 2 Ballet
Recreational classes	ages 5+	Junior, Inter classes
Theatrical classes	ages 5+	Drama, Musical Theatre, Musical Production
Elite Extension classes	ages 5+	U7, U9 and U11 Elite Training Program

STYLES

Technical Dance

Ballet is the foundation to any course of dance training. Classes are offered in the internationally recognised Cecchetti method of training. Students can complete examinations up to professional and teaching levels. Studies in classical ballet develop poise, discipline, grace and style as well as strength, flexibility, musicality and artistry.

Jazz classes are upbeat and energetic, featuring high kicks, turns and rhythmical movements to the latest music. Southern Federation of Dance and Australian Teachers of Dancing syllabi are taught, providing students with opportunities to achieve recognised levels and progress systematically to professional performance or teaching standards.

Tap teaches musicality and rhythm. The Southern Federation of Dance and Australian Teachers of Dancing syllabus is taught so students have opportunities to achieve recognised levels and progress systematically to professional or teaching standards.

Combo class – combines our 3 core technical dance styles : Ballet, Jazz and Tap, into one compact after-school class for beginner levels. These styles are also taught as separate classes.

Recreational Dance

Contemporary is a modern 'free' style of dance characterised by the use of a flexible torso, contraction and release movements and innovative movements of body parts. This style may have the grace a flow of classical ballet or be more quirky and angular.

Lyrical is an expressive, slow style incorporating the aesthetics of Ballet and technique of Jazz and Contemporary. Because the technique and style are similar, Lyrical is taught in Contemporary class.

Hip Hop is an urban 'street' style of dance performed to current music. Hip hop can be relaxed, slow and lyrical or upbeat, hard-hitting and aggressive. Junior classes teach this style within an age-appropriate, up-to-date framework. Classes are taught by current industry professionals who are at the cutting edge of this current genre.

Commercial Jazz is an urban, sassy variation of Jazz as performed currently in music film clips, concerts and events.

Acrobatics is for dancers looking to develop tumbling skills. Students develop strength and flexibility as they learn to do cartwheels, walkovers and aerial feats. Junior acrobatics is focussed on developing strength, flexibility and co-ordination.

Special Dance classes offer children and adults with mild-moderate intellectual and physical disabilities the opportunity to have their own space and shine in their own right. Class content is driven by the needs, interests and abilities of students. 1-on-1 support can be offered where needed. All students have opportunities to participate in concerts.
studio lessons.

Theatrical classes

Drama classes develop imagination, expression and social skills through games, role play and performance work. Junior Drama is a great starting point for building children's confidence, creativity and ability to work with others. Skills are taught in a 'fun', social context.

Musical Theatre teaches Singing and Dancing for students who want to develop skills to perform in Musical Theatre. Choose Drama with this class for a truly triple threat performing arts course! Students have regular opportunities to perform.

Production class students will take on roles, rehearse and perform musical productions and plays.

Elite Training Program

The Elite Training Program is an extension training program for students aged 5+ who want to work hard to be challenged and extended in their performing arts training. Students engage in extension training and learn to work as a troupe dancer, performing at competitions and community events.

Passionate, talented and aspiring performers are invited to audition. Technical Ballet, Jazz and Tap classes are pre-requisites this program.

Enrolment in a year-long commitment as student become part of a competition dance team.

Students aged 5-8 have elite classes on Friday and students aged 9-10 have elite classes on Monday and Friday.

Vocational Dance Training

Cathy-Lea Studios offer nationally recognised training for dance students ages 15+. These courses give students nationally recognised dance and teaching qualifications that help students step into careers in performing arts.

VET Dance can be studied as a part of a scored VCE program.

Certificates offered include Cert II in Dance, Cert III in Dance, Cert IV in Dance Teaching and Management.

Instrumental Music

Our music teachers are all experts in their fields and have extensive experience as both music teachers and performers in a range of styles. Tuition is via 30 minute 1:1 private lessons. Students participate in 2 soirees annually. Our talented music teachers offer private tuition in **singing, piano, keyboard, drums, guitar** and **bass**.

Contact us to get information on individual teachers' timetables.

Schedule of Fees

CLASS FEES

There are two options for group class fee payment.

1. **PAY PER FAMILY, BASED ON TOTAL HOURS PER FAMILY PER WEEK**

Work out the total hours your family takes per week and multiply it by the hourly rate. Multiply by 10 to work out the family fee for a 10 week term.

Hours per family per week	Advance Payment	Standard Rate
1.25 hours or less	$18 per hour	$19.80 per hour
1.5 - 2.75 hours	$17 per hour	$18.70 per hour
3 hours - 4.75 hours	$16 per hour	$17.60 per hour
5 hours - 6.75 hours	$15 per hour	$16.50 per hour
7 hours+	$14 per hour	$15.40 per hour

2. **PAY PER STUDENT WITH AN UNLIMITED CLASS PASS**

Enrol in as many group classes as you like and pay one amount per student. Multiply by 10 to work out the fee for a 10 week term.

*With **150 dance and performing arts classes offered per week,** you are sure to be able to create an exciting program that meets your individual wants and needs!*

	Advance Payment	Standard Rate	
Pre-school student:	$33 per week	$36 per week	(pre-school classes only)
Junior student:	$68 per week	$75 per week	(Junior classes / ages 5-8)
Inter / Senior student:	$105 per week	$115 per week	(Inter or Senior classes / ages 9+)

Notes on unlimited class passes:

- Classes must be **age and level appropriate.** (eg students on a junior student pass can only enrol in junior or junior-inter classes).
- Unlimited class passes are **per student** and cannot be counted towards family rates.
- **Private lessons are not included** in unlimited class passes.

Notes on fees:

- Fees are invoiced termly. Cathy-Lea terms **follow school terms** which are usually 9-11 weeks. Term 4 term fees include concert rehearsals.
- Invoices are prepared at the **Advance Payment Rate** and are **emailed to the registered client email address.**
- If you have an agency or school paying your fees, we request you then **forward accounts onto them**
- Invoices **not paid by the due date will revert to the Standard Rate.**
- Invoices not paid by mid-term may result in **tuition being refused**.
- Unpaid accounts beyond mid-term will be **forwarded onto a debt collector**.
- Debtors will be **liable for all debt collection costs**.
- Fees are **not refundable or transferable** under any circumstances.
- Missed classes can be made up by completing "**make-up" lessons** within a term in any class of an equal duration to the class missed. This does not apply to unlimited class passes.
- All rates **include 10% GST**.
- Please **contact us** if you are experiencing financial difficulty.

OTHER RATES

ANNUAL REGISTRATION FEE compulsory with all enrolments

$35- (Dance /Drama / Group Music students) covers individual accident insurance, your enrolment, music rights and other administrative costs

$15- (Private Instrumental & Voice students) covers music rights and enrolment costs

1. Enrolments will not be confirmed until this fee is paid.

2. This amount is due on enrolment each year for each student and is not refundable.

ADULT 10 CLASS PASS

$150 for 10 x Adult classes *valid for 3 months from time of issue. For students aged 18+ only.*

VET DANCE

VCE VET Dance / Cert II & III in Dance - $400 per term / $1600- per year *includes 2 hour theory class (Wed or Sat), plus rehearsals, RTO fees, marking & assessment.*

Students must also take technique classes in 2 styles. These may be taken at a home studio or at Cathy-Lea. In 2026 we are offering Teens Contemporary (Sat) for no additional charge.

Year 2 students need to learn 2 solos. These are charged at private lesson rates.

Students complete year 1 in year 10 or 11 at school, and year 2 in year 11 or 12. There is also an optional Year 3, which can be completed as an unscored year 12 or post-school subject.

Cert IV in Dance Teaching and Management - $450 per term / $1800- per year- *Includes weekly 1 hour theory session plus practical mentoring. Enrolled students will complete CUA40320 Cert IV in Dance Teaching and Management over 2 years.*

PRIVATE LESSON RATES

$30 to $50 per 30 minutes (rate set by individual teachers). Lessons available in Dance, Singing, Drums, Piano, Guitar or Bass Guitar

Paid to the teacher via direct deposit as a full term fee or in instalments as arranged with individual teachers.

TROUPE BOND

$100- non-refundable upfront troupe bond payable with your 1st term fees. This will contribute towards competition entry fees. If additional events are entered (eg for Hip Hop crew) an additional fee may be incurred. If students drop out of this program part way through the year, they will forfeit this amount.

DANCE STEP Student Teacher Program

Special Introductory offer: $40 per term

In 2025 we introduced the internationally acclaimed Dance Step Program for student teachers aged 12+. This program will equip students with the knowledge and skills to safely assist in classes, and provide a basic understanding of dance teaching principles. This is a requirement for all assisting teachers aged under 18.

How to Enrol

Dance & Drama Students

Step 1. Go to **www.cathy-lea.com** and click **ENROL NOW**.
Follow the steps to complete enrolment in your selected classes.
You will receive an email confirming your enrolment once this is processed by Cathy-Lea staff.

Step 2 : Pay your deposit of **$20 per class OR $100 total (whichever is less)** to:
Cathy-Lea Studios, BSB: 033 341, Account: 882 743, Reference: *Client surname & initial*

Note: New students may register for a **free trial** before enrolling. However, class places are only held once the enrolment process is completed and the deposit is paid.

Instrumental Music Students

Step 1*:* Complete this enrolment form.

Step 2*:* Pay the **$15 annual registration fee** to:
Cathy-Lea Studios, BSB: 033 341, Account: 882 743,
Reference: *Client surname & initial*

What Happens Next?

Dance & Drama:

- An invoice will be emailed once your enrolment is processed.
- Pay the balance by the due date to receive the **Advance Payment Discount**.

Music:

- A teacher will contact you to arrange an individual lesson time.
- Class fees are paid **directly to your Music teacher**.

Important Notes

- Payments can be made via **bank transfer**, **cash**, or **credit card** at our Street Front office.
- **Deposits are non-refundable** and hold your place until the start of term only.
- Accounts not paid in full before Week 1 will revert to the **Standard Rate**

WELCOME TO THE CATHY-LEA COMMUNITY