

ASPIRE

Elite Classical Ballet Extension Program

Aspire is a program designed for dedicated and passionate ballet students to take their training to the next level. It is an opportunity to fine-tune and advance technical skills, musicality, artistry and performance skills, and develop a deeper understanding of various aspects of ballet including history, anatomy, terminology and etiquette - all of which contribute to the developing artist as a whole.

In Aspire, we:

- create an individual training program based on the needs of the student, to achieve optimum results
- work one-on-one to achieve specific goals
- learn about various aspects of the art form of classical ballet including history, music and choreography
- work on both a solo and a corps de ballet (group choreography)
- provide extra performance opportunities

Dedicated, regular training is crucial from a young age for a student dreaming of a possible career in dance. However, Aspire is not necessarily aimed at producing pre-professional dancers; it teaches the importance of dedication, develops a strong work ethic, builds confidence, provides a unique education, strengthens friendships and is a lot of fun!

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Entry to Aspire is by audition. This formality helps students understand that it is to be taken seriously, and is a step up from regular dance class. Auditioning is a major part of the world of ballet (and all areas of performance), so the more practice aspiring dancers have, the more prepared they will be when it comes to an audition in the 'real' world.

To qualify for Aspire, dancers must also be enrolled in at least two weekly ballet classes, including the Royal Academy of Dance (RAD) Assessment Class.

Most importantly, students auditioning for Aspire will need to display an eagerness and an aptitude for more serious learning, and consistent behaviour in class. This includes:

- a quiet, focused work ethic in all classes
- excellent attendance and punctuality
- attention to presentation (hair & uniform)
- regular at-home practice and commitment to improvement
- grace and respect for their teachers and all fellow students.

Aspire is also about team work and requires a full year's commitment across all four terms. 100% attendance is expected. Aspire students are future leaders and should set an example to other Rain & Lucky students.

Students may wear any choice of ballet leotard to Aspire classes - regular uniform is not required and personal expression encouraged.

"I would recommend this program for any dancer looking to take their passion for ballet to the next level. It has further enhanced my daughter's technique and given her the opportunity to work in small groups and have private tuition with some of the most accomplished and caring teachers she's ever worked with. This program allows her to spend quality time extending her knowledge and skills and her joy of ballet."

— KERRY, dance parent



WHAT'S INCLUDED IN THE PROGRAM?

- 1 extra group class per week (Mondays at Preston or Thursdays at Fairfield): technique, artistry, group choreography & conditioning
 - 3 private lessons per term (Fridays at Preston or Sundays at Fairfield): individual technique & solo
 - 1 group workshop/rehearsal per term (Sundays)
- Please see overleaf for a handy Aspire 2024 calendar

**\$259 per month (direct debit) OR
\$2564.10 (upfront for the year) - save \$284.90**

Fees are paid monthly by direct debit and are non-refundable/transferrable. Aspire fees are separate to regular Rain & Lucky class fees. All Aspire costumes are included; no extra costs.

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