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2025

**INFORMATION PACK
FOR NEW STUDENTS**

JOIN US IN 2025

We are very excited to invite you to enrol for 2025!



JUMP'N JIG PRE SCHOOL PROGRAM

AGES 2 TO 5 OR NOT AT SCHOOL IN 2025



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First Steps

FIRST STEPS PROGRAM

A FOCUS ON FUN & FITNESS



JUMP'N JIG

Description

Jump'n Jig is the leading preschool Irish Dance program for your child. Developed by Fiona Holmes, the director of McAleer Dance School, your child will have the very best start!

Class Levels

Tiny Jig 2 to 3 years - Parent/Guardian welcome to join the class

Mini Jig 3 to 4 years

Students may be individually assessed, and placed in the best class for their physical, social and emotional development.

Days and Time

Tiny Jig: Saturday 9:00am

Mini Jig: Thursday 4:00pm or Saturday 9:00am

Costs

2025 Enrolment Fee \$45 (includes the MDS Milestone Diary)

45 minute class \$19.50

Maximum Enrolments

12 students per class

Uniform

Jump'n Jig Dress

or

Jump'n Jig T-Shirt and Shorts

Irish Dance Socks

Irish Dance Shoes



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FIRST STEPS PROGRAM

Description

The ideal class for new students starting Irish Dance for the first time in 2025, Jump'n Jig graduates and students looking for a focus on fitness and fun. Our recreational students do not compete or complete exams, and are encouraged to work towards our annual concert in December.

In 2025, we are offering the following recreational classes:

Days and Time

Thursday 4:30pm @ Pakenham

Saturday 9:45am @ Pakenham

Costs

2025 Enrolment Fee \$55 (includes the MDS Milestone Diary)

45 minute class \$19.50

Maximum Enrolments

15 per class

Uniform

MDS Dress



or

MDS T-Shirt/Singlet and Shorts

Irish Dance Socks

Irish Dance Shoes



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FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Can my child attend a trial class first?

All new students in 2025, are welcome to book a trial class via

<https://www.mcaleeririshdance.com.au/book-a-free-trial>

Once a child completes their free trial, we will send you the link to enrol for the remainder of the term.

Can I watch classes?

One parent or guardian of a Tiny Jig student is encouraged to support their child in their studio. If a child in this class demonstrates good independence, we will encourage you to wait in our waiting area. Parents and guardians of Mini Jig, Little Jig and Recreational students are required to remain in the waiting areas provided. We value giving children the opportunity to bond with their teacher and develop a sense of independence. This is best achieved without an audience or distractions.

Can I drop my child off at the studio?

Students can certainly be dropped off and left in the care of teachers, if parents need to take the opportunity to pop out for 'me' time. Please ensure you arrive on time to pick your child up.

Where can I purchase uniforms?

Uniforms are not required until a student formally enrolls in the class.

Uniforms can be purchased via our website and details of our show supplier can also be found there.

www.mcaleeririshdance.com.au

Can I get a refund?

Fees are non refundable. Families commit each term, and fees are required to be paid for the term via a weekly debit. Our classes are limited in size, and our overheads continue regardless of students attendance.

What if my child misses a class?

We do allow students that present a medical certificate, to attend a make up class. Please apply via email to arrange a make up class - office@mcaleeririshdance.com.au

How do we pay?

All families will be required to enrol on our Autopay system at the time of enrolment. Each week, the class fee is debited from your nominated debit or credit card.

What is your cancellation policy?

We hope once a student enrolls in classes, we can see them throughout the entire year to achieve the most out of their classes. The minimum enrolment period is for one term. Each term, families will be asked to confirm their enrolment for the following term. Please read through the comprehensive terms and conditions available at the time of enrolment via the 2025 Waiver.

2025 UNIFORM OPTIONS

JUMP'N JIG

JUMP'N JIG DRESS
OR
JUMP'N JIG T-SHIRT
BLACK SHORTS
IRISH DANCE SOCKS
IRISH DANCE SHOES



RECREATIONAL

BLACK DRESS
BLACK OR MINT T-SHIRT
BLACK SHORTS
IRISH DANCE SOCKS
IRISH DANCE SHOES



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UNIFORM ORDERS FROM FLYHI SPORTS



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2025 ENROLMENT POLICY

PERMISSIONS AND PUBLICATIONS

By enrolling at McAleer Dance School (MDS), I acknowledge and consent to the collection, use, and disclosure of personal information necessary to implement the school's rules, regulations, and policies. I grant permission for results, names, and photos to be used in official programs, newsletters, social media platforms and websites for the promotion of the school or other lawful purposes related to McAleer Dance School.

DANCE AT YOUR OWN RISK

Participation in dance classes involves physical activity and carries an inherent risk of injury. The teaching team take great care to provide a class structure, that includes a focus on safe and proper technique. By enrolling, students and parents acknowledge this risk and agree that McAleer Dance School and its instructors are responsible for injuries sustained during classes, rehearsals, or events.



FEES

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- **Tuition Payments:** Parents/Guardians are responsible for tuition payments, billed weekly through our AutoPay system. AutoPay setup is required at enrolment. Payments are automatically debited from the nominated card or bank account each Friday morning.
- **Processing Fee:** A 2.7% processing fee applies to each transaction. For example, a \$20 tuition fee will result in a \$20.54 debit.
- **Non-Paused Payment Plans:** Payment plans cannot be paused for vacations or holidays.

Families may:

Cancel enrolment and re-enrol upon return, subject to an re-enrolment fee of \$65

or

Remain enrolled and continue payments.

- **Non-Refundable Payments:** Class fees are non-refundable except for cases of prolonged illness, serious injury, or family relocation, supported by documentation.
- **Additional Charges:** Extra fees apply for enrolment, private lessons, rehearsals, workshops, costumes, exams, and competitions.
- **Updating Payment Details:** Families can update payment information via the Parent Portal at any time.

MAKE-UP CLASSES

- **Missed Classes:** Missed classes due to sickness or personal reasons are not refundable.
- **Make-Up Classes:** Students may attend up to two make-up classes per term, subject to availability, within the same term as the missed class.
- **No Guaranteed Availability:** Make-up classes are offered based on space and scheduling, and fees will not be refunded if a convenient class is unavailable.

COMMUNICATION

- **Paper-Free Policy:** All documents are emailed and available via the Parent Portal or our private Facebook group.
- **Parent Responsibilities:**

Ensure a current, functioning email address is on file.

Check emails and text messages regularly and ensure McAleer Dance School emails are not directed to Junk Mail.

- **Communication Channels:**

Email: Primary form of contact (office@mcaleeririshdance.com.au). Replies are sent within 48 hours.

Facebook: Updates are shared in our private group.

Text Messages: Sent as needed.

- **Absences:** Notify the school of absences through the Parent Portal.

Teacher Availability: Teachers cannot meet with parents or take calls during class times. Schedule meetings with Miss Fiona via email.

COMPETITIONS AND EXAMS

- Tuition fees must be up-to-date for competition and exam entries to be processed.
- Students must purchase or hire costumes meeting the standards set by the Principal.
- All participants must demonstrate sportsmanship and respectful behaviour during events.
- Teachers will attend competitions when possible, to support dancers. Championship dancers should prepare to warm up and perform independently if necessary.

STUDIO AND CAR PARK

- **Closed Classes:** Classes are closed to spectators. If a child requires parental supervision, they may not yet be ready for class. Tiny Jig classes are exempt from this policy.
- **Drop-Off and Pick-Up:**

Drop children off at the specified arrival time. Collect children promptly at the end of class.

- **Independence:** Parents are encouraged to leave students in the care of the school during class.
- **Studio Access:** Only students and teachers are allowed in studios. Friends and siblings are not permitted.
- **Uniform Policy:** Students must wear the approved uniform.
- **Parking:** Use marked bays only and adhere to street parking signs.
- **Respectful Behaviour:** Bullying or negative behaviour from students or parents is not tolerated. Concerns should be addressed directly with Miss Fiona.
- **Zero Tolerance Policy:** Families engaging in gossip or negative behaviour will be asked to leave the school.

SOCIAL NETWORKING AND INTERNET POLICY

- Personal blogs and social media pages must include disclaimers that views expressed are personal and not representative of McAleer Dance School.
- Maintain respect for the school, its staff, students, parents, and associated organizations in all online interactions.
- Do not reference or cite teachers, students, or families without express consent.
- Comply with copyright laws and credit sources appropriately.
- McAleer Dance School logos and trademarks may not be used without written permission.

CODE OF CONDUCT

- McAleer Dance School promotes teamwork and healthy competition. Teachers encourage each student to achieve their personal best, fostering a positive and supportive environment.
- Parents should encourage a healthy competitive attitude, avoiding jealousy among students. Families are expected to model this behaviour.
- Students should not bring valuables to the studio. McAleer Dance School is not responsible for lost or stolen items.
- Respect for one another in the classroom is paramount. Voices should be kept to a quiet conversation during classes.

By adhering to these policies, we aim to create a respectful, supportive, and professional environment for all members of the McAleer Dance School community.