

Star Academy

2026

INFORMATION





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STAR ACADEMY

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OPENING HOURS

Monday: 9:00am-8:45pm
Tuesday: 9:00am-8:45pm
Wednesday: 9:00am-8:45pm
Thursday: 9:00am-8:45pm
Friday: CLOSED - By Appointment Only
Saturday: 8:30am-4:30pm

*Sunday: CLOSED (Unless for rehearsals or parties)

OUR STAFF

We are very proud of our teaching faculty at Star Academy. Our teachers help make the studio a friendly, happy, and safe environment for all students.

They deliver a high standard of education in their performing arts disciplines, bringing extensive training and experience to their teaching.

Performing arts mentors and teachers are different from traditional school teachers. In our experience, they often become an important part of your child's life, and we love seeing the relationships grow between teachers, students, and their families. Our faculty are always available to provide support, guidance, and encouragement to help students thrive.

OUR STUDIO - 199 FRANKLIN ST

Located in the Adelaide CBD, our purpose built studio boasts six dance studios, one acting studio, and three singing rooms. Studios are fit out with state-of-the-art equipment, including our stage-sized studio with tarkett flooring as well as a specialized acrobatics room with the latest in training equipment.

We are excited to welcome our Star families into this inspiring space and look forward to the next chapter of our journey!



WELCOME

STAR ACADEMY

Welcome to Star Academy Institute of Performing Arts and thank you for your interest in us for 2026.

Star Academy is a family owned business established in 2011. It is headed by Jenna Maiolo, Managing Director, and Kristy Burns, Academy Principal. Their passion for entertainment, the arts, and child development has inspired them to create a new, innovative, and professional institute to assist children to reach their potential.

Star Academy is proud of the family environment that has developed between staff, students and their families and we are so grateful for the amount of support we have received over the past 15 years. It is encouraging to watch friendships build in class amongst students, teachers, and their families.

We try our very best to ensure that communication between all members of our community is clear, detailed, and timely to eliminate any stress or confusion for our students and families.



OUR MISSION

Star Academy aims to release the inner potential of its students by providing quality education in all facets of performing arts in a safe and professional environment. We aspire to instill confidence, develop self-esteem, and build long life friendships for our participants, whether they wish to pursue a career in entertainment or just have fun and get fit.

Star Academy's trained and experienced teachers strive to achieve the best results for students of all ages from beginners to advanced. We welcome parents to speak to our teachers in regard to identifying the best choices for their children and to develop a program which best suits their needs. There are opportunities for students to showcase their work in mid year and end of year concerts.

Star Academy is committed to creating a positive experience for all students and assists in the development of confident, well balanced young people.

We look forward to a long and happy association with you.



CLASS CURRICULUM

At Star Academy, our classes are based on COMDANCE curriculum (Commonwealth Society of Teachers of Dancing) based on students' ages. This curriculum encompasses building strong technique and foundations for each genre.

At Star Academy, parents and caregivers are not permitted in the studio during classes, as students are more focused and confident when not being observed. Parental presence can sometimes cause distraction, hesitation, or separation anxiety, but children generally settle quickly with a reassuring drop-off routine. Our nurturing teachers support any students who become upset, and younger children can be paired with a 'buddy' or assisted by an assistant teacher to help them adjust. Some students also feel self-conscious when watched while learning new skills, which is another reason for this policy. Parents can observe progress throughout the year on our BAND app (sign up upon enrolment), and you can request teacher feedback anytime by emailing info@staracademy.com.au.

SINGING/ PRIVATE SINGING

For students at Star Academy, singing classes can be taken in groups or as a private lesson for ages 5 and up, where students learn technique and gain confidence.

ACTING

Acting is the foundation of all performing arts. It helps to develop students' self-confidence and the ability to convey emotions and tell stories. Skills learnt in acting class can help students with public speaking, problem solving, and working with others.

JAZZ

Jazz is a high-energy, fast-paced dance genre that requires stamina, strength, flexibility, and personality. It is important for all dancers to train in jazz as it develops their ability to learn choreography and perform different styles, as well as develop strong technique. COMDANCE jazz exam classes are available.

HIP HOP

Hip Hop is an extremely popular dance genre for all ages. Hip Hop dance develops strength and stamina and helps students with coordination. In group hip hop classes at Star Academy, students perform high energy routines to popular music. Hip Hop can be started at any age and is a great dance style for fun and fitness!

BALLET

Classical ballet is the foundation of all dance. All dancers should have training in ballet so that they understand the correct body alignment required for dance to prevent injury, as well as building strength, flexibility, and technique. COMDANCE Classical Ballet exams are also available.

TAP

Tap dance develops students' sense of rhythm and musicality. In tap classes, students learn technique and terminology as well as performance skills. Students develop strength in their ankles, legs and core muscles - useful for other dance genres. COMDANCE tap exam classes are available.



CLASS CURRICULUM

CONTEMPORARY/ LYRICAL

Contemporary dance is based on classical ballet technique. This dance style requires strength, flexibility, and the ability to convey feelings and emotions through movement.

ACROBATICS

Acrobatic training involves developing a high level of strength and flexibility in order to execute gymnastic skills, contortion, and tumbling. Acrobatics class develops balance, agility, and coordination in a safe, fully equipped studio.

MUSICAL THEATRE

Musical theatre is the combination of singing, dancing, and acting. It is delivered as a package at Star Academy comprising of half hour of singing, half hour of acting and half hour of dance, where students learn to combine these three skills while performing.

BALLET EXTENSION PROGRAM

The Star Academy Ballet Extension Program is designed for dedicated ballet students who wish to accelerate their training and refine their technique beyond their regular classes.

This program offers a comprehensive curriculum including ballet, pre-pointe, pointe, repertoire, progressive ballet technique, and contemporary ballet. Students will be supported in advancing their technical skills at a faster pace while deepening their artistry and passion for classical dance. Please enquire with management to discuss your child's eligibility for this program.

ELITE FOUNDATIONS PROGRAM

This program has been specially designed to run alongside our Elite Program, providing students with the opportunity to further develop their technique, performance quality, and choreography skills. The Elite Foundations Program aims to help students strengthen their foundations and prepare them for potential entry into the Elite Teams in future auditions — should they wish to audition.

The program includes:

- Training across a variety of dance genres and singing
- Increased performance opportunities
- Personalised feedback from our teaching faculty
- Focused guidance to help each student reach their goals

SUPPORT YOUR LEARNING AT HOME

Students and families at Star Academy can access private groups on the "BAND" app where teachers upload videos and photos of what students are learning in their classes. This allows parents to view their child's progress and helps students to practice at home.

PRIVATE DANCE

Star Academy private dance tuition is offered for students who wish to develop their dance technique and performance skills and can be taken in any genre. Private lesson students may be selected to compete in dance competitions - however this is at the teacher's discretion.

COMDANCE EXAMS

Star Academy offers COMDANCE exam classes in jazz, tap and ballet. These classes follow a set dance syllabus that focuses on developing technique, terminology, and performance skills.



2026 CLASS SCHEDULES

Please find below the class schedules for 2026. Please note all classes are subject to change based on numbers and interest. Also note that Elite and Comdance Exam classes, Ballet Extension Program and Elite Foundations Program are open to students who successfully audition or are invited to join. You can contact our friendly staff at anytime and we are more than happy to have a chat about class options in 2026.

To enquire about private lessons please email info@staracademy.com.au.

**NB Timetables are subject to change -
please visit the website for up to date schedules**



TUESDAY

STUDIO	1	2	3	4	5	6	8	9	10	
10:30-11:15		Mini Ballet 10:30-11:15am								
4:00-4:15										
4:15-4:30		Junior Jazz 4.15 - 5.00pm		15 & Under Elite Singing 4.15 - 5.00pm	12 & Under Elite Lyrical/ Contemporary Troupe 4.15 - 4.45pm			Elite Foundations Program 4.15 - 4.45pm Ballet	Open Elite Technique 4.15 - 5.00pm	
4:30-4:45										
4:45-5:00	Ballet Extension Program Level 1 4.45 - 5.45pm				12 & Under Elite Jazz/ Broadway Troupe 4.45 - 5.15pm			Elite Foundations Program 4.45 - 5.15pm Jazz		
5:00-5:15										
5:15-5:30		Junior Acro 5.00 - 5.45pm								
5:30-5:45				Open Elite Singing 5.15 - 5.45pm	12 & Under Elite S & D/ S & T Troupe 5.15 - 5.45pm		Private Singing	Elite Foundations Program 5.15 - 5.45pm Contemporary	15 & Under Elite Technique 5.00 - 5.45pm	
5:45-6:00	Level 5 Small Group Acrobatic Arts 5.45 - 6.30pm	Junior Hip Hop 5.45 - 6.30pm		Elite Foundations Program Singing 5.45 - 6.15pm	15 & Under Elite Lyrical/ Contemporary Troupe 5.45 - 6.15				12 & Under Elite Ballet Technique 5.45 - 6.30pm	Open Elite Hip Hop 5.45 - 6.30pm
6:00-6:15										
6:15-6:30							15 & Under Elite Jazz/ Broadway Troupe 6.15 - 6.45pm			
6:30-6:45		Junior Ballet 6.30 - 7.15pm	Elite Foundations Program Technique 6.30 - 7pm					12 & Under Elite Hip Hop 6.30 - 7.15pm		
6:45-7:00					15 & Under Elite Jazz Song & Dance/ Song & Tap Troupe 6.45 - 7.15pm					
7:00-7:15										
7:15-7:30					15 & Under Elite Hip Hop 7.15 - 8.00pm					
7:30-7:45										
7:45-8:00									12 & Under Elite Technique 7.30 - 8.30pm	
8:00-8:15					15 & Under Elite Ballet Technique 8.00 - 8.45pm					
8:15-8:30										
8:30-8:45										

THURSDAY

STUDIO	1	2	3	4	5	6	8	9	10	
3:45-4:00							Private Singing		COMDANCE Tap Grade 8 3.45-4.15pm	
4:00-4:15										
4:15-4:30					15 & Under Elite Character Ballet Troupe 4.15 - 5.00pm			10 & Under Elite Tap Technique 4.15 - 5.00pm	12 & Under Elite Fitness 4.15 - 5.00pm	
4:30-4:45										
4:45-5:00										
5:00-5:15					10 & Under Elite Technique 5.00 - 5.45pm			12 & Under Elite Tap Technique 5.00 - 5.45pm	15 & Under Elite Fitness 5.00 - 5.45pm	
5:15-5:30										
5:30-5:45										
5:45-6:00	COMDANCE BALLET GRADE 3 5.45 - 6.30pm	COMDANCE BALLET GRADE 4 5.45 - 6.30pm	COMDANCE BALLET GRADE 5 5.45 - 6.30pm		COMDANCE BALLET GRADE 6 5.45 - 6.30pm	COMDANCE INTERMEDIATE BALLET EXAM 5.45 - 6.30pm			COMDANCE SUB ELEMENTARY BALLET EXAM 5.45 - 6.30pm	
6:00-6:15										
6:15-6:30										
6:30-6:45	COMDANCE JAZZ GRADE 3 6.30 - 7.15pm	COMDANCE JAZZ GRADE 4 6.30 - 7.15pm	COMDANCE JAZZ GRADE 5 6.30 - 7.15pm		COMDANCE JAZZ GRADE 6 6.30 - 7.15pm	COMDANCE JAZZ GRADE 7 6.30 - 7.15pm		COMDANCE JAZZ GRADE 8 6.30 - 7.15pm	COMDANCE JAZZ GRADE 9 6.30 - 7.15pm	
6:45-7:00										
7:00-7:15										
7:15-7:30	COMDANCE TAP GRADE 2 7.15 - 8.00pm	COMDANCE TAP GRADE 3 7.15 - 8.00pm	COMDANCE TAP GRADE 4 7.15 - 8.00pm		COMDANCE TAP GRADE 5 7.15 - 8.00pm	COMDANCE TAP GRADE 6 7.15 - 8.00pm				
7:30-7:45										
7:45-8:00										
8:00-8:15					12 & Under Elite Character Ballet Troupe 8.00 - 8.45pm			15 & Under Elite Tap Technique 8.00 - 8.45pm		
8:15-8:30										
8:30-8:45										

FEES

Star Academy Fees are payable within the first two weeks of term and are non-refundable. All fees are based on a 10 week term coinciding with South Australian school term dates. Students commencing part-way through a term, are invoiced on a pro-rata basis.

Invoices are issued the week before the term begins. If your child would like to change a class, please ensure to email info@staracademy.com.au. There is no refund for classes not taken or if a child wishes to discontinue during a term. Fees are able to be paid via Cash, EFTPOS, Direct Debit, Cheque and/or EFT. EFT details are located on invoices. If you have difficulties in paying or require a payment plan, please contact Star Management before the term commences.

TRAVEL & ABSENCES

At Star Academy, we understand that families may travel throughout the year, and we aim to support you where possible. If your child is away for two or more consecutive classes due to travel, we may be able to offer a refund for those missed sessions, if we are notified in advance. Please note that single missed classes are not eligible for refunds; however, students are welcome to "make up" the class by attending another session within the same age group. All makeup classes must be arranged through our management team, so please ensure you notify us in advance if your child will be attending an alternative class.

2026 FEE STRUCTURE

1 hour classes	\$205.00 inc. GST	per 10 week Term
45 minute classes	\$170.00 inc. GST	per 10 week Term
Private lessons (30 minutes)	\$400.00 inc. GST	per 10 week Term
Musical Theatre (1.5 hr package)	\$270.00 inc. GST	per 10 week Term
Elite Foundations Program	\$512.50 inc. GST	per 10 week Term
Ballet Extension Program Level 1	\$400.00 inc. GST	per 10 week Term
Ballet Extension Program Level 2	\$500.00 inc. GST	per 10 week Term
Ballet Extension Program Level 3	\$600.00 inc. GST	per 10 week Term

DISCOUNT PACKAGES

- 3 classes = 5% OFF
- 4 classes = 7.5% OFF
- 5-6 classes = 10% OFF
- 7+ classes = 15% OFF

*does not apply to Private lessons or Package classes, ie Musical Theatre, Ballet Extension Program, Elite Foundations Program

MEMBERSHIP FEE

All new students will be required to pay a once off membership fee of \$75. As part of the membership, all new students will receive access to classroom resources, and a Star leotard. This will form part of the school's mandatory uniform. Boys and students enrolled in Singing or Acting may choose a Star Academy T-shirt instead of a leotard.

Membership Fees are non-refundable. Returning students will be charged a lesser fee.



WHAT TO WEAR TO CLASS

At Star Academy we provide everything you need to wear to class in the studio from leotards, dance shoes, stockings and outerwear to wear to and from classes! Come to our studio during opening hours to try on, order and purchase everything you need for class.

UNIFORM FOR DANCE CLASSES

Ballet - Star Academy leotard or Star Academy long sleeve leotard with ballet stockings and pink ballet shoes. (Optional: a ballet skirt may be worn). Hair in a neat bun.

Jazz/Tap/Contemporary/ Musical Theatre - Star Academy leotard or Star Academy long sleeve leotard or crop top with either ballet stockings, black leggings or dance shorts and tan jazz or tap shoes. Hair in a bun or ponytail.

Hip Hop - Star Academy leotard, Star Academy long sleeve leotard or Star Academy T-shirt with black leggings or shorts and sneakers. Hair in a bun or ponytail.

Acrobatics - Star Academy leotard or crop top with black leggings, dance shorts or convertible ballet stockings. Bare feet. Hair in a bun.

UNIFORM FOR ACTING AND SINGING

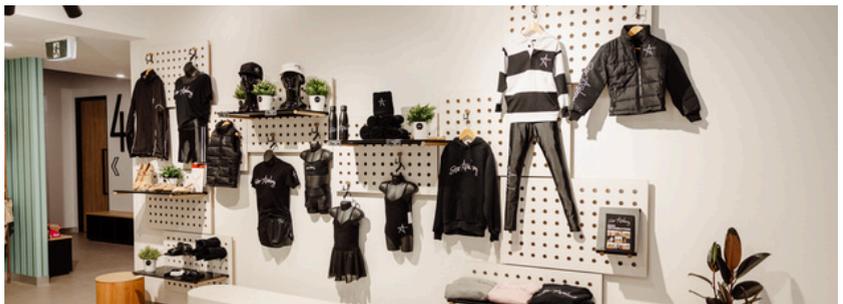
Star Academy T-shirt with any bottoms and shoes that are comfortable and allow for ease of movement.

UNIFORM FOR BOYS

Star Academy t-shirt with black dance pants or shorts and dance shoes (e.g ballet shoes, jazz shoes, tap shoes.)

STAR ACADEMY MERCHANDISE

Star Academy stocks a range of merchandise including jackets, jumpers, hoodies and vests. These can be worn to and from class and for warming up. Most outerwear will need to be pre-ordered and can take 2 - 6 weeks to arrive.



PERFORMANCES

Star Academy has several opportunities for students to perform throughout the year for their different subjects.

MID YEAR CONCERT

Our Mid-Year Concert provides students in our group dance and group singing classes with the opportunity to perform in a relaxed, supportive environment. It allows them to showcase the progress they've made throughout the first six months of the year.

Instead of costumes, students wear their Star Academy Uniform, keeping the focus on skill development and confidence rather than stage production. The Mid Year concert gives families a chance to see what their children have been working on across the past two terms, while helping students grow more comfortable with performing

END OF YEAR CONCERT

Our End of Year Concert is the biggest event on our school calendar, typically held in December. It's a truly special performance for our students, giving them the chance to showcase everything they've been working on throughout the second half of the year to their family and friends.

One of the highlights is the full performance experience — costumes, makeup, the excitement of the stage, and the joy of performing alongside their classmates. We are proud to offer our students the opportunity to take part in a professional live production in a working theatre.

Each year features entirely new routines, allowing students to explore different styles and develop new skills. All group dance, group singing, and private singing students have the opportunity to participate in the End of Year Production.

SINGING PERFORMANCES

The Singing Department hosts an annual Open Mic Show, where all private singing students perform in a relaxed and intimate setting. It's a wonderful event that gives students the freedom to choose their own songs and refine them with their teachers throughout the term. We absolutely love our Open Mic Shows!

In recent years, our private singing students have also paired up with other vocalists for the End of Year Concert. This allows them to experience the best of both worlds and broaden their performance opportunities.

ACTING PERFORMANCES

The Acting Department presents its own dedicated show each year, giving students the opportunity to showcase their work. We encourage all performing artists to study acting, as it forms the foundation of performance and plays a key role in building confidence.

Selected students from the Acting Department may also be invited to perform in our End of Year Production, providing additional opportunities to expand their skills and stage experience



ELITE COMPETITION TEAMS

Star Academy's Elite program is our competitive dance stream. We have 7 teams ranging from 4 & Under to Open age and students are selected via an audition process.

The Elite program is comprised of a challenging and inspiring curriculum which includes training in all dance styles. Our goal is to create dancers who excel both technically and as performers. We strive to instil passion, integrity, humility, and dedication in our Elite dancers, with the hope that they will leave Star with training that they can take into a career as a professional performer. The program typically consists of choreography in all styles including jazz, contemporary, lyrical, musical theatre, COMDANCE exam classes, ballet and jazz technique classes, and vocal training.

To find out more about our Elite program or how to audition email info@staracademy.com.au.



THE STAR WELLNESS PROJECT

Star Academy strives to improve the mental health and wellbeing of its students through the performing arts. We acknowledge that there are many challenges facing children today and we aim to provide a safe space where they can express themselves and pursue their goals in an inclusive, non-judgemental and supportive environment.

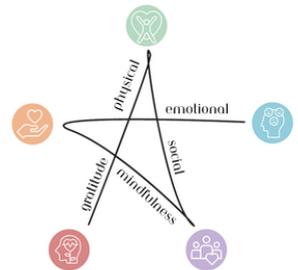
The Star Wellness Project is embedded into our school curriculum and covers the 5 components of wellbeing: emotional wellbeing, social wellbeing, physical wellbeing, mindfulness and gratitude. One of the key initiatives of The Star Wellness Project is supporting our students on their journey in the performing arts; mind, body and soul by providing exceptional training as well as resources and ongoing guidance to ensure a positive mindset.

Child Safe Environments Policy

Star Academy is firmly committed to the safety and wellbeing of children and young people by ensuring meeting legislative requirements that align with the National Principles for Child Safe Organisations. Read our full policy on our website.

Meet the Star Girlz our Wellbeing Ambassadors!

Meet Sunny, Aries, Luna and Skye! The Star Girls are our Wellbeing Ambassadors working with our students to drive positive change in our Star community. The Star Girls are an intergalactic team who will do whatever it takes to help children solve a problem! By working together, supporting each other and developing strategies the Star Girls are empowering children to overcome challenges with a positive mindset. Follow us on Instagram to find out more... @the.stargirlz and subscribe to our youtube channel www.youtube.com/@thestargirlz



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