

VCASS DANCE AUDITION CRITERIA 2019

Audition information for Dance Applicants

- Entry to VCASS is by audition only.
- Students applying for entry into VCASS Dance are auditioned in a classical ballet class.
- However, students considering entry into years 7 and 8 with limited classical ballet skills are still encouraged to audition, as the audition is structured to accommodate differing levels of training.
- Auditions include contemporary dance.
- Year 7 applicants may be required to attend a second audition on the following day.
- Year 8 - 12 applicants are advised to be available for a full day in case of attending a call back class on the day of their audition.

Key Dates - 2019

Year 11 & 12: Thursday August 8.

Year 7: Friday August 9. Call backs Saturday August 10

Year 8: Monday August 12

Year 10: Tuesday August 13

Year 9: Wednesday August 14

Audition Location

- All dance auditions are held at VCASS, 57 Miles Street Southbank.
- There is no parking available on the premises. The closest car parks are at the Arts Centre and the Australian Ballet Centre. There is also secure parking at 21 Bank St South Melbourne.

Audition Requirements

- A copy of your **Semester One 2019 School Report** must be brought to your audition and submitted to Main Reception upon your arrival.
- Applicants should arrive **at least** 30 minutes before scheduled audition time.
- All applicants should bring a tracksuit for warming up.
- On the day all applicants must wear soft ballet shoes.
- Girls in Years 8-12 should also bring pointe shoes if they have previously done pointe work.
- All applicants should wear normal ballet training clothes.
- Girls should be in pale coloured leotards and wear 'split sole' pink tights in order to work barefoot.
- Boys should wear tights with a waist elastic, and a white leotard or T/shirt.
- No set dance or syllabus work will be required.

Audition Format

Following ballet class, applicants may be asked to undergo a physical examination by a qualified physiotherapist appointed by the school. A charge of **\$80.00 (cash)** will be payable at the time of consultation. Results of the physiotherapist examination will be provided to the audition panel.

The applicants may also be required to undertake physique testing conducted by dance staff.

Applicants should note that it is **not** the policy of the school to give feedback on auditions. Audition results will be distributed by email.

Specific year level audition groups and times will be notified via email after applications are closed.

FAQs

How do I apply to study at the Victorian College of the Arts Secondary School?

Entry to the school is by audition only. The online Application form will be available at the end of Term 1 and is accessible only from our website at www.vcass.vic.edu.au/entry

What documents do I need for the Online Application Form?

To complete the Online Application Form you need to include family details of names, addresses, phone numbers, school subjects, various dance studies, experiences, photographs and other data. You also need to scan and upload a copy of the following documents: e.g. **A** - Birth Certificate **B** - School Report from the second half of the previous year, **C** – Doctors medical certificate for fitness to train and other forms.

What are the panel looking for in the dance audition?

Our panel assess each applicant on their potential to train. This includes skill level in classical ballet as well as the attributes and approaches necessary for participation in a professional training program.

What to expect on the audition day and in the dance audition?

All auditionees are welcomed at the registration desk. They are then taken to change and warm up under the supervision of the Audition Coordinator. After warm up auditionees participate in a ballet class in front of the panel. Following ballet class they will be asked to participate in a short contemporary dance phrase and short sequences of other movement styles. No set work is required. In total, the initial audition should be completed in under 2.5 hours although it can take longer when there are very large numbers.

At the conclusion, the audition coordinator will announce the 'call back' list of students.

If you have not been given a 'call back' your audition is complete.

'Call back' students will then undergo a physiotherapist assessment and a further class which will include 'pointe' for girls in year 8 and above. "Call -back " students need to allow a full day to complete their audition.

What dance or Syllabus exam standard do I have to be?

There are no syllabus requirements for entry into VCASS Dance.

As a general guide, students entering into year 7 and 8 are comparable to Intermediate Levels in the RAD and Cecchetti syllabi.

At what age can I apply to audition for a place?

Students in Years 6-11 are welcome to audition for entry into Years 7-12. Students entering Year 7 should turn 12 years of age by April 30th

What fees and costs are involved to audition?

In 2019 the audition application fee is AUD \$80.00

Call back physiotherapy consultant fee is AUD \$80.00

What are the normal hours for a dance student?

Our regular Monday - Friday runs from 8:30am – 5:30pm.

Dancers usually arrive at 7:45am to warm up before class on dance mornings

Can I do RAD or Cecchetti?

Elective programs run after normal school hours and on Saturdays.

The majority of our students participate in these programs.

What are the daily dress requirements?

There is no VCASS school uniform.

However dance students have a strictly enforced dress code for dance classes and performances.

Can I still attend and train at my old dance school?

Training with external providers is not permitted.

Dance curriculum information

To view detailed information about the Dance curriculum at VCASS, please visit the Dance page under 'Programs' on our website: <http://vcass.vic.edu.au/programs/dance>

Contact VCASS

For any general enquiries call our office on 03 8644 8644