<< MANASIS >>

SCHOOL OF GREEK DANCE AND CULTURE

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STUDENT PROSPECTUS

CONTACT

Australia's largest Greek dance school, the << MANASIS >> School of Greek Dance and Culture, is proud to present over four decades of service, in the transmission and presentation of Hellenic culture to the world!

In recognition of our contribution to the preservation and dissemination of our cultural identity throughout the diaspora, UNESCO, through its Council of International Dance (CID) formally inducted our dance school as an official member at a ceremony during its 61st World Congress of Dance Research, hosted at the famed epicentre of Greek Dance- the Dora Stratou Dance Theatre in Athens.

To celebrate, we invite you to share in our success, and participate in all that the school has to offer. We look forward to a very successful cultural journey, filled with a multitude of exciting events and functions.

For photographs, video clips, and information regarding our upcoming events, please visit us on any of our online and social platforms.

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PHILOSOPHY:

Over the past four decades, and together with the ever-growing experience of its students and two instructors, the << MANASIS >> School of Greek Dance and Culture has set unmatched, unrivalled standards, in execution, choreography and discipline.

One of the school's fundamental beliefs is to continuously strive to present a new movement, a new position, a new idea, differing from the customary formation, to show that dance too, just like art, evolves.

...we must understand where we come from,
in order to know where we want to go...

As the school endlessly searches and creates new methods of execution, its belief is that all culture should evolve with time, whilst still remaining firmly embedded in its traditional past.

With services ranging from dance classes for all ages and abilities, professional dance performances, traditional instrumental floorshows, school incursions, cultural education programmes and themed corporate events, << MANASIS >> is able to create a fun, interactive and energetic programme to suit any function, anywhere!

AIMS AND TARGETS:

The school's greatest aim is to pass on the rich Hellenic identity, through cultural mediums such as music and dance, to both young and old, Greeks and non-Greeks alike.

Dance, for Greeks, is not merely a social gathering, but a reflection and expression of one's cultural identity and emotions. Therefore, a subsequent target is not simply for students to learn the basic steps of each dance, but also to evoke, with time, all students' full potential, to dance as 'Greeks', with the unique passion, expression and pride which so evidently characterises Greek culture.

The school endeavours to encourage students to become members of the elite Senior Dance Group. Selected students are able to embrace and express their passion for Greek dance, through performances at various events and functions. This oportunity is dependant firstly on the overall attitude expressed by the student; secondly on the support from their family; and thirdly on their dance ability.

Through the duration of lessons, students are presented with opportunities to discuss and learn about social and cultural issues surrounding Greece, with the aim that they too will proudly pass down and further promote the Hellenic identity.

DRESS CODE & COSTUMES

SCHOOL UNIFORM: *(not applicable to Adult / Specialist Class students)*

The << MANASIS >> dance uniform is a two-piece, gender-neutral sporting outfit, comprised of a blue polo t-shirt and white / black tracksuit pants, which has remained unchanged since the school's establishment.

A plain white skivvy under the polo t-shirt, or the optional << MANASIS >> hoodie jumper / puffer vest may also be worn;

Runners / proper athletic-type shoes are the only appropriate footwear for lessons.

TRADITIONAL FOLKLORIC COSTUMES AND ACCESSORIES:

The collection of << MANASIS >> traditional folk costumes were co-designed by Alkis Manasis after years of travel and research, and hand stitched and sewn to perfection by the working hands of his wife Sylvia Manasis. Throughout the years 1984 - 1989, she spent endless months hand-crafting, styling, accessorising and detailing the elaborate costumes.

In total, Sylvia has personally produced over 400 traditional Greek costumes, both men's and women's, from all regions of Greece. Their invaluable legacy, continue to remain the school's most treasured possession, with Sylvia's hard work and dedication behind the scenes being an integral part of the school's success.

Attire Compliance:

JEWELLERY- Earrings, necklaces, bracelets, komboskinia, watches, rings and any other such visible items must be removed;
There is no requirement to remove a "Medical Alert" bracelet, or wedding ring.

TATTOOS- Any visible tattoos must be covered with band-aid / sports tape;

FOOTWEAR- Senior students must wear professional dance shoes with rubber soles;
Beginner, Junior, Intermediate, and Pre-Senior students must wear black shoes buffed to a high polish.
Tsarouhia or gourouno-tsarouha where applicable. Sneakers / canvas-type shoes are not permitted.

FEMALE STUDENTS-
Hair must be tied into a low, tight pony tail and plated. *If a French braid is possible, this is also preferable;*
Standard red lipstick / lip-gloss must be applied;
Nails must be painted standard red;
Full-length, opaque stockings (white / black depending on specific costume). Long socks are not permitted.

MALE STUDENTS-
If there is no hat / head-wear component for a costume, hair must be appropriately styled;
Facial hair must be maintained and well-groomed.

MAINTENANCE-
A costume may be adjusted to fit individual body types, using only safety pins or a light hand stitch;
Components which come in contact with skin must be washed- shirt, dress, pants, head-scarf, handkerchief;
Dry-cleaning or cold machine washing are safe for all necessary components.
Components such as aprons, belts, sashes and vests do not need to be washed, but must be ironed;

Costumes are the sole responsibility of the students who wear them;
Each student must ensure their costume is reset from any alterations, and returned in the identical manner in which it was presented to them, on the same branded / coded wooden coat hanger and / or in the same bag.

Failure to wear the school uniform or folkloric costume correctly will render a student unable to participate.

CODE OF CONDUCT

RULES AND REGULATIONS:

ATTIRE- During dance lessons, all Mainstream students are required to wear the full << MANASIS >> dance uniform correctly, irrespective of weather conditions-
polo t-shirt, white / black tracksuit pants, runners / dance shoes;

ATTENDANCE- Time management and the commitment to dance as an integral component of each student's lifestyle, is paramount. As a fundamental principle, ongoing and regular participation is imperative;

PUNCTUALITY- In the interests of students' safety, access points to the dance studio remain locked and are only attended to during class change-overs. Any interruption to a lesson in progress after its commencement will not be accommodated;

SMOKING / VAPING- The school takes an absolute zero-tolerance approach to the use of any tobacco products. Students are not permitted to smoke / vape at any time whilst actively enrolled;

EXCLUSIVITY:

Students are restricted from attending or participating in, dance lessons from any other Greek dance / cultural organisation *(excluding curriculum-based weekly lessons during Greek language school operating hours);*

Students are restricted from undetaking a formal role as a Greek dance instructor at any Greek language school, dance school, cultural organisation;

Students are restricted from engaging in discussion regarding methodology, choreography, technique, and / or any other operations specifically related to the dance school.

GENERAL ETIQUETTE:

A proactive approach to personal care and hygiene must always be exercised;

Chewing gum is not permitted;

Students must dance to the best of their ability, and obey directions and instructions given by the dance instructor/s;

Students must be cooperative, supportive, and respectful towards the school and each other.

VISITATION:

The school operates under a 'closed door policy', and therefore does not permit visitations to the dance studio whilst lessons are in progress.

This courtesy is only extended **a)** to a parent / guardian of a prospective student during their initial trial session, and **b)** in extremely rare instances where specific discretion is exercised.

DISCLAIMER:

The << MANASIS >> School of Greek Dance and Culture reserves the right to refuse acceptance and / or to dismiss any student, whom themselves or their parents / guardians compromise the operation of lessons / events, in order to protect the integrity and ensure the highest of standards for which the school upholds.

LOCATIONS, TIMES & FEES

EAST | DONCASTER:

Church of Christ Hall
680 Doncaster Rd. Doncaster
(Corner of Doncaster Rd. and Short St.)

Monday Evenings-

5:00pm - 5:30pm:	Beginner Class (B)
5:30pm - 6:00pm:	Beginner Class (A)
6:00pm - 7:00pm:	Junior Class
7:00pm - 8:00pm:	Intermediate Class
8:00pm - 9:00pm:	Senior Class
9:00pm - 10:00pm:	Adult / Specialist Class

NORTH | THORNBURY:

Darebin Presbyterian Church Hall
15 Rossmoyne St. Thornbury

Thursday Evenings-

5:00pm - 5:30pm:	Beginner Class
5:30pm - 6:30pm:	Junior Class
6:30pm - 7:30pm:	Intermediate Class
7:30pm - 8:30pm:	Senior Class
8:30pm - 9:30pm:	Adult / Specialist Class

SOUTH-EAST | OAKLEIGH:

9th Oakleigh Hellenic Scout Group Hall
Parkside Ave. Oakleigh
(Corner Parkside Ave. and Railway Ave.)

Tuesday Evenings-

5:00pm - 6:00pm:	Senior Class (C)
6:00pm - 7:00pm:	Senior Class (B)
7:00pm - 8:00pm:	Senior Class (A)
8:00pm - 10:00pm:	Senior Dance Group

Wednesday Evenings-

5:00pm - 5:30pm:	Beginner Class (B)
5:30pm - 6:00pm:	Beginner Class (A)
6:00pm - 7:00pm:	Junior Class
7:00pm - 8:00pm:	Intermediate Class
8:00pm - 9:00pm:	Pre - Senior Class
9:00pm - 10:00pm:	Adult / Specialist Class

WEST | COMING SOON

UPCOMING MAJOR ANNOUNCEMENT... Stay tuned

DANCE TUITION FEES: *(rate indicates "per student, per term")*

Mainstream Tuition- Beginner *(30 min lesson)*:	**$80.00**
Mainstream Tuition- Junior, Intermediate, Pre-Senior, Senior *(60 min lesson)*:	**$130.00**
Adult / Specialist Tuition *(60 min lesson)*:	**$150.00**

SCHOOL UNIFORM:

Compulsory items

<< MANASIS >> Polo T-Shirt:	**$50.00**
<< MANASIS >> Tracksuit Pants (White):	**$50.00**

Optional Extra Items

<< MANASIS >> Tracksuit Pants (Black):	**$60.00**
<< MANASIS >> Hoodie Jumper:	**$60.00**
<< MANASIS >> Puffer Vest:	**$60.00**

PENALTIES:

Additional account service fee for unpaid balance after due date: **+ 10%**
Student enrolment may be suspended until outstanding balances paid in full.

Loss of any traditional costume component and / or accessory: **$500.00**
Loss of a total traditional costume: **$5,000.00**

**all amounts inclusive of GST*

PRODUCTS & SERVICES

The << MANASIS >> School of Greek Dance and Culture, conducts a variety of classes, and offers a multitude of services, catering for all age groups, niches and events.

MAINSTREAM DANCE CLASSES

Beginner, Junior, Intermediate, Senior

Catering to age groups from approximately 3 - 25 years of age, and conducted weekly in dance studios at various locations around Melbourne. Lessons are primarily focused on traditional and contemporary dance from all the geographical regions of Greece.

SPECIALIST DANCE CLASSES

Adult and Mature Age

Catering to all age groups for Greeks and non-Greeks, who are preparing for their wedding or other special event, or wish to simply learn social Greek dances, further develop existing dance skills, and are looking for a fun and enjoyable way to keep fit. **Private tuition also available.*

SENIOR DANCE GROUP

Professional Performing Group

With over 400 unique and traditional costumes, and an endless dance repertoire covering all regions of Greece, the Senior Dance Group is able to present both traditional and contemporary Greek dance routines, of the highest standards, to cater for any function.

EDUCATION / ENTERTAINMENT

Ranging from school incursions, cultural education programmes and themed corporate events, the school is able to create a fun, interactive and energetic programme to suit any function.

LIVE BAND & MUSICIANS

With a repertoire consisting of music from all regions of Greece, and a collection of over 200 traditional folk instruments, let << MANASIS >> Band Live! put a personal, unique and very memorable touch to your special event.

EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

Ranging from nation-wide tours, tavern nights, concerts, cultural workshops and many other team bonding activities, << MANASIS >> provides an extensive range of extra-curricular events throughout each year.