

KHSD Newsletter 2026 Term 1

Important Dates

June 1 **Reconciliation Day Public Holiday - No Classes**

June 8 **King's Birthday Public Holiday - No Classes**

June 5 - 18 **Canberra Dance Festival**

July 2 **Last day of term 2**

July 13 - 17 **Exam Intensive week**

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Term 2 is a busy time at KHSD with lots of performance opportunities. Many events are on so make sure you have them in your calendar. First up we had the Royal Academy of Dance Advanced 1 Bursary ACT semi finals in week 2 (hosted by The Oak studio 1). This is an event where candidates must have achieved distinction or higher in the Advanced 1 exam and be 17 or under. KHSD had 2 representatives this year; Amelia Turnbull (green) and Camilla Machado (pink). Along with other area semi finalists they presented a class and variation in front of a small audience and judge Matthew Slattery (former dancer with Boston Ballet)

Camilla was chosen to represent the ACT as the Advanced 1 bursary finalist in Melbourne in June.



Congratulations!

Riverside Dance Festival

10 & Under

Open Fast Tap - 1st Arthur McHutchison

Restricted Contemporary - 2nd Arthur McHutchison

Restricted Demi Character - Highly Commended Arthur McHutchison

Classical Improvisation - 1st Arthur McHutchison

Junior Classical Scholarship - 3rd Arthur McHutchison

12 & Under

Restricted Classical - Highly Commended Alexandra Lelliott

Open Demi Character - 1st Harlow Menzies

Classical – Highly Commended Harlow Menzies

Open Waltz Tap - Highly Commended Amelia Swiderski

Classical Improvisation – 2nd Harlow Menzies

Contemporary Improvisation - 3rd Harlow Menzies

Pre-Teen Classical Championship - 2nd Harlow Menzies

Pre-Teen Classical Scholarship - 3rd Amelia Swiderski

15 & Over

Open Classical – 2nd Amelia Turnbull, 3rd Victoria Seymour

Open Demi Character - Highly Commended Amelia Turnbull

Restricted Contemporary – Highly Commended Amelia Turnbull

Open Jazz – Highly Commended Victoria Seymour

Restricted Jazz – 1st Amelia Turnbull

Restricted Broadway - Highly Commended Andrea Tokich

Open Slow Tap – 1st Victoria Seymour, Highly Commended Andrea Tokich

Open Waltz Tap - 1st Victoria Seymour, Highly Commended Andrea Tokich

Open Fast Tap – 1st Victoria Seymour

Student Choreography - 1st Scarlett Sticpewich

Classical Improvisation – 1st Victoria Seymour

Tap Improvisation - 1st Victoria Seymour, Highly Commended Andrea Tokich

Jazz Improvisation - Highly Commended Victoria Seymour

Contemporary Improvisation - 2nd Victoria Seymour

Classical Scholarship – 3rd Victoria Seymour

Commercial Scholarship – 1st Victoria Seymour



Alex



Anna & Vicky



Congratulations!



Term 1 Most improved!



Isabella Posterino - Bell!



Nth Degree

Pre Teen

Novice Classical - 2nd Alexandra Lelliott

Demi Character - 2nd Harlow Menzies

Classical – 2nd Harlow Menzies

Classical Improvisation – 2nd Harlow Menzies

Any Style - 3rd Harlow Menzies (variation)

Teen

Classical – 1st Camilla Machado, 2nd Anna Jackson, 3rd Victoria Seymour

Demi Character - 1st Victorica Seymour, 1st Camilla Machado

Contemporary – 1st Deveer Yadav, 3rd Victoria Seymour, Highly Commended Camilla Machado

Lyrical - 1st Camilla Machado, 2nd Deveer Yadav

Jazz – Highly Commended Deveer Yadav

Novice Any Style – 1st Aimee West (Tap)



Aimee

Unity Classical Challenge

Intermediate classical scholarship - Runner Up Anna Jackson

Demi Character - 1st Amelia Turnbull

Classical - 2nd Amelia Turnbull

Senior Classical Scholarship - Runner Up 2nd



Jasmine



Camilla

Unity Dance Challenge

Any Style - 1st Jasmine Stephens (classical)

Where are they now?



Soraya Sullivan
2024 Graduate

Currently 2nd Year at English National
Ballet School



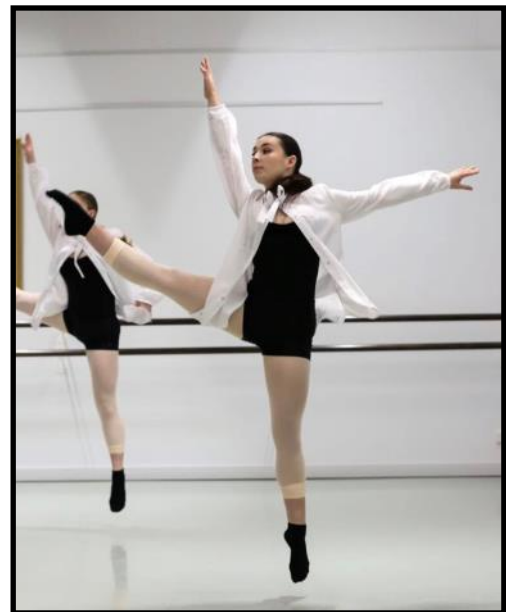
Charlotte Seymour
2025 Graduate

Currently 1st Year at Alberta Ballet
School Canada



Georgia Willshire
2024 Graduate

Currently 2nd Year Bachelor of Law and
Commerce at Monash University



Megan Lamb
2022 Graduate

WAAPA Graduate 2025
Currently in Link Dance Co WAAPA



2026

Performance Troupe

Dates

6 & 7 June: Canberra Dance Festival

Saturday 6th: 12 & Under and Seniors

Sunday 7th: 14 & Under

We have dates for CDF. We will send out more information when we have the schedule from the event organisers. **CDF requirements document has been emailed to all performance parents.**

8 August: Orange Eisteddfod (seniors only)

5 & 6 September: Wagga Wagga Eisteddfod

2026

Performance Soloist

Dates

2 - 3 May: Unity Dance Challenge

5 - 8 June: Canberra Dance Festival

11 - 14 June: Canberra Dance Festival

25 - 27 June: Australian Classical Challenge

7 - 12 September: Wagga Wagga Eisteddfod

SAVE THE DATE

Reminder: The KHSD website is updated regularly with important dates and information.



ES Fotografi 

www.esfotografi.com.au

KHSD 2026 Concert Dates

Theatre rehearsals 1 - 4 December

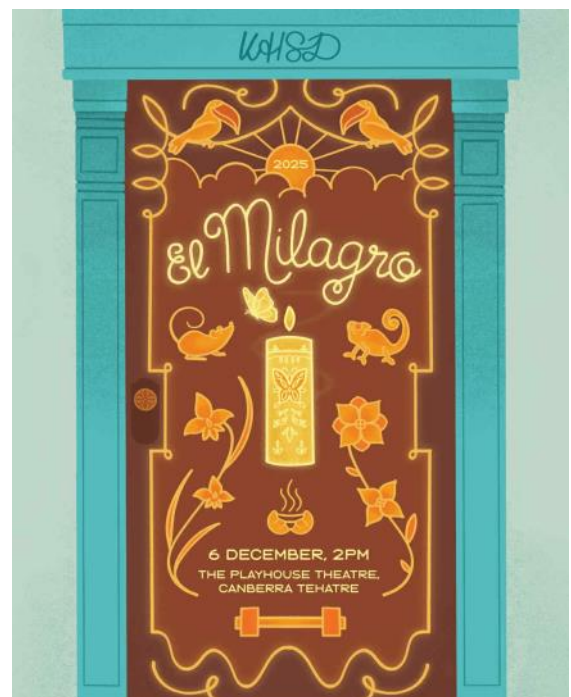
Performance 4 December

Concert participation information will be sent out in Term 3

The 2025 Concert USB was available for collection now from the studio office. If you haven't paid yet, you will have to upon collection.

Photos from the concert can be found on the ES Fotografi website.

Use <https://www.esfotografi.com.au/forms> to register for access to the private gallery



New KHSD Merch!

Available soon from the KHSD office!



KHSD Uniform below can be purchased from www.canberradancewear.com.au





KIM HARVEY

Hair should be neat and properly up for class. It is just as important as a school or sport uniform. Having your hair in a bun is a part of ballet class etiquette.

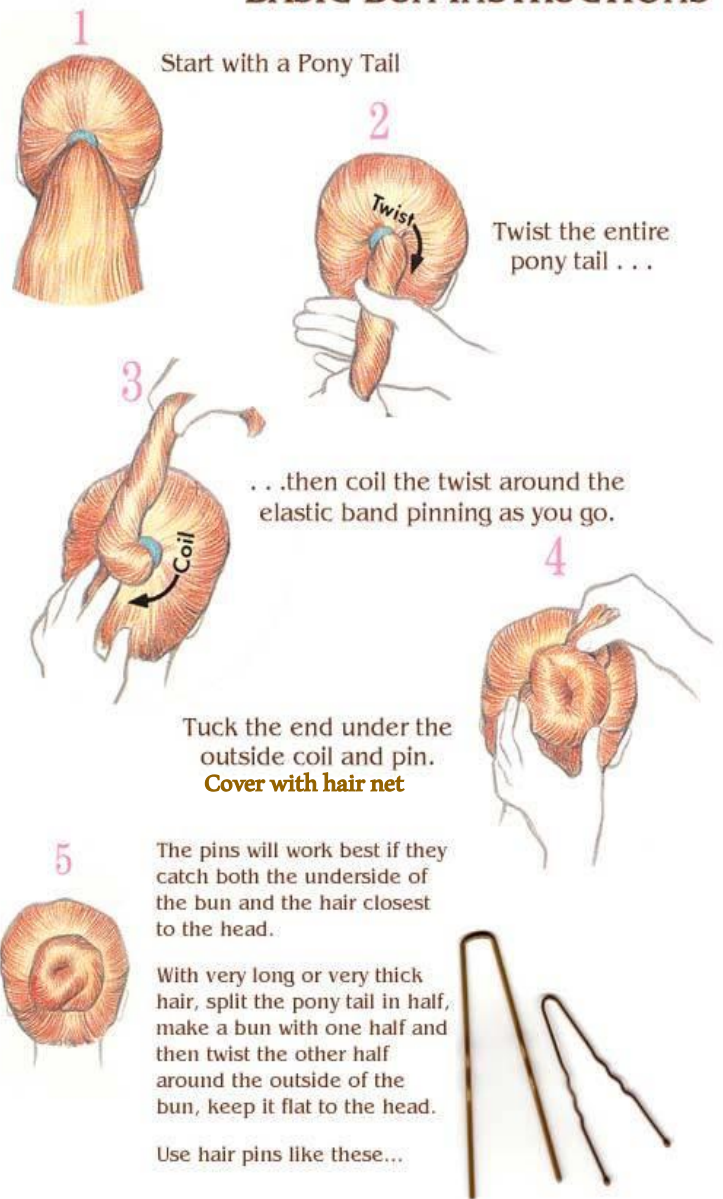
It's easier than it looks and can be done quite quickly.

It just takes practise.

ALL classical classes require a bun.



BASIC BUN INSTRUCTIONS



What do I wear?

For jazz, tap, lyrical and contemporary class students may wear the following examples.



Contemporary - Bare feet or socks

All Jazz levels - Tan Jazz shoes only



All lyrical levels - however MDM ballet flats can also be worn



Tap Shoes

Black for Senior Performance and Boys



KHSD students wear MDM—available from Attitude Australia and MDM website



INTRINSIC REFLEX

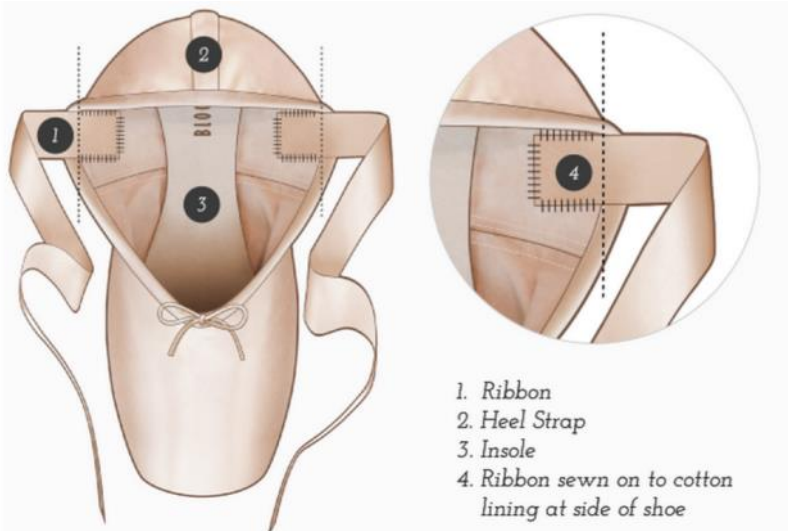
Canvas Hybrid Sole



NEW

ILARA

Stretch Canvas Hybrid Sole



1. Ribbon
2. Heel Strap
3. Insole
4. Ribbon sewn on to cotton lining at side of shoe



Character shoes must be worn for RAD graded exams. These are available in two heel sizes – low heel in sizes 3 – 7 (including half sizes) and Cuban in sizes 2 – 8 (including half sizes). The Cuban heel should be worn from Grade 3 onwards.

Character shoes can be purchased through the KHSD P&F second hand, Bloch & Attitude Australia.