

KHSD Newsletter 2025 Term 1

Important Dates

March 10 **Canberra Day Public Holiday - No Classes**

April 10 **Last day of term**

April 12 - 17 **Riverside Dance Festival solos**

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Welcome back to all current and new KHSD families! Term 1 has had a great start.

In January senior student Charlotte Seymour travelled to Perth for The Aus Prix. While in Perth Charli was offered a place at European School of Ballet's summer intensive 2025 (in Vegas!) and also a place at the Houston Ballet summer intensive 5 week programme.

Charli left in week 3 to take up two short term scholarships visiting Alberta Ballet School and San Francisco Ballet School, as mentioned in the 2024 T4 newsletter.



Over easter 4 KHSD students will be off to NZ to compete in the biannual Alana Haines Awards. Good luck to all and there will be lot of hard work preparing for this event. If you see Charlotte, Vicky, Camilla or Amelia in the hallway don't forget to give them a chookas.

KHSD Trivia



Mimi Pierce (left) was the inaugural winner of the AHA junior division in 2005

William Fitzgerald (right) was 2nd runner up in the Supreme B Division in 2013, while a student at New Zealand School of Dance



Meet Ms Alicia

Alicia Townsend has dedicated her life to being a dancer. She trained with her mother at the Annette Roselli Dance Academy before completing her training with the Queensland Ballet Academy and Queensland Ballet Pre-Professional Program where she also performed and toured with the Queensland Ballet Company.



Alicia then decided to venture overseas where she danced with the National Moravian–Silesian Theatre in the Czech Republic, The National Ballet of Ireland, English National Ballet (London), Greek National Opera Ballet and Ballet International Gala.



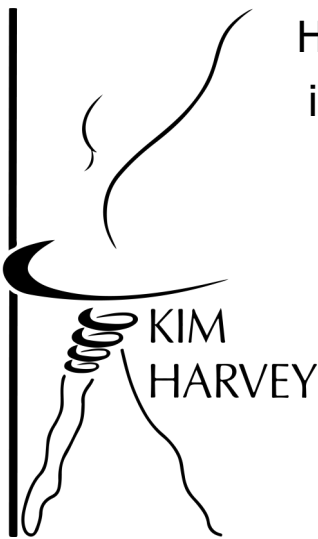
During her time as a ballerina, she has danced a variety of classical repertoire including the principal role of 'Kitri' in Don Quixote, amongst other roles in Swan Lake, The Nutcracker, Cinderella and more. She has also danced a vast variety of contemporary repertoire and has toured to countries such as Cyprus, Italy, Egypt, the Greek Islands and throughout Australia & New Zealand.



At 27 years of age, after a 9 year career and 7 years in Europe, Alicia made the decision to retire and return home to Australia to begin a life with her partner in Canberra.

In 2025, she will be pursuing her second dream which is studying a Bachelor of Midwifery and continuing to share her love of dance through teaching. Alicia has always loved teaching and has had years of experience teaching at the Annette Roselli Dance Academy where she has also choreographed award winning solos and groups. She also loved teaching baby ballet classes at various studios across London.





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.

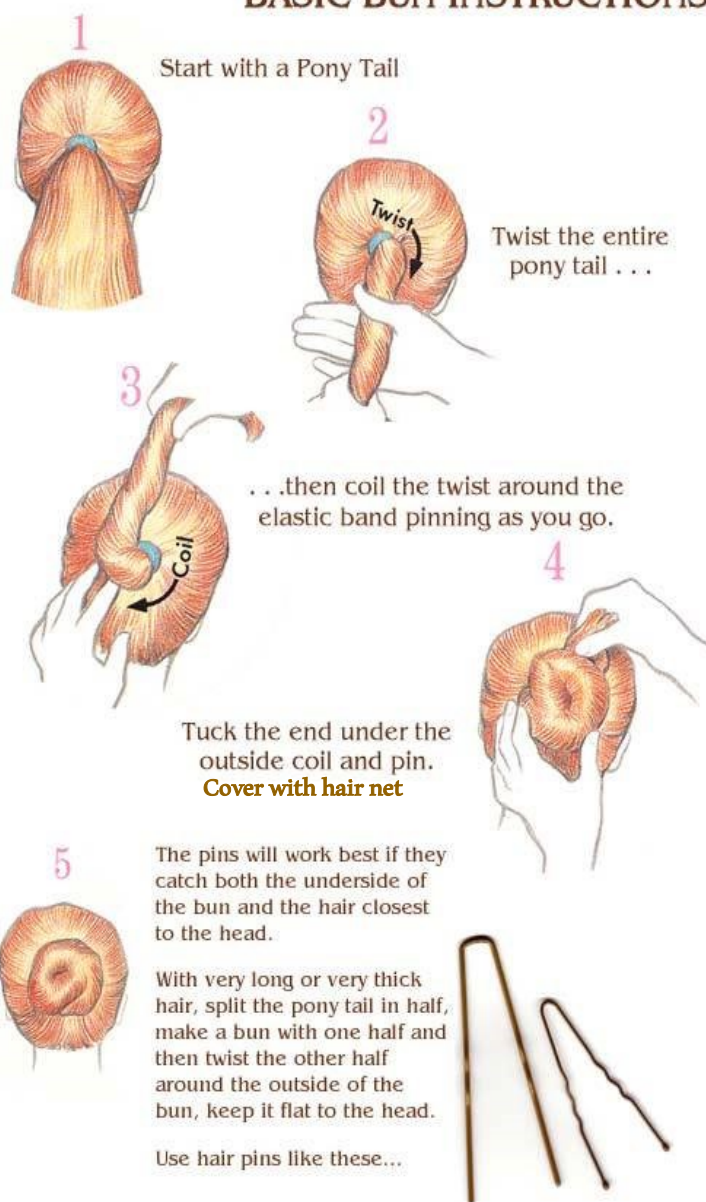
It's easier than it looks and can be done quite quickly.

It just takes practise.

ALL classical classes require a bun.



BASIC BUN INSTRUCTIONS



KHSD style and colour for Acorns, Pre Primary, Primary, Grade 1 and Grade 2



This is the exam leotard
for Grade 1 and Grade 2



Skirts are optional and only to be worn in Acorns, Pre Primary and Primary

KHSD style and colour for
Grades 3, 4 & 5



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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.

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



INTRINSIC REFLEX

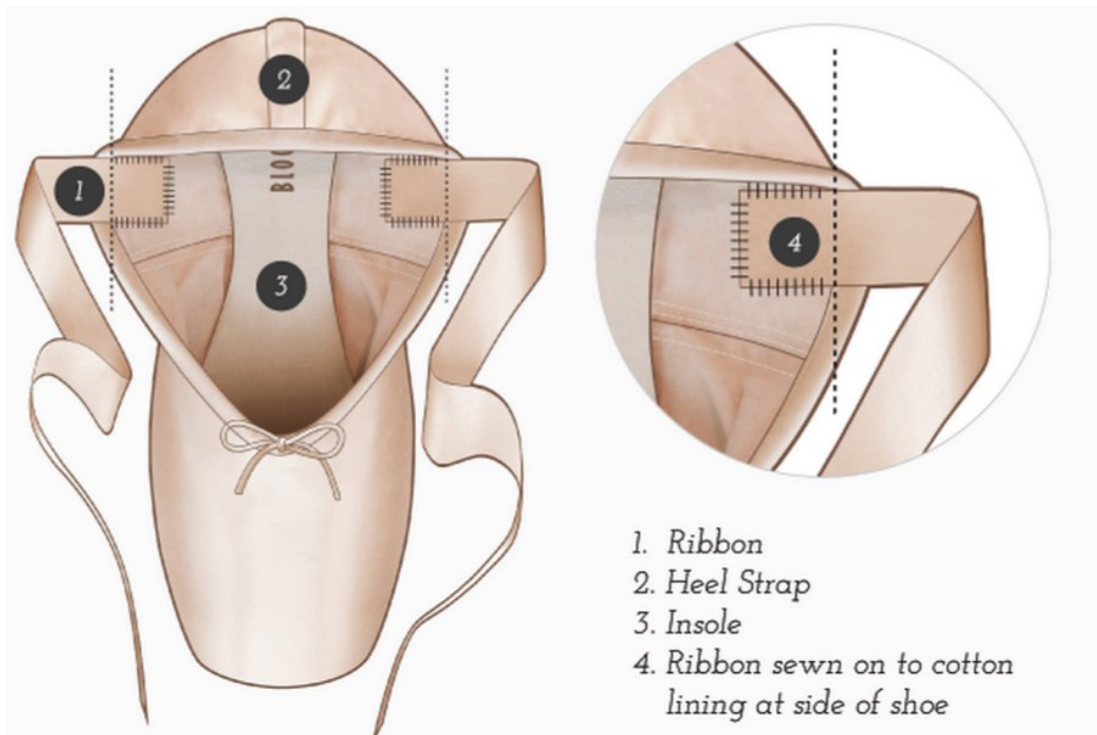
Canvas Hybrid Sole



NEW

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Stretch Canvas Hybrid Sole



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

KHSD P&F

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For concert photos.

The P&F would like to welcome all students to 2025, those returning and those here for the first time. We have another big year planned to help support all the students, so make sure you keep your eyes out for upcoming events, starting with the Easter Chocolate fundraiser.

We are planning a few new events for the year, but the usual favourites (The Disco and Sleepover) will be back so stay tuned for the dates!

Already ordered?

2024 Concert USB will be available from the Office soon

The next P&F meeting is scheduled for **Saturday 5th April** at midday, all are welcome to come and join in.

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

