



**Central School of Dance
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Introduction to Baby Ballerinas & Co

Baby Ballerinas & Co is a unique Pre-School Dance Program designed by Karen Barker-Rogers, Australian Ballet School graduate, with many years experience as an international professional dancer, a ballet teacher and adjudicator. After juggling working, teaching and raising two children, Miss Karen realised the need to cater for Pre-School children and families of this new, often time poor, generation. Miss Karen's Program is especially designed to expand each child's individual creativity and artistic abilities.

Baby Ballerinas & Co guide 3 to 5 year olds through creative imagery and role-play rather than the technical approach traditionally associated with ballet. It develops an appreciation of rhythm and timing, music, movement and grace during the most receptive time in their lives. This Program also develops gross motor skills, stimulates social interaction and ability to follow instruction and, gain confidence to take that first step on stage!

Baby Jazz and Baby Tap, ages 3 to 5 years, is a popular alternative dance forms offered in this program. Ideal class for boys and girls, with a higher energy impact.

Miss Karen's teaching is unique, combining her ballet experience and love for children with a specific aim to enhance the enjoyment of movement, dance and music at an early age.

Operating Principles:

- Develop a child's gross motor skills and stimulate a social involvement with music and dance.
- Expand the student's own individual creativity and artistic abilities.
- Assure students achieve a sense of rhythm and expression.
- Create an appreciation of dance and music, which will remain with the student always.
- To develop a technical classical ballet base that will provide a solid platform for future growth.

The children learn in the **Baby Ballerinas & Co** program between the ages of 3 to 5 years. At 5 years of age they Graduate and receive a Certificate. When the children start "big school" or Primary School they then go into the "Grades" at the Central School of Dance operating from 5 years of age. Our Tap program starts at 5 years of age. Each class is 45 minutes long and the majority of baby classes are in the morning, except one on a Wednesday afternoon.

The Teaching Practices of Baby Ballerinas:

Parents can watch the baby classes (sorry siblings must be quiet, please).	Morning classes for Baby Ballet, Baby Jazz.
Positive use of imagery & weekly themes.	Introduction to a wide range of classical music.
Eisteddfods are by request only.	A morning or afternoon end of year concert of 3 hours only. A commitment to this concert is confirmed at the beginning of term 3. All babies receive a trophy for participation in the concert.
Baby Ballerinas wear pink tu-tus for all classes. All uniforms are available at the studio.	For the babies a Certificate of Merit each term. A laminated certificate with photo is given for graduating students at 5 years of age.

Fees: \$130 per student per term* paid prior to week two of term. [tuition fee of \$110 per term and \$20 studio levy] multiple class discounts available. NB: * the advertised term fees include an early payment discount.

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