

DANCE NORTHSIDE NEWSLETTER

Term 1, 2026

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Celebrating 20 years!





Welcome to Term 1 at Dance Northside!

We are so excited to be back in the studio for our 20th Year! Read on to hear some exciting updates about how our concerts will work this year and awesome community events we have planned for Term 1.

And if you are new to Dance Northside, welcome to the community. We're so glad you're here!



20 Years of Dance Northside



2026 marks the 20th Anniversary of Dance Northside!

In 2007 our Director Holly, founded Dance Northside. 23 years old, fresh out of a University Dance Degree and full of beans. From the beginning Holly had one clear mission. To create a space where children and adults can discover (or rediscover) the joy of dance and movement, in a space free of objectification, unrealistic perfectionism, competitive pressure or an expectation to look or 'be' a certain way and. Her focus was and always will be on recreational dance delivered in a safe age appropriate way, alongside real-life community connection.

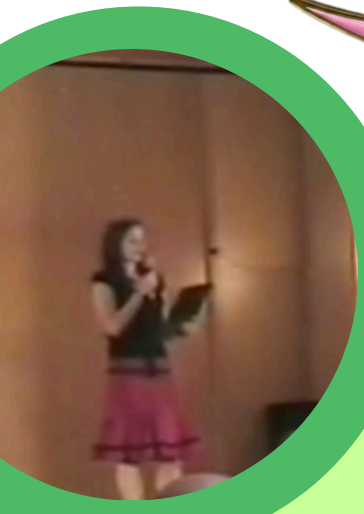
From a solo operator with 9 classes a week and about 50 students, to 39 classes per week around 350 students and an amazing team of 12 leadership staff and teachers. Dance Northside has gone from strength to strength.

Holly is incredibly proud of Dance Northside and credits the Community and her Team for the thriving studio it is today, all while staying true to her original values.

Dance Northside is closely linked to Holly's personal relationship with dance. If your interested you can read more about that here <https://dancenorthside.com/our-team>

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Concerts in 2026

In the spirit of inclusivity and Celebration...

All Dance Northside students from Minis to Adults and all Acrodance classes, will have the opportunity to take the stage and perform in our theatre show at the Canberra Theatre on Saturday 4th July!

AND, our minis will still get their own special minis concert at the end of the year too! It's a great year to be a mini at Dance Northside!

It's important to note that all performance opportunities at Dance Northside are optional, and you can still dance with us in term 2 if performing isn't your thing.

Mid year Concert at the Canberra Theatre (All Students!)

Saturday the 4th of July

*Adults Zumba is off the hook and won't be performing.

Minis Concert on the Stage at Dance Northside

Sunday 13th December



THE DANCE NORTHSIDE PERFORMANCE EXPERIENCE



Unique, accessible and FUN!

Positive Experience



We mindfully curate joyful, confidence-building performances and performance preparation experiences .

Age-Appropriate Standards



Music, choreography, costumes, and hairstyles are always age-appropriate; makeup is optional.

Stress-Free Sustainable Costumes



No sewing or huge expense for a wear once costume required, you pay a small costume fee and provide basics, we organise the rest with both new costumes and reimaged costumes from previous years.

Accessible



Sensory sensitivities are asked about ahead of time and respected. Costumes can be adapted to suit the needs of the individual. Make up is optional and hairstyles are simple. Headphones are welcome on stage and a dedicated quiet space is set up at the theatre.

Convenient Scheduling and Manageable

Commitment



All rehearsals take place during regular class times. Our performance seasons are short and do not involve late nights for students or parents.

Clear Communication



We have a dedicated Concert Website. Everything you need to know in one place, and easy to find the information relevant to you.

TERM 1 COMMUNITY EVENTS

There's lots happening at the studio this term!
We love putting on fun events for our community.



MINIS DANCE PARTY

Who: Dancers aged 4 - 5 years. Current, new, visiting, and returning students all welcome!

What: A dance party, with plenty of fun to be had, games to be played, canteen snacks to be enjoyed and friends to be made!

When: Saturday 14th February, 2pm - 3pm

Where: Dance Northside studio, Kaleen Community Hall

How much: \$10, plus bring cash to purchase snacks at the canteen

BOOK NOW: <https://www.trybooking.com/DIGDO>



KIDS KPOP DEMON HUNTERS DANCE PARTY

Who: Dancers aged 6 - 8 years. Current, new, visiting, and returning students all welcome!

What: A dress up dance party, including hair braiding and face glitter (for those who would like it) canteen snacks to be enjoyed and new friends to be made!

When: Saturday 14th February, 3:30pm - 5pm

Where: Dance Northside studio, Kaleen Community Hall

How much: \$15, plus bring cash to purchase snacks at the canteen

BOOK NOW: <https://www.trybooking.com/DIQYD>



LIGHTS, CAMERA, DISCO!

9+ yrs

Who: Dancers aged 9+ years. Current, new, visiting, and returning students all welcome!

What: A red carpet themed disco. Expect a red carpet on arrival! Dancers are welcome to come dressed up, and we'll also have fun dress-ups available on the night so everyone can get involved.

There'll be plenty of time to take photos with friends at our *photo station, with images shared after the event via a private QR code gallery so party goers can enjoy lasting memories!

When: Friday 13th March, 4:30pm - 5:30pm

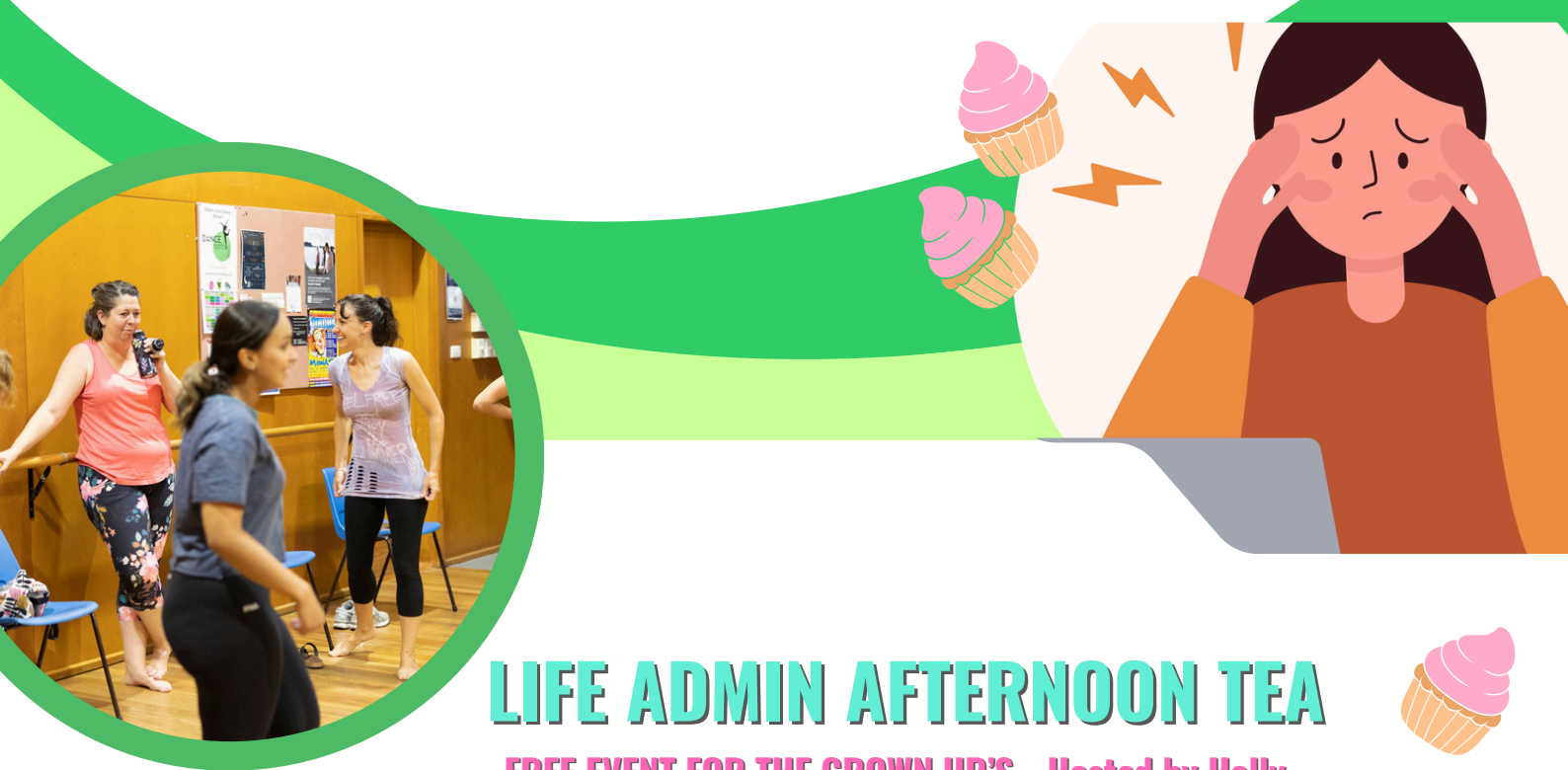
Where: Dance Northside studio, Kaleen Community Hall

How much: \$15, plus bring cash to purchase snacks at the canteen

BOOK NOW: <https://www.trybooking.com/DIQZQ>

*Images taken are accessible only to event families only. All images will be taken with the Dance Northside device by a trusted staff member, deleted from the device after the event and any no photo students attending will not be photographed.

All our events are hosted by Dance Northside's dedicated Dance Step and Events Coordinator Neve, experienced current staff members and our team of Dance Steppers only.



LIFE ADMIN AFTERNOON TEA

FREE EVENT FOR THE GROWN UP'S - Hosted by Holly

Who: Anyone aged 18+ -- ALL WELCOME!

Where: Dance Northside studio, Kaleen Community Hall

What: Life Admin Afternoon Tea is a relaxed, supportive and free event for adults to come together, connect, and collectively lighten the mental load we're all carrying. We know time is precious, so this is about doing life admin together (or alone if that's your vibe).

We can share knowledge, ask questions, and finally tick off those things that keep sitting on your to-do list.

You're just as welcome to share knowledge and help others, as you are to sit in the corner with your headphones on while eating cake and get things done, or simply lying on the floor and having a rest!

Come as you are!

Who: This FREE event is open to all adults with students enrolled at Dance Northside, as well as all adult students. If you're able, please bring a small plate to share. Come as you are, stay as long as you can, and leave feeling a little more supported — and a little less stuck in overwhelm.

BOOK NOW: <https://www.trybooking.com/DJFYB>



Communication Rhythms



Stay in the loop without a cluttered inbox. Here's how we communicate at Dance Northside. Clear, predictable and no unnecessary emails!

Weekly Mail – you receive one email from us each week on a Monday during term time, with relevant reminders and updates.

Term Newsletter – What you're reading right now! One newsletter per term, with all the upcoming events and information for the term all in one place. Sent in week 2 each term, and uploaded to the website for you to refer back to.

Concert Website – we create a dedicated concert website for both our Annual Showcase and our Minis Concert each year. This keeps all concert information in one place and keeps your inbox clear.

Office Team Onsite – there is always a dedicated staff member in the office (or the costume room!) during studio operational hours to help with any questions you have.

Band App – used primarily during concert term, it's a private platform we upload class practice videos to, so dancers can practice at home (if they want to) this is a closed platform with access provided only to current class members

The BAND app is available on the App store and Google Play.

Please join our studio wide BAND here – <https://band.us/n/aca2Aci248EdC>

In the studio wide BAND you will find links to join your class BAND. Parents, carers and students are welcome to join (we have set it up with extra privacy settings suitable for kids under 13 years of age). If you have any questions about BAND, please email admin@dancenorthside.com.



New Classes In 2026

To accommodate demand we have added two additional Hip Hop classes and one Advanced Acrodance class in 2026!

- **Open Hip Hop Tuesday 6pm-7pm**
- **Kids Hip Hop Saturday 12:20pm-1:20pm**
- **Extension Acrodance Thursday 5pm-6pm**



2026 Leadership Team

As you may have heard, our wonderful new leadership team is stepping eagerly into term 1, ready to uplift the studio enthusiasm!

- **Holly Diggle** — continuing as our passionate and dedicated **Studio Director, Owner & Founder**
- **Maddi Forner** — joining the leadership team as our **Studio Coordinator**
- **Issy Tournier** — joining the leadership team as our new **Performance Team Coordinator**
- **Neve O'Byrne** — continuing as **DanceStep Coordinator**, and taking on the additional role of **Events Coordinator**
- **Cara Martin** — continuing in the leadership team but as our **Creative Collaborator** for the Dance Northside 2026 concert

<https://dancenorthside.com>



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