

**SYDNEY DANCE COMPANY  
NEW YOUTH TERM CLASSES  
FOR SCHOOL GRADES 3 TO 12  
REGISTRATIONS NOW OPEN  
EIGHT-WEEK PROGRAMS COMMENCE MAY 2016**



**Sydney Dance Company is excited to announce a new program of Youth Term Classes for dancers in school Grades 3 to 12, to be held in the Company's purpose-built dance studios in Walsh Bay, Sydney, commencing the first week of May 2016.**

Presented as part of the Company's extensive national education operation the Youth Term Classes provide a unique opportunity for Sydney based dance students to develop confidence and self-enquiry and celebrate their own individual creativity in a non-competitive environment.

Led by teachers including awarded Australian choreographer/dancers Dean Walsh and Kay Armstrong, the eight-week program will cover:

- Contemporary dance techniques
- Improvisation
- Collaborating in a creative environment
- Choreographic task work

Designed to enhance and complement participants' existing dance class training the new Youth Term Classes are an introduction to the philosophies underpinning Sydney Dance Company's Pre-Professional Year program.

Renowned dancer and dance educator Linda Gamblin, Course Director of the Pre-Professional Year Program says, "I am excited to welcome the young dancers of our Youth Term Classes and introduce them to the ideas and techniques we practice each day here in Sydney Dance Company's Pre-Professional Year. Our ambition to explore every aspect of our art form gives growth to exceptional well-rounded dancers and individuals. Technique is just the beginning. By working with the mind and the body, embracing individuality and encouraging uniqueness, the rewards for the participant and the observer are endless."

Registrations are NOW OPEN for the inaugural program of Sydney Dance Company Youth Term Classes, commencing the first week of May 2016.

Classes are open for all and will develop and extend any dancer's current skill level.

The program will cater for different age groupings across the week - Grade 3 and 4 students on Monday afternoons; Grade 5 and 6 students on Tuesdays; Grade 7, 8 and 9 students on Wednesdays, and Grades 10, 11 and 12 on Saturday mornings.

All weekday classes are 1 hour 15 minutes, and Saturday morning classes are 1 hour 30 minutes, with a maximum of 26 dancers in each class.

Costs are \$240 per student per term for weekday classes; \$285 per student per term for Saturday mornings.

Enrol now at [www.sydneydancecompany.com/classes-and-courses/youth-term-classes/](http://www.sydneydancecompany.com/classes-and-courses/youth-term-classes/).

For more information contact Sydney Dance Company Studios on 02 9258 4818, or email [sdcsdc@sydneydancecompany.com](mailto:sdcsdc@sydneydancecompany.com).

Discover Sydney Dance Company's full classes and courses program at <http://www.sydneydancecompany.com/classes-and-courses/>. Follow @SydneyDanceCo, #SDCStudios.

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Image: Youth workshop. Photo by Cynthia Sciberras.

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## **ABOUT SYDNEY DANCE COMPANY**

Sydney Dance Company is Australia's leading contemporary dance company, presenting new works in Sydney, around Australia and internationally, under the Artistic Direction of Rafael Bonachela. Since 1985 the Company has been resident in purpose-built studios at Pier 4 in Sydney's Walsh Bay, minutes from the city's famed Harbour Bridge. Its studios house the largest public dance class program in Australia, attracting nearly 80,000 participants each year. In addition, Sydney Dance Company delivers school holiday workshops for young people and the DancED program also reaches more than 6,500 primary and secondary students across Australia through matinee performances and in-school workshops. A legendary force in contemporary dance in Australia, Sydney Dance Company will celebrate its 50th year in 2019.

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**Sydney Dance Company  
NEW Youth Term Classes**

**Term 2 Timetable**

**WEEKDAYS**

**School Grades 3 and 4  
Studio 4**

**\$240 – 8 weeks**

Monday 2 May	4.45pm-6.00pm
Monday 9 May	4.45pm-6.00pm
Monday 23 May	4.45pm-6.00pm
Monday 30 May	4.45pm-6.00pm
Monday 6 June	4.45pm-6.00pm
Monday 13 June	4.45pm-6.00pm
Monday 20 June	4.45pm-6.00pm
Monday 27 June	4.45pm-6.00pm

*\*No class 16 May due to Sydney Writers' Festival*

**School Grades 5 and 6  
Studio 4**

**\$240 – 8 weeks**

Tuesday 3 May	4.45pm-6.00pm
Tuesday 10 May	4.45pm-6.00pm
Tuesday 24 May	4.45pm-6.00pm
Tuesday 31 May	4.45pm-6.00pm
Tuesday 7 June	4.45pm-6.00pm
Tuesday 14 June	4.45pm-6.00pm
Tuesday 21 June	4.45pm-6.00pm
Tuesday 28 June	4.45pm-6.00pm

*\*No class 17 May due to Sydney Writers' Festival*

**School Grades 7,8,9  
Studio 4**

**\$240 – 8 weeks**

Wednesday 4 May	4.45pm-6.00pm
Wednesday 11 May	4.45pm-6.00pm
Wednesday 25 May	4.45pm-6.00pm
Wednesday 1 June	4.45pm-6.00pm
Wednesday 8 June	4.45pm-6.00pm
Wednesday 15 June	4.45pm-6.00pm
Wednesday 22 June	4.45pm-6.00pm
Wednesday 29 June	4.45pm-6.00pm

*\*No class 18 May due to Sydney Writers' Festival*

**SATURDAYS**

**School Grades 10,11,12  
Studio 4**

**\$285 – 8 weeks**

Saturday 30 April	8.30am-10.00am
Saturday 7 May	8.30am-10.00am
Saturday 14 May	8.30am-10.00am
Saturday 28 May	8.30am-10.00am
Saturday 4 June	8.30am-10.00am
Saturday 11 June	8.30am-10.00am
Saturday 18 June	8.30am-10.00am
Saturday 25 June	8.30am-10.00am

*\*No class 21 May due to Sydney Writers' Festival*