

Our values

Student centred: Our students are the most important element of our program. Their education, training and health is the focus of what we do.

Professionalism and Excellence: We are committed to ensuring that all our training is maintained at the highest standards possible.

Nurturing Environment: Through constructive encouragement we will promote self-belief and fulfillment.

Mutual Support and Respect: We foster in our students respect for the physical, social and intellectual abilities of others.

Pursuing Academic Education: We ensure that our students achieve a solid academic education which will enable them to support their careers in dance and have opportunities beyond ballet.

Promoting Health and Wellbeing: The physical and mental health of our students is paramount, strong bodies and minds are essential for their growth as dancers and as well-adjusted members of society.

Realising Potential: All students are assisted and encouraged to reach their maximum potential.

Enrichment of Life: By developing a passion for dance our students thereby enhance the quality and value of their lives and by doing so enrich the greater community.

SCHOOL LOCATION & FACILITIES

The program is delivered from purpose-built facilities in Burswood. We have four dance studios and two classrooms.

ENTRY TO YBWA : HOW TO APPLY

The program will be aimed at young people aged from 8-18 years. Class intake for each year will be limited so that students receive individual tuition to meet their specific level and ability.

Entry to the programs is by audition.

SCHOLARSHIPS

Part or full time scholarships are available at the discretion of the YBWA Board

SUPPORT US

Our programs to train and nurture future WA dancers would not be possible without our donors and supporters. Our teaching, international consultant program and scholarships are reliant on individual donors and corporate partnerships. As a registered charity all donations are tax deductible.

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YOUTH BALLET WA
Pre-Professional Ballet School

TRAINING AND CAREER PATHWAYS

Foundation Years

Ages 8-10 years, 8-10 hours per week
A program designed to prepare the young body for the full-time Pre-Professional Program

Junior & Senior Program

Ages 11-18 years, 14 hours per week
A professionally based after school program focusing on some of the elements of the Pre-Professional Program

Pre-Professional Ballet Program

Ages 11-18 years, full-time
This program is designed to nurture and develop the young dancer and enable them to achieve a career in dance. The program will include Classical Ballet, Pas de Deux, Variations, Repertoire, Pointe Work, Contemporary, Improvisation, Spanish and Character Dance, Music, Theory and Performance. Classical Ballet will make up the major component of the courses studied and will use the Vaganova method of training which is considered the finest syllabus for classical ballet.

Our curriculum concentrates on technique and skills development. We are also mindful of the young dancers' fitness to dance and our program includes strength and conditioning classes as well as Pilates.

Academic Program

Many senior students will undertake Year 11 and 12 ATAR studies whilst simultaneously completing the Pre-Professional Program, enabling them to graduate with a West Australian Certificate of Education, ATAR completion and university eligibility.

“OUR FOCUS IS THE JOY OF DANCE AND THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE YOUNG DANCER AS AN ARTIST. WE SELECT YOUNG DANCERS WHO ARE PASSIONATE ABOUT DEVELOPING A PROFESSIONAL CAREER IN DANCE. OUR COMMITMENT IS TO GUIDE THEM SAFELY THROUGH THEIR JOURNEY WITH US.”



WHAT WE OFFER OUR STUDENTS

- Graduate from YBWA Pre-Professional Dance program career ready.
- Access high-quality performance opportunities at large venues.
- Benefit from international exposure at European ballet schools and companies.
- Participate in exclusive masterclasses lead by internationally recognized coaches, teachers and choreographers.
- Gain academic qualifications that provide pathways to broader opportunities.