



Enrolment Info 2025

'Learn the correct dance &
Acrobatic Arts techniques and have FUN!'

Please find enclosed all relevant information for Enrolment 2025.

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Welcome to First Pointe!



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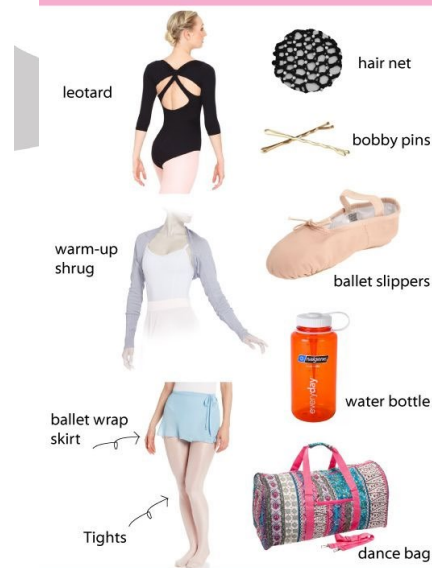
What to bring to dance class?

First Pointe has no set expensive dance uniforms! Students are required to bring along a water bottle to class and wear a dance outfit that they are comfortable to move in & covered in shoes if they don't have ballet or jazz shoes. Highly recommend dance wear outfits at affordable prices can be purchased from Best & Less or Target. Dance Shoes can be correctly fitted & purchased from dance wear shops along the Sunshine Coast.

How to start up?

NEW student's first class is a **FREE** trial class!! Students can then enrol with First Pointe for the remainder of the year. To enrol with First Pointe you simply need to fill out the enrolment form on First Pointe's website www.firstpointe.com.au

1st Ballet Class things to prepare



Contact Details for Principal Miss Laura

Phone: 0435 079 108

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Please contact only during normal business hours, being Monday to Friday 9am-5.30pm. Please note that Miss Laura is not able to respond to phone calls or text messages during teaching or on weekends. Lessons are normally held after 3:30pm on week days and on Saturday mornings. Queries outside of business hours should be sent by email and Miss Laura will get back to you as soon as possible.

Enrolment Fee:

The annual non-refundable enrolment fee of \$30 per child (or \$15 for every additional child of same family) is required at enrolment. The enrolment fee is to cover insurance & administration costs etc. Once students have enrolled online (www.firstpointe.com.au) under the tab 'Enrolments' parents will receive an invoice via email with the enrolment fee and term fees.

Term Invoices

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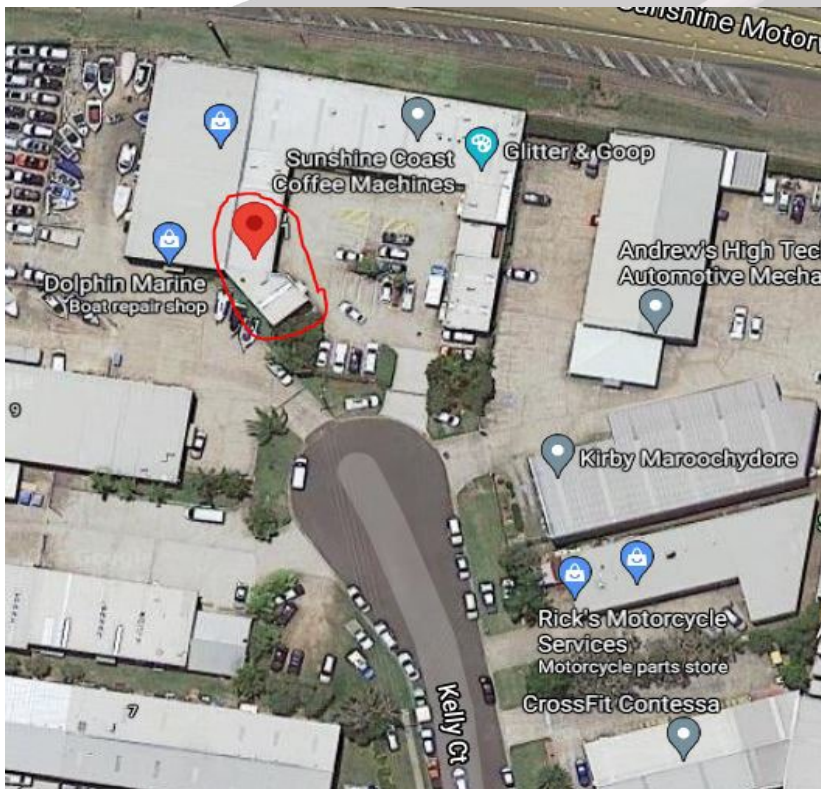
Studio Venues

Mondays North Shore Community Centre Mudjimba (NSCC) Lovely building, with beautiful wooden floors, high ceilings & air con!
Address: 701 David Low Way Mudjimba



Tuesdays 'Hire my studio' Dance studio with sprung floors, high ceilings, aircon and AirTrack ballet barres!

Address: 1/12 Kelly Court Buderim

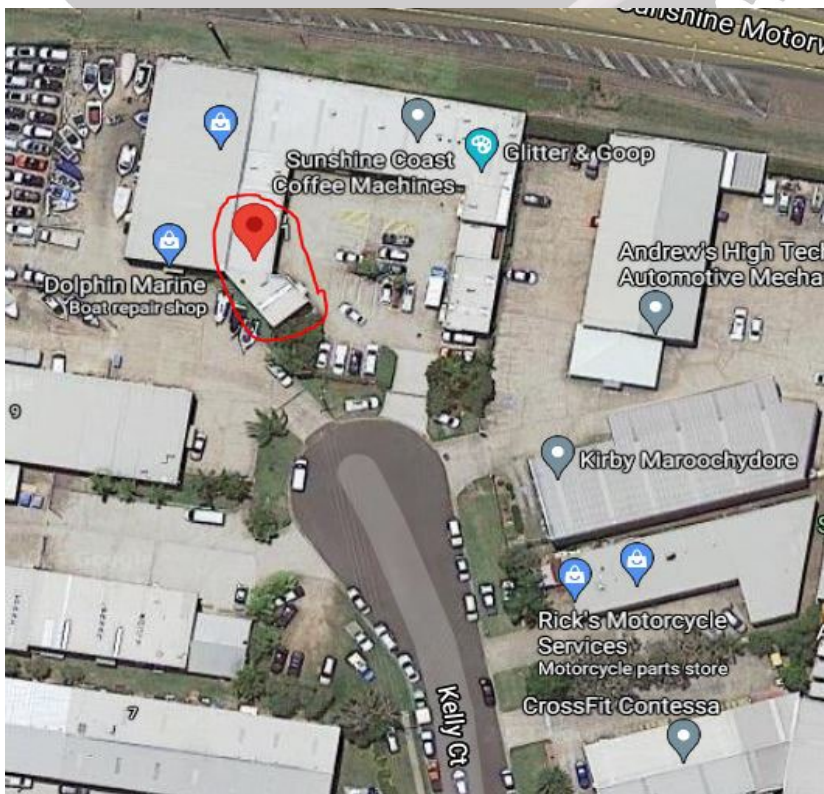


Wednesdays Maroochydore Masonic Centre Lovely huge studio with wooden floors, high ceiling and aircon! Address: 211 Main Road Maroochydore.



Thursdays 'Hire my studio' Dance studio with sprung floors, high ceilings, aircon and AirTrack & ballet barres!

Address: 1/12 Kelly Court Buderim





ABOUT OUR STUDIO

First Pointe caters for Tiny Pointers (ages 2yrs-5yrs) to Pre-Professional in Classical Ballet, Jazz, Hip Hop, Acrobatics, Contemporary & Tap classes. Students will benefit from professional tutoring and have fun at dancing with no pressure of exams or competitions.

First Pointe welcomes all students into a relaxed, fun and safe environment specially designed for their particular age, needs and abilities. Our studio provides classes that have been developed to make dance a fun experience that will have a lifelong impact on students.

Uniforms: First Pointe has NO expensive uniforms to purchase! Students can wear Any Colours, Any Styles! Please ensure that students are able to move easily in outfits and are able to dance without feeling uncomfortable or showing underwear. Costumes will be required for certain performances during the year with Miss Laura keeping costume costs to the lowest budget possible.

First Pointe's 9th year on the Sunshine Coast we are offering the below exciting promos.....

1: 'Receive 10% OFF your 2nd class!'

(*Example: enrolling in both the Monday Junior Pointers class & Wednesday Junior Pointers class during Term 1)
&

2: 'Bring along a friend to join in your dance class & you will receive a FREE dance class!!!'

Terms and Conditions of 'Receive 10% off your 2nd class' offer.

1. Student must enrol in two different style dance classes & continue in both classes for the remainder of the term.
2. This does not include siblings, only 1 student attending 2 different style classes for a term.
3. The 2nd class students attend must be the student's correct age group, example not tiny pointers class (2-4yrs) & junior pointers class (5-8yrs).
4. The 10% discount is for the equal or lesser value class. Example: A senior student attending both the Monday Hip hop & Acro 45mins class and Thursday Senior Contemporary & Acro 1hr 15 mins class, the Monday Hip hop & Acro 45mins class receives the 10% discount.

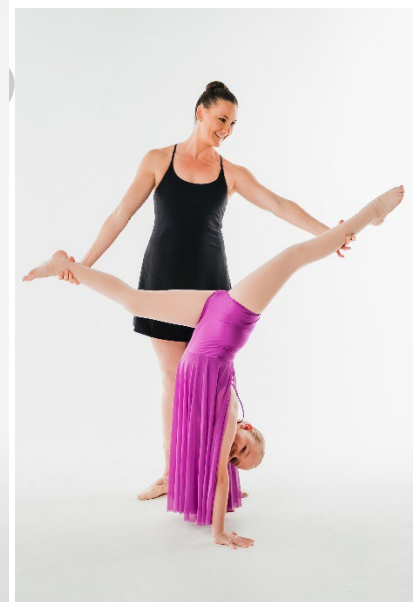
Terms and Conditions of 'Bring a friend' offer.

1. A student is limited to a maximum of six (6) free classes as a result of this promotion.
2. The friend must not be an existing or previous First Pointe student.
3. The friend must join in and participate in the class for the student to be eligible for this promotion.
4. The student may be an existing First Pointe student or a new student who has invited a friend to accompany them to their first class.

First Pointe Classes



Classes	Age & approx. length of classes
Tiny Pointers	2 - 4yrs 30 minutes
Junior Pointers	5 - 8yrs (Prep – grade 3) 45 minutes
Intermediate Pointers	9 - 13yrs 45mins – 1hr
Senior Pointers	14 - 18yrs 1hr – 1hr 30mins





Tiny Pointers A fun start to the dance world! It's a chance

for your child to learn about musicality, co-ordination, be imaginative and build confidence. Includes warm up and centre fun. Each Term Tiny Pointers classes will have a new theme! Example: Going to the Zoo, Circus, Under the Sea, Let's Dance theme. Throughout the class students will learn new steps and dance routines based upon the theme. Students will be not only be educated but use their imagination through the movement of dance, use their fine & gross motor skills and have FUN!

Junior Pointers

Combination of Ballet and Jazz & more styles in the one class! Great way to recognise the different varieties of Dance & build on progress and knowledge of many dance styles. Includes warm up, Ballet Steps: learning Ballet positions, Jazz: Isolations, fun steps & routines.

Classical Ballet Teaches discipline, poise and beauty. Ballet is a great way to build strength, learn the correct technique, posture and musicality. Student's ballet classes will be set to a high professional level. And very exciting, First Pointe students will have the privilege of learning Repertoire from the real Ballets! Example: The Sugarplum Fairy Variation from the Nutcracker, Act III Kitri Variation from the Ballet Don Quixote and Blue Bird variation from The Sleeping Beauty.

Jazz technique classes A fun way to get fit and learn different styles of Jazz. Great for flexibility, strength, stamina and musicality.

Students will be taught how to stretch properly and learn the correct way to leg mount, do jazz kicks, pirouettes, leaps and more jazz technique moves!



Contemporary

A mixture of Ballet and jazz movements. Requires students to express themselves through diverse lyrical movements. It is a fun way to explore new steps and boundaries.

Acrobatics

NEW to 2020 Acrobatic Arts training methods!! Learn impressive tricks, improve on flexibility, strength and control and learn helpful tips to advance your flips, cartwheel & partner lifts!

Hip Hop classes

Hip Hop students will learn cool funky Hip Hop routines to some of the latest music! Learning the Hip Hop routines will help improve student's memories and also build confidence!

New in 2024 CHEERDANCE & ACRO

Students get to learn cheerleading skills and acrobatics methods on the AirTrack by our newest cheer coach Miss Emma!

Adult/Senior Adult Dance classes

A relaxed atmosphere and fun way of keeping fit! Dance styles include Ballet, Jazz/cabaret Beginners to Advanced Tap!

Combination classes!

Throughout each term Combination classes give students the opportunity to also learn Hip Hop routines, and acrobatic tricks as well as the set ballet & jazz training exercises.



Performance Troupers! For the past 6 years students involved in the First Pointe Performance Troupe have had the amazing opportunity to perform their stunning Dance Shows at more than 5 public events over the Sunshine Coast throughout the year! Miss Laura encourages all students to be involved as it builds confidence, expands performing experience to live audiences, to be a part of a loyal performing team, and is heaps of FUN!



Laura Kasauskas Principal – A.R.A.D. Adv 2 RAD. Bachelor of Arts (Honours) Degree in Professional Dance & Performance Studies, Diploma in Professional Dance & Performance Studies, GNVQ Performing Arts, blue card.

Laura started dancing at the age of 2 at Theatre Arts Mackay, local dance school. She competed in Dance Eisteddfods (Competitions) up and down the Queensland coast from aged 7yrs up to 13yrs and was a multiple award winner.

In 2002 she was accepted into the Australian Ballet Junior Ballet Programme and was also a successful Runner up Candidate in the Royal Academy of Dance North Queensland Bursary. Her dancing talents took her over to the United Kingdom where she was accepted into the Royal Ballet Senior Associate Programme and she also danced with the Southern Youth Ballet Company and performed as a Soloist in The Nutcracker and Coppelia, three act Ballets. At age 16 she became a full time dance student at Central School of Ballet in London. The 3 year intense course trained in Classical Ballet, Pas de deux (Partner work), Contemporary: Martha Graham and Merce Cunningham, Repertoire from Royal Ballet Company, Jazz, Dalcroze Eurhythmics, Music, Spanish Dancing, Choreography, A Level Dance, Pilates and Singing. In 2007 she received her Diploma in Professional Dance and Performance Studies after 2 years studying at Central School of Ballet. Laura also ventured over to the Czech Republic in Prague in 2007 for the International Ballet Masterclasses Workshop with Principal Dancers as Tutors such as Daria Klimentova: Prima Ballerina of English National Ballet, Maina Gielgud: 20 years of experience being a professional dancer and Artistic Director of several ballet companies all over the world, Sofiane Sylve: Prima Ballerina with New York City Ballet and Dutch National Ballet Company and many more international renowned dancers.

In 2008 Laura received her Bachelor of Arts Honours Degree in Professional Dance and Performance Studies and toured with Ballet Central Company to 22 different theatres in Great Britain performing Repertoire such as The Arabian Dance, Waltz of the Flowers & Dance of the Mirlitons from The Nutcracker, Bluebird Pas de deux from Sleeping Beauty, 'Capriole Suite' Choreographed by Christopher Hampton and 'Excerpt' from Choice choreographed by Russel Maliphant.

Late 2008 Laura moved back home to Mackay and discovered her passion for teaching and sharing her knowledge of dance with students. For three years Laura taught dance to students aged 2yrs to 17yrs at a local Mackay Dance School. There she taught students Royal Academy of Dance Ballet Syllabus Pre Primary up to Advanced 2, C.S.T.D Modern Jazz Exam, Tap and Contemporary. During this time Laura also attended an RAD Workshop with one of Laura's earliest Ballerina idols, Vicki Attard-former Principal of Australian Ballet Company.

At the beginning of 2012 Laura became the Ballet Teacher & Ballet Examiner at Central Queensland University Conservatorium of Music and at the start of 2013 she started up her own Dance School in Mackay named First Pointe Dance Academy. As the Principal of First Pointe Dance Academy Laura taught & entered her senior student through RAD Advanced Ballet Syllabus examinations and entered her senior & junior students in C.S.T.D Jazz & Tap examinations, in which all students received top results. She choreographed solos for students & entered them in QLD Eisteddfods with all students receiving high awards, and one of her senior students was accepted in the Queensland Ballet School of Excellence Programme.

In 2015 Laura and her husband moved to the Sunshine Coast and Laura re commenced teaching under the name First Pointe. Laura currently teaches a wider age range from 2yrs – 101yrs in; Classical Ballet, Jazz, Tap, Hip Hop, Acrobatics, Contemporary Dance, Adult Ballet, Jazz/Cabaret, Seniors Advanced Tap, and Chair Tap for aged care. First Pointe also has a small group of students that are the 'Performance Troupe' in which students perform Dance Shows at public events throughout the year. Laura created First Pointe with the purpose of welcoming all students of all ages, into a relaxed, fun and safe environment especially tailored for their age, needs and abilities. Laura has developed all classes as a fun dance experience that she strongly believes will have a lifelong impact on each student.



Terms and Conditions of Enrolment

- Please ensure that your child is punctual to all classes & dressed appropriately
- All students are required to bring a drink bottle to all classes
- If you require a moment to speak to the class teacher, please do so before or after the class, not during.
- All enquires, or problems should be directed to Miss Laura (Principal), in writing or by approaching Miss Laura immediately.
- To be respectful & allow students to dance to their full ability by keeping full attention during their dance class, all parents are required to wait outside the studio while dance lessons are in process. Please note First Pointe holds a watching week at the end of every term for parents to sit in the studio and watch student's dance in class.
- Student's hair should be tied in a way that doesn't interfere with dancing.
- No Jewellery, watches or large earrings should be worn into class at any time
- Appropriate shoes must be worn to all classes.
- **YOU ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR YOUR CHILD/CHILDREN OUTSIDE OF CLASS TIME. Tiny Pointers and Junior Pointers (ages 2-8yrs) parents are advised while they are waiting outside the studio, they will still be responsible for students, and will need to be present when the child leaves the studio for a scheduled drink break or for any other reason.**
- DUTY OF CARE – All care is taken to provide a safe dancing environment, but no responsibility is accepted for accidents/injuries incurred in the studio or at concert and other performances.
- Students Dance at their own risk. – Release and Waiver forms must be signed before enrolment can be accepted.
- Warnings may be issued in writing to any students or parents found to be interfering with the safety, enjoyment or productivity of dance classes. If a student receives three warnings, they may be asked to leave the school.



Enrolment fee & class fees

Enrolment

To enrol with First Pointe you simply need to fill out the enrolment form on First Pointe's website www.firstpointe.com.au under the tab 'Enrolments'. After your enrolment form has been submitted you will receive the student enrolment fee and term invoice via email. PLEASE NOTE THAT PAYMENT OF ENROLMENT FEE IS REQUIRED TO SECURE YOUR CHILD/CHILDREN'S PLACE IN THE CLASS. If you don't receive your invoice within a few business days, please check your junk inbox or email Principal Miss Laura firstpointedance@gmail.com.

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Class Fees 2024 (including GST):

30 minute class = \$15.50

45 minute class = \$18.50

1 hour class = \$21.50

1hr 30minutes = \$30.50

Approximate Fees per term (Please note this is an example of one 30 mins class only).

Term running for 10 weeks = \$150.50

Private lesson fees: \$75 per hour, 45 mins \$60, 30mins \$45



Term Invoices & Enrolment Conditions

Term Invoices

As stated above: In 2023 Term invoices will be sent via quick books program during the school holidays and full-term payments must be made before the beginning of each term. Invoices will appear in your email inbox under 'invoice number XXXX from First Pointe'. If invoices haven't been received after students' online enrolment, please check your spam inbox or notify Miss Laura immediately. Term fees must be paid by the due date stated on the invoice, example: Term 1 payments are due before Monday 23rd of January. If the total fee stated on the invoice is not paid by the due date, students will not be permitted to attend dance classes until the full amount has been paid.

Late charges

Please note that First Pointe has unfortunately been forced to introduce a late charge in 2017. Any payments not received by the due date stated on the invoice will incur a late charge of \$20.00. An additional \$20.00 late charge will be added for every month that payment is overdue.

Example: If an invoice due date is 16th of March, and payment has not been received by COB 16th of March, a \$20.00 late charge will be added to the invoice on 17th March. If payment has still not been received by 16th April another \$20.00 late charge will be added on 17th April, etc.

IMPORTANT Term fee & Enrolment Conditions

At First Pointe we love being able to offer the best value dance classes on the Sunshine Coast, but to make this happen it means there is only a very small margin between incoming class fees and the basic costs we must pay for hall hire, music and administration fees. It can take just one or two unpaid invoices before classes are no longer viable. Term payments made by due date are most appreciated. Your payments keep the halls hired and the music playing!

Payment is kindly preferred by direct banking deposits however Pay Pal, EFTPOS (with our Tap and Go portable card reader) or cash is accepted. If paying via internet, please send us a copy of your transaction receipt, either via email or hard copy, so a receipt can be issued & our records can be adjusted accordingly.

First Pointe cannot take money on a weekly basis for any class. Notification must be given if a student is no longer attending classes. Any course commenced must be taken until the end of term as no refund will be credited if students pull out midterm. Refunds or credit for classes will only be given if a class is cancelled or when approved by Miss Laura (Principal). **No student is eligible for a credit if sick or on holidays. Students that occur an injury during the term will also not be given any refunds for missing classes.** Students are most welcome to attend make up classes when fully recovered. Any extra classes added throughout the year will be charged accordingly.

Please be reminded that only with the fulfilment of financial commitments by everybody, can **First Pointe** continue to provide first class tuition for all students.



TERM DATES

Studio term dates for 2025:

- Term 1: Tuesday 28 January to Friday 4 April—10 weeks.
- Term 2: Tuesday 22 April to Friday 27 June—10 weeks.
- Term 3: Monday 14 July to Friday 19 September—10 weeks.
- Term 4: Tuesday 7 October to Friday 12 December—10 weeks.

Dance classes are held on School Pupil Free Days

No classes on Public Holidays

If there any changes to term dates all will be notified via email immediately.

2025 Public Holiday dates (no dance lessons)

- Australia Day Monday 27th of January
- Easter Monday 21st of April
- Anzac Day Friday 25th of April
- Labour Day Monday 5th of May
- Kings Birthday Monday 6th of October

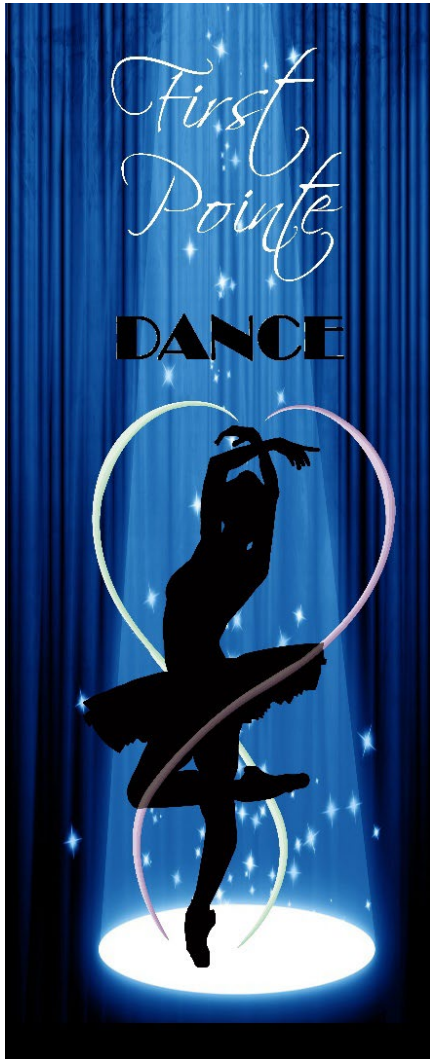
Show Day Holidays

Friday 30th of May Maleny Show (Caloundra)

No dance lessons at Kawana Island

Friday 13th of June Sunshine Coast (Nambour)

Dance lessons on at Kawana Island



Annual end of year

Dance Concert Info

All students are encouraged to be involved in the end of year concert to finish up the year presenting all the hard work students have done in class. It is a great experience for students to be a part of a professional show on stage, perform in front of their family members and friends & is filmed by a professional cameraman that produces concert footage into USB's available to purchase prior to the concert date.

What would be required:

- Costumes. Please note Miss Laura will keep costumes to the lowest budget possible.
- Light make up on students when they perform: Foundation, blush, mascara, lipstick. Make up tutorial will be emailed out closer to time.
- Possible photo Shoot -photo shoot of all students in costumes. All parents will receive copies of photos either via email or First Pointe facebook page

It is important to confirm student's attendance for the end of year concert on the enrolment form, this allows Miss Laura plenty of time to organise the choreography of group dances with knowledge of the number of students involved.

Hope all students can be involved in the end of year concert as it builds students confidence, expands their performing experience and is heaps of FUN and all students will receive an award at the end presentation!