

2018 NEW TAP SYLLABUS RELEASE

Grades 6-9 Foundation Tap & Junior Tap

The new tap syllabus is a complete training package with graduated exercises, amalgamations & dances suited to the target age group.

There are set dances for each grade, however, the teacher may choose to show her/his own choreography for any grade in place of the set dance.

Students are examined in sets of up to 4. All exercises are danced in canon. Amalgamation & dance are performed solo. Foundation Tap is performed by all 4 students together.

Theory is introduced from grade 5 upwards.

Grades 6-9 have two set dances showing a wide variety of styles. Grade 9 students also create a 3rd dance of their own choice.

Jack Chambers, Cricket Forster, Shannon Atkins, Renie Ann Martini, Jomel Purtill, Kristy Macdonald & Paul Davis have created the set dances for grades 6-9. All of these are very experienced, well respected tappers & choreographers.

All grades of the existing tap syllabus will continue to be examined for a further 3-5 years.

It is thought the new grades 1-5 will replace the existing Elementary Bronze to Intermediate Silver. Grades 6-9 will replace the upper grades.

There is a minimum & 'recommended' age for each grade.

Foundation Tap (equivalent to existing Pre Tap 1) Minimum age 5, recommended 7

Junior Tap (equivalent to existing Pre Tap 2) Minimum age 6, recommended 8

Grade 1 (equivalent to existing Elementary Bronze) minimum age 7, it is recommended the 'once a week' student take the exam aged 9.

Grade 2 (equivalent to existing Elementary silver) minimum 8, recommended 10

Grade 3 (equivalent to existing Elementary Gold) minimum 9, recommended 11

Grade 4 (equivalent to existing Intermediate Bronze) minimum 10, recommended 12

Grade 5 (equivalent to existing Intermediate Silver) minimum 11, recommended 13

Grade 6 (equivalent to existing Intermediate Gold/Gold bar) minimum 12, recommended 14

Grade 7 (equivalent to existing Advanced Bronze/ Silver) minimum 13, recommended 15

Grade 8 (equivalent to existing Advanced Gold/Gold bar) minimum 14, recommended 16

Grade 9 (equivalent to existing Advanced Gold Star) minimum 15, recommended 17