



Competitions Policy – Solos, Duos and Trios

Competitions are an exciting and valuable performance experience for our dancers. Involvement in competitions helps develop students' dance skills as well as their independence and maturity through involvement in the wider dance community.

Selection

Student participation in competitions is at the discretion of their teacher. Selected students must consistently demonstrate the following attributes to represent the BDA at competitions:

- Excellent exam results.
- Excellent technique, musicality and performance in their style.
- Maturity and work ethic to work one-on-one with teachers and undertake self-directed practise.
- Students should be leaders among their peers in their dedication and motivation in regular classes.

Commitment

Students at various ages and levels learn at different rates and therefore need different preparation before competitions. The following commitment is a general guide for our competition students and their families.

Students must:

- Attend one weekly/fortnightly half hour private lesson per dance until teacher is satisfied that the child is ready for performance (private lessons are \$30/half hour, purchased through the office individually or in bulk).
- Private lessons must be cancelled at least 24 hours in advance, otherwise the fee for that lesson must be paid to the teacher.
- Undertake home practise for at least one hour per week per dance.
- Commit to at least 3 competitions per year. Remember that almost all competitions run in the school holidays.
- Source own costume, style/design to be guided by teacher.
- Complete own competition entries. The following website has a list of all competitions held in Victoria over the year: <https://www.dancedirectoryaus.com/vic>

Securing Private Lesson Times

Once agreeing to undertake a solo/duo/trio, you will be assigned a teacher. You will find each teacher's private lesson availability on the timetable. When you find a time that suits you, contact your competition teacher via email to secure that private lesson timeslot.

All questions about competitions should be directed to the office.