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### **Brighton Dance Academy Extension Policy**

BDA encourages all students to extend themselves and continually improve in their regular RAD classes. Students who excel in these classes are invited to participate in extension classes. We offer three levels of extension:

#### **Junior (Grades 1-4)**

- To develop the technique, musicality and performance of our junior dancers
- This class is held once a month

#### **Intermediate (Grades 6-8)**

- To consolidate and extend the technique, musicality and performance of our intermediate dancers
- This class is held once a fortnight

#### **Senior (Completed all Grades and working through Vocational Levels)**

- To provide a pre-professional training environment for students considering a career in dance
- This class is held once a week

#### **Selection**

Student entry to the extension class is at the discretion of the teacher. Students must consistently demonstrate the following attributes:

- Dedication and motivation in class. Students must demonstrate a will and commitment to take their ballet training to a higher level
- Excellent results in RAD examinations
- Very good physical skills and facility for ballet
- Musicality: physical and emotional response to music
- Ability to learn choreography quickly, take and retain corrections

Selection for the extension class does not guarantee entry the next term. This means that students must maintain their commitment to the class and continue to satisfy the selection criteria.

#### **Attendance**

Participation in the extension class is a privilege. To reflect this, we ask for a commitment of no less than 90% attendance to regular and extension classes.

#### **A note on payment**

Extension classes at BDA are free of charge. We believe that this opportunity should not be restricted to those who can pay extra fees and we are pleased to be able to develop our students in this way.

All questions about extension classes should be directed to the office.