



Competitions Policy – Solos and Duos

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 if applicable.
- 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 must:

- Be enrolled in a ballet class (except hip hop and tap solos) as well as a class in the style of the solo/duo with an attendance rate of 90%.
- Commit to at least 3 competitions per year. Please note that a lot of 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 many competitions held in Victoria over the year:
 - <https://www.dancetrain.com.au/competitions-2020/>
 - <https://www.comps-online.com.au/>

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:

- Attend one weekly half hour private lesson per dance until the last competition of the year.
- Undertake home practise for at least one hour per week per dance.

Securing Private Lesson Times

Private lesson times will be allocated with the timetable. Please let us know ASAP if the selected time does not work for you. Typically, private lesson time slots remain the same throughout the year. Please provide as much advanced notice if you need to cancel a private lesson. Both the office and teacher should be emailed regarding cancellations.

All questions about competitions should be directed to the office.