



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 practice
- 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 half hour private lesson per dance until teacher is satisfied that the child is ready for performance (private lessons are \$25/half hour paid in cash to the teacher at the lesson)
- 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 one hour per week
- Commit to as many competitions as possible. Remember that almost all competitions run in the school holidays
- Source own costume
- Complete own competition entries (BDA sends out entry details)

Securing Private Lesson Times

You will find each teacher's private lesson availability on the timetable. When you find a time that suits you, contact your competition teacher to secure that private lesson timeslot.

All questions about competitions should be directed to the office.