

## Dance Dynamics General Information 2012

### School Structure

There are 6 different Levels at Dance Dynamics. These levels are based on the number of subjects a student participates in each week. Levels were formed to give parents and students the choice to decide their own level of commitment while also offering a reality of improvement rates based on the talent and the amount of practice a performer puts in each week. Below are the following levels:

**Level 1** - Is a *recreational level* – 1 subject per week

**Level 2** - Is a *Primary level* - 2 subjects per week

**Level 3** – Is an *elementary level* – 3 subjects per week

**Level 4** – Is an *intermediate level* – 4 subjects

**Level 5** – Is our *pre-advanced level* – 5 subjects per week

**Level 6** – Is our *advanced level* - 6 subjects per week

### Parental Input

We expect all parents to be active supporters of their child's education in the arts. We understand that most families lead busy lives and therefore ask parents to keep abreast of important dance dates, eg a list on the fridge, to ensure events are not missed (updated school information is also accessed through our website. Please ensure you check our members area).

Class time is for students only and viewing by parents, friends or family is not permitted. Parents are welcome to view their child's progress at the open day at the end of term two and at our schools productions and events. We value our supportive parents and your contribution to our schools growth is beneficial to the growth of our school and your child's experience at our school.

**Dance Uniform** is as much a discipline as it is essential to the dance art form. As such, it is compulsory that all students attend classes in full dance uniform, including appropriate grooming. Students not in correct uniform or poorly groomed may be asked to sit out for class.

Ballet - Grooming: Hair is to be slicked back into a ballet bun, using a hairnet and hair pins. Hair should be sprayed to enable it to remain in place throughout the class.

Pre-Primary to Grade 1: Pink Leotard, Pink ballet tights (or socks for pre-primary) Pink Ballet Shoes (NOT JIFFIES.) Pre-primary and primary grade pink sheer ballet skirt

Grade 2 to Grade 5: Navy Blue Leotard, Ballet Tights and Ballet shoes with elastic.

Grade 6,7,8 and R.A.D Major Ballet Students: Navy leotard, ballet tights and Ballet shoes with ribbons. *Demi-point shoes and point shoes required upon director assessment followed by our schools physiotherapist assessment.*

### Jazz/Funk/Hiphop:

(a)Grooming: Hair is to be slicked back into a ponytail.

(b)Uniform: Dance Dynamics top at our online shop or you may wear a black bonds singlet top, Black dance pants and black jazz shoes. Senior troupe students may also require chorus heals.

### Contemporary & Musical Theatre:

(a) Grooming: Hair is to be slicked back into a ponytail.

(b) Uniform: Dance Dynamics Tops or you may wear a black bonds singlet top. Black dance pants and bear feet. Contemporary may require slip on ballet shoes depending on the routine. Specific shoes will be required for Musical Theatre performances and parents will be informed of the type as part of the costuming requirement.

### Uniform Stockists

Dance Dynamics tops are available from our school. To order visit our "Shop" online [www.byrondancedynamics.com.au](http://www.byrondancedynamics.com.au) contact Jason on 0421932959

Byron Babz Dance Wear Phone: 0409369780

Address: 2/11 Banksia Drive Arts & Industrial Estate

Second Hand Wear:

Tallulah Person: 0402130784

### Productions and Eisteddfods

Annual School Production: All students are involved in this event and will perform at least one group routine. Classes that are progressing well may be asked to perform more than one routine at the teachers' discretion. Our concert is held in late November / early December and requires up to two compulsory rehearsals at the Byron Bay Community Centre Theatre. Dates for the concert and rehearsals are issued with our term one Newsletter. Costumes are required for participating students.

The Mid Year Production Involves our Musical Theatre, Company and Performance Troupe students. Other classes that are progressing well with their routines will be invited to perform in this show. This Production is held in August and involves two compulsory rehearsals at the Byron Bay Community Centre.

Eisteddfod Groups: Eisteddfods are held throughout the year. For level three students that are interested in becoming a member of our performance groups then please email us at [info@byrondancedynamics.com.au](mailto:info@byrondancedynamics.com.au) to receive your application form. Terms and conditions apply.

Costumes: Costume expenses for concerts and eisteddfods are to be paid by parents. Prices are normally between \$40 and \$70 per dance.

We are currently seeking parents to start a committee to help build funds for a costume wardrobe to enable costumes to be rented out to students saving \$\$ for families. This is a gradual process and we need a committed team of parents to ensure we raise enough funds to benefit our school's families. Please let us know if you are interested in joining this committee.

Accessories: All students must bring their own "Performance packs" to all performances comprising of; all make up items; hair pins; hair spray; hair brush; extra black hair elastics; safety pins; extra tights etc. For every performance you do, you must bring this pack and be responsible for bringing your own costume and accessory items.

### **Commitment**

Enrolment at Dance Dynamics not only teaches dance but also provides a positive lesson in commitment. A year can be a long time in a child's life therefore positive reinforcement from both parents and teachers is necessary in developing an understanding of commitment which will help set them up for success in dance and in life!

Students are not to take up any other dance classes at any other dance school as this creates a conflict of interest in technical training methods. If in any event extra dance lessons are required that Dance Dynamics does not offer, then a discussion with the Director is required

Warm Up: It is very important that all students warm their bodies up before class. Students are taught correct warm up techniques and are expected to take responsibility for their bodies in the dance class and ensure they practice safe dance habits instructed by their teacher.

Students are not permitted to take food or drink into class (except bottled water). Mobile phones must be switched off during class times.