

JDPA Competition & Performance Policy

Purpose:

Jupiter Dance & Performing Arts (JDPA) encourages students to develop confidence, teamwork, and performance skills through **competitions, showcases, and public performances**. This policy outlines expectations for students, parents/carers, and staff to ensure a safe, professional, and enjoyable experience for all.

1. Participation

- Students may participate in competitions or performances if they are enrolled in relevant classes and meet any age, level, or audition requirements.
- All participation is voluntary, and students should only take part if they feel ready and confident.
- Students and/or their parents/carers must give a minimum of 28 working days' notice if they are withdrawing from a competition. Extenuating circumstances may be considered at the discretion of the Principal, and any associated costs already incurred (e.g., entry fees, costume purchases) may still be payable.
- Students must comply with the JDPA Code of Conduct, uniform requirements, and any specific rules of the event or venue.

2. Rehearsals & Preparation

- Attendance at scheduled rehearsals, workshops, and extra practice sessions is expected for competition or performance participants.
- Students should arrive on time, prepared, and in correct uniform.
- Teachers may take photos or videos for educational purposes (routine reference, rehearsal feedback) using the official JDPA tablet only.
- Warm-ups and cool-downs are mandatory to prevent injury.

3. Behaviour & Conduct

- Students are expected to demonstrate respect, professionalism, and good sportsmanship at all times.
- Bullying, exclusion, or disruptive behaviour during competitions or performances will not be tolerated and may result in removal from the activity.
- Parents/carers are expected to support teachers and staff, refrain from disruptive behaviour, and communicate concerns professionally.

4. Costumes & Props

- Parents/carers may choose, purchase, or hire their own costumes, or hire through JDPA.

- Final authorisation for all costumes to be used on stage must be approved by the Principal (Eve Brazier).
- Costumes must comply with JDPAs safety and appropriateness standards.
- Props must be used safely under teacher supervision.

5. Photography & Media

- Media (photos/videos) may be taken during rehearsals, competitions, and performances for educational, rehearsal, or celebratory purposes.
- Staff will only use the official JDPAs tablet to capture media.
- Media may be shared with parents/carers for praise, rehearsal, or keepsakes, and may also be used in shows, awards, or promotional materials with consent.

6. Fees & Expenses

- Participation in competitions or performances may incur additional fees (entry, costume, transport).
- Parents/carers will be informed in advance of any costs.
- JDPAs aims to keep costs reasonable and transparent.

7. Health & Safety

- Teachers will ensure the environment is safe and suitable for all activities.
- Physical classes include warm-up, cool-down, and safe movement practices.
- Any injuries or medical conditions must be reported in advance.

8. Compliance & Consequences

- Students must adhere to this policy, the Code of Conduct, and class rules.
- Breaches (e.g., non-compliance with uniform, disruptive behaviour, unsafe conduct, or unauthorised costume use) may result in:
 - Verbal warnings
 - Written notifications to parents/carers
 - Restriction or removal from performances or competitions

Summary

JDPAs encourages students to perform and compete in a safe, professional, and supportive environment. Participation requires adherence to rehearsal expectations, behaviour standards, uniform and costume rules, and media consent policies. Parents/carers may

choose or provide costumes but final approval by the Principal is required. Staff will guide students through all stages of preparation, and parents/carers are asked to support teachers and respect school procedures.