



WE ARE KEEPING YOU SAFE

STUDENT CODE OF CONDUCT

DPA Mission Statement

DPA Academy of Dance & Performing Arts is a Centre of Excellence in Performing Arts Education. We want to instill in our students a desire to challenge the status quo, nurture their self development and provide every child and young person with the opportunity to be inspired by the Arts and achieve success in the future so that they may achieve their fullest potential as people, students, performers and leaders.

Expectations of our Students

We strive every day to build character in our students, both in and out of the studio and on and off the stage and want to deliver the very best learning experience for all of our students and young performers. We have the following expectations of them to make that possible:

DPA's ETHOS

Our primary objective at DPA is to build confidence and creativity and to provide a social forum for our students to make friends for life. Our younger students build vocabulary, imagination, confidence and co-ordination in creative drama, singing and dance classes. Our older students benefit from more advanced classes, one to one advice and training preparing them for college entrance and professional work if they wish to take this path.

We hope to encourage a love of The Arts in all its forms. Our teaching staff are all experienced and motivated and are chosen for their ability to bring out the best in our students, with a real interest in each and every child's development.

Our Students will:

1. Show respect for others: Our students will respect the rights and feelings of the other students. Fighting, bullying, name calling, intimidations, bigotry of any kind, inappropriate language or any other form of emotional or physical abuse or unwanted contact directed to one another, tutors, trustees, the Principal or Volunteers will not be tolerated.
2. All students are expected to act in a polite and courteous manner with the older students setting a good example for the younger ones.
3. Maintain a Professional Focus: Our students are expected to pay attention to and follow the tutors so that they can get the most out of their time here. Disruptive, distracting or problematic behaviour that affects this learning environment will not be tolerated. Students may not use mobile phones or electronic games during classes, rehearsals, or performances. Mobile phones must remain off or on silent and in bags during these times.
4. Respect our STUDIO: Students will respect the facilities, equipment, costumes, props, sets, and all other DPA property. They will pick up after themselves and work to keep the studios, changing rooms and green room clean and tidy.
5. Dangerous Items: Never use drugs, alcohol, or tobacco and none of these or weapons of any kind are permitted at the studio.
6. Displays of Affection: Not engage in inappropriate public displays of affection. Our students and performers are expected to act as professionals in and out of the studio and on and off the stage at DPA and no unprofessional or suggestive conduct will be tolerated.
7. Always be On Time: Show up to classes, rehearsals and performances on-time and ready to get to work with all necessary uniform, props, costumes, lyrics, notes or scripts.
8. Not Leave Unless Dismissed: Not leave the studio during a class, show or rehearsal unless excused by a tutor or when the whole group are dismissed.
9. Dress Appropriately: Our students are expected to dress appropriately for all classes and rehearsals always wearing full uniform unless instructed otherwise. Items with provocative, offensive, violent or drug related pictures or slogans will not be permitted. Items advertising alcoholic beverages or tobacco products will not be permitted. Appropriate foot wear is expected at all times. Students should wear suitable shoes for movement and all footwear must be clean, indoor use only. Please do not wear footwear into the studio that you have just been wearing outside. Dirt, stones and germs will be transferred to anyone dancing in bare feet.
10. Never Discriminate: Discrimination on the basis of race, colour, religion, gender, national origin, disability, or on any other basis prohibited by law, is never allowed.
11. Abide by the Three Strike Rule: Students breaking any of the code of conduct rules will have the following disciplinary actions. The first instance: student will be given a verbal warning by the Tutor. The second instance: student will be given a verbal warning by the Principal and parent/guardian will be contacted. Third instance: student will be dismissed permanently from the class, show, company, or rehearsal.
12. Any student who believes that he or she has observed or has experienced prohibited behaviours should report these immediately to a tutor.

DPA/Student/Home Agreement

- Create an atmosphere and environment that will encourage the highest artistic standards to be achieved and maintained.
- Highlight the importance of promoting and establishing a team spirit with its incumbent freedoms and responsibilities.
- Provide a firm foundation for the creativity and fun which characterises all DPA classes, workshops, masterclasses, productions and holiday activities.

The DPA Student will:

- Do my best at all times
- Pay attention
- Learn all choreography
- Learn my lines and lyrics
- Have good behaviour in line with the Code of Conduct
- Dress Appropriately in line with the Code of Conduct
- Respect other people and their property and environments
- Ensure prompt and regular attendance at classes, rehearsals and performances
- Have fun and help others to have fun

Name _____ Signature _____

As a Family we will:

- Pay all fees promptly and complete, sign and return by the following week all relevant forms (contact details, medical, travel permission slips, standing order, code of conduct). Inform DPA immediately if there are any changes to any of these.
- See that our child arrives at classes, rehearsals and performances on time and that suitable arrangements are made for their collection on time.
- Inform DPA as soon as possible if our child is going to be absent.
- Let DPA know promptly about any concerns or problems that might affect our child's behaviour/work.
- Ensure that our child is dressed appropriately according to the dress code and has any required equipment for the day.
- Support my child in learning and preparation for class, exams, performances, showcases.

Name _____ Signature _____