



Cascade Dance Behaviour Policy 2024

Purpose:

Our behaviour policy ensures a positive, safe, and respectful environment for all students, teachers, staff, and visitors at Cascade Dance. We aim to cultivate a space where students can develop their skills, express creativity, and enjoy dance while adhering to a set of guidelines that promote respect, discipline, and safety.

This policy ensures that all members of Cascade Dance can enjoy a positive, respectful, and enriching environment for learning and creativity.

1. Respect and Consideration

- All students, teachers, staff, and visitors are expected to always show respect and courtesy to one another.
- Discriminatory behaviour or bullying of any kind is strictly prohibited.
- All personal and communal property, including studio equipment, costumes, and belongings, must be treated with respect.
- Mobile phones are prohibited in the dance studio. We want to provide a creative space, free from screen and media that can distract us from our training and enjoyment of dance.

2. Attendance and Punctuality

- Students are expected to arrive on time for their classes, rehearsals, and performances.
- Absences should be communicated to Cascade as early as possible

3. Dress Code

- Students must adhere to the school's dance uniform and dress code. This includes appropriate dance wear, footwear, and hair neatly tied back.
- Jewellery and accessories are not permitted during classes for safety reasons unless required for medical reasons.
- The dress code also extends to any performances, where costumes and appearance must be as per the guidelines given by the teacher.

4. Behaviour

Cascade will not tolerate bullying or any behaviour that causes distress or concern to any student in their classes, at all times.

- We ask students to be kind to their classmates and support them as they dance. This extends beyond the classroom and includes waiting times in between classes and backstage during performances.
- Although we cannot control what happens outside the studio, we have the right to act and contact parents/guardians if we feel a situation has arisen between dancers and is affecting their time with Cascade.
- Where possible a 3-strike warning will be place for those students who do not adhere to this policy or respect their dance classes with Cascade. Communication with parents and school teaches (if based in a school setting) will be sourced before this come into place.
- Students are expected to listen to and follow the teacher's instructions during class.
- Talking, disruptive behaviour is not permitted during the class.
- The use of mobile phones during classes are prohibited, unless give permission by the teacher.

Please refer to our Safeguarding policy for more information

5. Health and Safety

- Cascade must be informed of any medical conditions or injuries that may affect participation in class.
- Running or inappropriate behaviour in the studio, changing rooms, or waiting areas is not allowed.

Please refer to our health and safety policy for more information

6. Personal Responsibility

- Students should take care of their belongings. Cascade is not responsible for any lost or stolen items.
- All students should clean up after themselves, keeping common areas tidy and free of personal items.
- Students should not leave the premises without permission from a parent or guardian, particularly during breaks or before classes finish.
- If a younger student is attending, we will only release this child if a parent is present to collect them.



7. Parental Involvement

- Parents or guardians are encouraged to support their child's dance education by ensuring punctuality, proper attire, and a positive attitude towards learning.
- Observing classes is only permitted on designated 'teaching watching week' to minimise distraction.

8. Performances and Competitions

- When representing the school in performances, competitions, or external events, students are expected to uphold Cascade's reputation with professional and respectful behaviour.
- Attendance at rehearsals is mandatory unless a valid reason is provided.

Policy Review and Amendments

This behaviour policy will be reviewed annually and is subject to change as necessary. All students and parents will be notified of any amendments in advance.

Signed:

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