



SOLOS 2021

Welcome back to solo lessons for 2021 – (or welcome for the first time), this promises to be another great year and for the best results there are a few things that we need to remember.

1. Please make sure you are on time – if you know your lesson is in Studio 4, please be downstairs ready to come straight up so I do not need to search for you as this wastes time.
2. Unless really important please don't waste time chatting – I can be contacted via email and if I have any concerns I will do the same, THIS INCLUDES DISCUSSING COSTUMES ETC
3. Please make sure you bring along an exercise book and or ipad or ipod or similar – these days it is great that we have these facilities and it makes practicing a lot easier – but it becomes a problem if they are not brought every week.
4. PRACTISE is a vital part of taking on solos – when a student comes in knowing what they are doing there is no delay with lessons and we can get straight on to new work – this is also important with older solos – I will check these from time to time and if not known, need to waste time trying to re teach them.
5. Costumes – please make sure ALL costumes are checked with me before going on with them – I do have some contacts for dressmakers too.
6. Competitions -I have attached entry forms – please do not send/submit unless checked with me – please refer to DUE DATE. Other forms and online registration information will be handed out as needed and is also available on our website.
7. If you are absent it is expected that you try and arrange someone to take over your solo time or pay for this missed class, as you can appreciate we all live on a budget and work on an expected income – I am still there and do need to have a regular income.
8. Music will be given to you for the dances and often new copies for the repeated routines. You will receive one CD early on for practice and then a proper CD for competition use only. This must be brought to the competitions. There will be a charge for these CDs. I will also be putting practice solo music onto a USB. This can then be downloaded onto on ipad etc.
9. Please be patient in the first couple of weeks as the timetable settles.

Just a few points to be aware of:

SOLOS/DUOS are highly encouraged but over the last few years a lot has changed, with social media making it more accessible for everyone.

*While we are happy to have students enter in different competitions, only if they DO NOT clash with any classes, there are still guidelines that need to be adhered to.

You need teacher's permission to perform any routines at any venue - these routines do not belong to you as you are not paying for the choreography, only for the teacher's time to learn the routine. Teachers put their heart and soul into their work and a lot of this is done away from the studio. So at no time is a routine to be performed without teachers consent.

*There has also been dictating as to what routines parents want students to do - again the teachers have the experience and knowledge and it should be their advice you are seeking. I realize this can now be difficult with entries needing to go in so early.

*Costumes, many have gone ahead and ordered or had costumes made that are not appropriate for the choices of music and have not had these checked - often a teacher has a vision in their head so these must be checked. We have also had the same costume turn up in the same section as they have not been checked.

*Alterations to choreography, this is just not acceptable. Our teachers are fully qualified and know what each child is safely capable of, many competitions have different rules as well - and teachers are aware of these. Adding a prop or an accessory, throwing in harder moves, because you want to keep up with "the others" is not okay. As previously mentioned the choreography does not belong to you but is the property of the teacher. It is also not a good lesson to be teaching our children. We have been in the industry for a long time and many teachers are still working in the industry and all with qualifications - trust us!

* Do not enter any competition without having checked with me first. Every competition is different and may not be suitable for your child. There are also lots of differences in rules and you must make sure I am aware of these, especially time limits.

I am looking forward to another exciting year. Please contact me at anytime via email if you have any concerns and I will get back to you asap.

Thank you for your continued support,

Regards,
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