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DANCE ACADEMY

STUDENT HANDBOOK



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Image Dance Academy also known as IDA is one of Sydney's most prestigious Dance Academies, successfully running for over 10 years.

Currently owned by Christina Constanti, A RAD registered teacher, dance professional, choreographer, Pilates, and fitness instructor.

At Image Dance Academy we offer a range of classes such as: RAD Ballet, Tap, Jazz, Hip Hop, Contemporary, Musical Theatre, Singing and Acrobatics, Rhythmic Gymnastics and RAD Ballet Exams.

At Image Dance Academy we cater for all levels, beginners – advanced, we work closely with all students ensuring each member is given equal opportunity in working towards the goals they wish to achieve.

Our team is proud to say we have helped students accomplish their dreams of becoming dance instructors, singers, or actors where several have begun performing in the biggest shows in the industry today.

Image Dance Academy is about creating one's own definition of the individual they wish to pursue. We aim to offer a space where students feel at home, to live, grow, create, and learn incredible dance and theatre skills taught by some of the most well-known and experienced teachers in the industry.

Dance is not just dance it's a place where you learn to fall you get back up, make mistakes and learn from those to better oneself, feel emotions and use those emotions to create the beautiful art known as dance. It helps find the inner confidence of an individual and most importantly teaches the discipline required for any career path chosen in life.

At Image Dance Academy we pride ourselves on being a team that strives for the best from our students, we promise mind blowing performances and a fun friendly atmosphere.

UNIFORM

At Image Dance Academy uniform is compulsory for all classes. Our custom-made uniforms are available for purchase via our website. Items are made to order so please keep an eye out for emails regarding order dates.

Hair must always be neat and tidy, and a bun must be worn for all classes.

Correct shoes for each dance style must be worn, these can be purchased from Dance Direct or Bloch stores.

Required Uniform for Specified Classes:

Ballet | Tap | Jazz | Contemporary – All students MUST wear a leotard to these classes, fitted or loose shorts can be worn on top.

Hip Hop | Acrobatics | Rhythmic Gymnastics | Musical Theatre – Students are welcome to wear any of the items found on our online store.

SECOND-HAND SHOES

If you have or want a second-hand pair of shoes, please join our Facebook 'Image Dance Academy – Parents & Friends' Group. This group will give you the opportunity to buy, swap or sell your unwanted shoes with other parents within our community.

CONCERT COSTUMES

Each year costumes are either hired out or bought by the students. A deposit fee of \$50 per student is held in your account once concert enrolments have been complete, the \$50 deposit will not be drawn from your account unless hired costumes are lost, damaged, or not returned prior to the annual concert.

Please note: If you wish to withdraw your child from the concert, you must give a minimum of 8 weeks' notice before all previous payments (including costume payments) are forfeited.

R.A.D BALLET EXAMS

Exam students must participate in 2 ballet exam classes per week. Students who are entered into ballet exams are charged a fee which goes directly to the Royal Academy of Dance. This fee depends on the exams grade you are sitting. Each exam has a different level and age specification. Students are taught the syllabus and then go for an examination and are marked according to the criteria. Please visit www.rad.org.au for more information.

IDA COMPETITION TEAMS

Eisteddfods are fun, exciting, and rewarding. They help to build confidence and performance quality in dance. Our Competition Team is entered into group and solo eisteddfods throughout the year, students must sign a commitment form and audition to be a part of this group.

If students in the Competition team miss more than three lessons in a term, they will be asked to leave the group. If a student is absent in any of the 3 weeks before the competition/eisteddfod they may not be allowed to perform with that group. If students cannot make a certain competition or eisteddfod during the year dates must be noted on the commitment form and Miss Christina must be notified so they can be taken out of that routine.

FUNDRAISING

Each year we hold two fundraisers, we do a Cadbury chocolate and a raffle for the end of year Concert, filled with fabulous prizes. These fundraisers help to raise money for new equipment used within our classes.

TEACHERS AT IDA

At Image Dance Academy we have a group of talented and professional teachers each working closely with every one of your children encouraging them to work to their fullest potential. If you would like to speak to one of our teachers about your child, please contact Miss Christina at christina@imagedanceacademy.com.au to arrange a meeting with a staff teacher.

Please understand that no parent is to enter any class without permission from the teacher of that class. If you would like to speak with the teacher or have a message for your child, please speak to administration and they will pass the message on.

WEBSITE / NEWSLETTERS

We have a website where you can find all the information you need, forms, news updates, newsletters, and timetables etc...

All invoices and information are sent out via email, if you do not have an email address or you are not receiving emails, please ensure you notify administration. info@imagedanceacademy.com.au It is your responsibility to keep up to date with notices, so please be sure to check your emails, jump on the website or come in and chat with one of our friendly staff.

SOCIAL MEDIA & PARENTS GROUP

To keep up to date with all IDA live news, make sure you follow us on Instagram and Facebook (Image Dance Academy) and join our parents' group (Image Dance Academy – Parents & Friends).

FEES/ PAYMENTS

At Image Dance Academy we would like all students to be able to do as many classes as possible, so we have worked hard to put together competitive prices with great packages.

The Unlimited class package is available to all age groups for as little as \$92 per week. This package does not include private lessons or Competition Teams.

Fees are drawn by DIRECT DEBIT (Monthly/Per term) only, a Direct Debit form must be filled out for enrolments to be accepted.

Direct Debit Monthly - Four terms of fees (including show group, privates, and concert fee) will be added and divided by 10 monthly payments.

Direct Debit Per Term – Total payments for the term will be debited from your account on the 1st day of the month prior to the new term commencing.

Term dates run the same as school terms; fees are balanced over the 4 terms in the year, so they are the same regardless of weeks or public holidays.

We do NOT refund or make changes to invoices; once an invoice has been issued, we will not take responsibility for change of mind or missed classes. If you are going to be away for more than 4 weeks of a term due to a family holiday, we MUST be notified in writing via email at

Accounts@ImageDanceAcademy.com.au before the invoice has been issued for that term.

Regarding Concert Payments – If you wish to withdraw your child from the concert, you must give a minimum of 8 weeks' notice before all previous payments are forfeited

PLEASE NOTE: Once an invoice has been issued it must be paid in full, we will not deduct any fees under any circumstance.

ACTIVE & CREATIVE KIDS VOUCHERS

We now accept active and creative kids' vouchers all vouchers MUST be sent to accounts@imagedanceacademy.com.au only. We will not accept vouchers sent to any other email address. Please ensure the exact copy of your voucher has been attached to the email along with a confirmation of your child's date of birth.

For more information on the T&Cs and how to receive your vouchers please visit:

Active Kids - <https://www.service.nsw.gov.au/campaign/active-kids>

Creative Kids - <https://www.service.nsw.gov.au/campaign/creative-kids>

Please Note: Vouchers can only be used for enrolment fees and classes. Students are only allowed to use 1 voucher per term. Vouchers MUST be submitted before terms 1, 2 and 3 invoices have been issued. Vouchers submitted late will not be accepted. We do not refund, or credit note for vouchers.

FEES OUTLINED PER TERM

TERM 1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Enrolment fee • Term 1 fees (as per student) • Concert - production fee, video and photos - \$40 per family • Competition teams - \$180.00 (students Participating) • Eisteddfod entry fee - \$50 (students Participating) • Private dance classes (students participating) • Private singing classes (students participating)
TERM 2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Term 2 fees (as per student) • Concert - production fee, video and photos - \$40 per family • Competition teams - \$180.00 (students Participating) • Competition team costumes - \$ TBC (students participating) • Private dance classes (students participating) • Private singing classes (students participating) • Concert commitment form to be filled out, \$50 deposit is held in your account and not debited unless hired costumes are lost, damaged, or not returned prior to the concert.
TERM 3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Term 3 fees (as per student) • Concert - production fee, video and photos - \$40 per family • Competition teams - \$180.00 (students Participating) • Private dance classes (students participating) • Private singing classes (students participating)
TERM 4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Term 4 fees (as per student) • Concert - production fee, video and photos - \$40 per family • Competition teams - \$180.00 (students Participating) • Private dance classes (students participating) • Private singing classes (students participating) • Extra rehearsals for concert routines \$10 per hour • Concert costume payment (see below for estimated costume prices)

Costume Price Guide

Hired costumes - \$30 - \$50

Yours to keep costumes - \$40 - \$80 (depending on costume style)

Main Character costumes (Hired) - \$50 - \$100 (depending on costume style)

Solo costumes (yours to keep) - \$50 - \$120 (depending on costume)

All items are worn for the photo shoot and concert.

THE STUDIO, CLASS RULES

We aim to run a safe, fun, clean and productive atmosphere, here are a few rules for students to ensure they are safe at all times and having a fun time in a clean atmosphere.

- It is important that students arrive to class 10 minutes early in order to get prepared for the class and warm up.
- Students should be well prepared for each lesson in FULL uniform and have shoes on before entering the studio
- Students MUST always be in FULL uniform.
- Dance shoes are to be worn in the studios only, please remove any other street shoes before entering the studios.
- Students are to go to the toilet prior to entering the lesson.
- Always have water with you, NO food or other drinks are allowed in the studios at any time.
- Students are to wait outside the room and wait for the teacher to call them into the studio.
- Please do not open the door and look into the previous class as this distracts the class, this applying to students and parents please wait until the students have been dismissed. Our classes have a set running time although from time-to-time teachers may run over time a few minutes, please understand that this is only done for the benefit of the students and may be a very important aspect of the lesson or following lesson.
- Students are not to climb on or swing on Barres.
- All props, tools or sound equipment should not be used without permission of one of your teachers.
- All rubbish MUST be put in the bin, there are bins provided in the waiting area and bathrooms.
- Be polite to teachers and peers.
- Do not run in the studio.
- Listen to your teachers and follow their instructions, this is for your safety and to benefit your education.
- If you are late to class, quietly enter the studio, apologise to the teacher and explain why you are late and get straight into what the class is doing.
- For the safety of the student if a student arrives late and a teacher feels they are not warmed up enough to join into that certain activity, they may ask them to quietly warm up in the corner and join into the next activity.
- Bullying will NOT be tolerated.

TERM DATES:

Term 1 – Monday 31st January – Saturday 9th April

Term 2 – Tuesday 26th April – Saturday 2nd July (Excluding Monday 13th June Queens Birthday)

Term 3 – Monday 18th July – Saturday 24th September

Term 4 – Monday 10th October – Concert Date: TBC

OFFICE OPEN HOURS

Monday: 4:00pm-8:00pm

Tuesday: 4:00pm – 8:00pm

Wednesday: 4:00pm – 8:00pm

Thursday: Closed

Friday: Closed

Saturday: 9:00am – 4:30pm

If you have any queries outside of the above office hours, please contact us via Phone or Email at

0415 771 186 / Info@ImageDanceAcademy.com.au

For all accounts enquiries please contact us at Accounts@ImageDanceAcademy.com.au

TEACHERS / STAFF

Christina Constanti – Principal

Kelly Oldham – Ballet, Tap, Jazz, Contemporary

Joanna Del Vecchio – Hip Hop, Rhythmic Gymnastics

Emma Shore – Junior Contemporary, Rhythmic Gymnastics

Kayla Tagg – Acrobatics