

Bom Funk Dance Studio prides itself on providing performance experiences for our dancers. This is a training ground where we educate young dancers on the expectations of being involved in the dance industry and performing in professional venues such as the AIS Arena. In order to maintain those standards we MUST hold all of our dancers accountable for following specific rules. Please review our performance standards with your dancer.

## Our Values

### **Passion, Pride, Professionalism**

At Bom Funk our teachers and staff are passionate about DANCE – we LOVE what we do! Our Bom Funk faculty loves encouraging all of our students to find what it is about dance that brings them joy also.

At Bom Funk we are proud of who we are, what we present and the difference we can make in ourselves and our community.

At Bom Funk we are committed and professional. Our Bom Funk faculty continually train and attend professional development opportunities to maintain high, current industry standards. Our Bom Funk students learn professionalism when they perform and compete so as to represent themselves, the studio and community to the highest degree.

### **Community Spirit**

At Bom Funk we are a small community with family spirit and values. We support each other and nurture every member of the community, no matter what their background, ability or physical attributes entail. We respect each other and treat others with respect.

We take pride in our local community and where we come from: Jerrabomberra, Queanbeyan & Canberra, Australia!

### **Creativity & Growth**

At Bom Funk we encourage creativity. Our teachers and students are given the freedom to create choreography that allows for individual expression. They explore movement that is unique to each dancer and allow for artistry and artistic development.

At Bom Funk we continually grow and learn from each opportunity. Dancers are appropriately challenged and encouraged so as to reach their true potential.

## Appearance

- No jewellery on stage. (small stud earring are the only jewellery allowed. If your child recently got a piercing and can not remove it, they need to have clear jewellery inserts or flesh tape over the top. This is for safety reasons.
- Stage make-up is required. The amount of make-up depends on the age of the dancer, but all dancers will be under strong stage lighting that washes them out on stage. Stage make-up is part of performing.
- Tights and shoes must be the correct colour and style to match the rest of their class.
- Hair must be secured neatly away from their face with a rubberband and/or bobby pins that blend with their hair color. No bright colors, no scrunchies, no extra ribbons, bows, etc that did not come with their costume.
- Gel and hairspray must be used in their hair to have it secure and neat.
- No gum and no food or drink other than water backstage.
- No writing on their hands, bodies, or temporary tattoos of any kind.
- No nail polish or toe nail polish on stage.
- A nude leotard/underwear should be worn under all costumes for female dancers with quick costume changes.

## Why are the appearance standards necessary?

Dance is an art and each choreographer has a vision of what they want to create on stage. It is important for us to honour that vision and the "look" that they want. Dancers are meant to look identical so that the focus can be on the dance and the group as a whole, not on any one of them standing out for a different colour shoes, hair, etc. The one difference in appearance is what can draw the audience's eyes and take the focus away from the dance itself. These are the same standards held by studios and performance groups world wide. We appreciate parents helping to be sure their dancers understand and follow the Performance Guidelines. When your child is backstage, our assistants will help to be sure that they are dressed and ready following the guidelines, will remove and jewellery, help them get make-up on, etc. but the more prepared they can be when they arrive to the performance, the more time we can focus on creating magic on stage! Thanks for your support.

## Performance Standards – Behaviour

- Be your best on stage and off! Offer a smile and thank you to everyone - they are working hard to give you time to shine.
- Congratulate your fellow dancers - they have all worked hard to be in the show - they deserve a high five and a compliment.
- Stay quiet backstage and in the wings. Dancers need to hear directions given to them by their instructors; you can help with this by being quiet.
- Clap for performers - this is how we show appreciation for dance. We always clap at the end of each performance.
- No screaming names - it is okay to cheer for a group and root them on - but we do not yell out individual dancer's names. That is because we are a group and when we only focus on one dancer, it takes away from the group's accomplishment. We want to acknowledge the group as a whole rather than one person - it is a dance concert, not a football game!
- Dancers stay backstage the entire show and support their fellow dancers. Little ones can be picked up at Intermission, but the rest of our dancers should stay until the end.

## SHOWCASE SPECIFIC RULES & REGULATIONS

- Upon arrival, please store bags in your dressing room – do not bring valuables. NO food or drink is to be brought or consumed in the Auditorium audience seating. Students must keep their dressing area tidy and put all rubbish in the bins before leaving the venue.
- Dressing room allocation: Students are only allowed to use bathrooms in the backstage/dressing room area.

CHANGE ROOM 1	CHANGE ROOM 2	CHANGE ROOM 3	CHANGE ROOM 4	CHANGE ROOM 5	CHANGE ROOM 6	CHANGE ROOM 7	CHANGE ROOM 8	CHANGE ROOM 9	CHANGE ROOM 10	Slam Dunk Room	Crew ROOM
Quiet zone	Ladies/Adults	Snr Squad + Commercial	Teen Squad	Inter Squad	Senior Girls	Squad Boys	Boys	FIRST AID	Men/Adults	Girls	Staff

- SIGN IN on arrival – please sign your child in & out every time they arrive and leave the venue. This is in case of a fire & for student safety, so we can account for the number of students present in the building. The SIGN IN/OUT area will be located in front of the **Slam Dunk Room**. A map is available at back of this document.
- During the Technical rehearsal, students will remain in the Auditorium & watch the other routines until it is their turn to block and rehearse. They may not leave the venue without a designated adult & must alert a supervising teacher before leaving. Students only in Act 2 may be collected after their rehearsal and brought back for Finale rehearsal. Parents may collect students from the Slam Dunk Room Sign in table. Students who leave the venue after their rehearsal must return by 5.15pm.

- Parents ARE NOT permitted to stay in the Auditorium during rehearsals (unless this is their supervision area). Parents are not permitted to access the dressing rooms via the Backstage area and must wait at the main entrance door of the backstage area for student collection/drop off. If you have any concerns, we have a number of teachers and assistants helping. Students will remain with Bom Funk teachers/volunteers once signed in.
- During the show, students will remain in their Dressing area. Students only in Act 1 will get to watch the show from the audience and vice versa for students in Act 2. Students are not allowed to leave their designated dressing area or audience area without alerting the supervisor. The only times they can leave is to request going to the bathroom or to go backstage when called. Please assist us by reminding children to stay in their allocated area. It is VERY important that you remember to SIGN YOUR CHILD OUT AT THE END OF THE SHOW. Bump out will commence straight after the show so please clean and clear the dressing room area as soon as possible.
- No students under 18 will be allowed out without signed parental permission during rehearsal breaks. Parents are welcome to collect students during the break between rehearsals and the show and bring them back.
- Bom Funk Dance Studio takes no responsibility for students who leave our supervised areas.
- Please pack water and snacks or send students with a small amount of money to spend at the cafe. Students will not have access to the café during the show or tech rehearsals.
- It is compulsory for all students to wear the designated make up & hair style during the show. Should you need assistance, please let us know prior to the rehearsal so that a senior student or teacher can be allocated to help you.
- Please arrive in your uniform to keep changing to a minimum backstage. Those with quick changes (2 or less routines to change) please bring your costumes side stage and check in with Miss Hannah.
- Please make sure ALL costumes, bags and items have name labels.
- All dancers must use the bathrooms in their allocated area or the first aid room.
- Please do not bring any valuables – we will not take responsibility for any items that go missing during the show.
- Please do not bring any aerosol cans including hairspray and deodorant – this can set off the sensitive fire alarms and cause issues for Asthmatics. Please use water spray & gel for hair and roll on deodorant.
- Please Do NOT take photos in the dressing rooms where children might be changing. If you would like a photo please move to a hallway area where no students are changing.
- Professional photos and video will be taken during the show and available for purchase. Due to Copyright & Privacy policies, photography & filming is not allowed by any unauthorised person during the show. This decision has been made for the following reasons:
  1. *It is distracting to performers and other audience members – screen brightness, clicking, movement and the possibility of flash going off.*
  2. *We have the right to control the image of our company and the responsibility to protect our clientele (students/especially minors) e.g. images captured could be used to harass or bully if they are not flattering.*
  3. *To protect children from having their image recorded and/or published by an unknown 3rd party.*
  4. *To protect the Intellectual property rights of choreographers.*

- This is a private event however anyone from the public has the ability to purchase a ticket to this event- the rules we have set are for the safety and consideration of our students and studio. We have the right to ask people to leave if they do not follow the rules set.
- Alcohol is being sold at the venue and security guards will be present to monitor audience behaviour.



**Please make sure you pass on our rules and regulations to any family members or friends who are collecting or assisting your children at Showcase time.**

**Should you have any further questions regarding the Showcase, please don't hesitate to contact us.**

**We look forward to a really exciting evening filled with DANCE!!**