

BACKSTAGE DANCE ACADEMY

COVID SAFE POLICY

SUNDAY 24TH OCTOBER

1. ENROLMENT / REGISTRATION

- a) Students must be currently enrolled at Backstage Dance Academy to attend the studio in person once operation is permitted.
- b) Past students may be permitted to re-enrol and return to the studio, after the return of existing students.
- c) New students are not permitted to enrol or attend the studio at this time. Backstage Dance Academy will offer their services to these students again, as soon as possible.

2. TIMETABLE

- a) The timetable will operate in line with the class details outlined on the Backstage Dance Academy parent portal.
- b) Term 4 classes will 'rollover' from the ZOOM online platform to the studio for in-person classes.

3. STUDENT DROP OFF & PICK UP – SCHOOL AGED STUDENTS

- a) Parents WILL NOT be permitted inside the premises. This will enable us to control the number of persons in each space at any one time and to ensure that maximum capacity/density limits set out by the government
- b) A staff member will supervise students at pick up and drop off times from the front door.
- c) Students are not permitted to be dropped off early or picked up late. Please drop your child off no more than 5 minutes early. Please collect your child at their class finish time.
- d) Student drop off and pick up will be via the garage door at the front of the building.

4. PARENTS ON SITE

- a) Parents of school aged children WILL NOT be permitted inside the premises. This will enable us to control the number of persons in each space at any one time and to ensure that maximum capacity/density limits set out by the government are adhered to.
- b) Parents of pre-school children may enter the building; however, this is limited to ONE parent only. Children under the age of 1 years may also attend, if required. No other siblings should be brought into the venue.
- c) Parents entering the building must require proof of Covid 19 vaccination via a MyGov Covid-19 Digital Certificate.

5. USE OF FACILITIES

- a) Change rooms are closed for all recreational students. Students are asked to arrive ready for their class.
- b) Change rooms are open for Industry and Pre-Pro students however it's best for students to arrive ready if possible.
- c) Toilet facilities are open however students are encouraged to use the toilet before and after class at home, if possible.
- d) All areas will abide by maximum capacity limits of 1 person per 4 sqm.

6. HYGIENE MEASURES

- a) Students are not permitted to bring iPads, food or toys to share with other students.
- b) Where possible doors will remain open, allowing students to pass through without touching door handles.
- c) Hand sanitiser is available for use.
- d) Regular cleaning and disinfecting will occur.

7. OFFICE

- a) The Backstage Dance Academy office will be closed.
- b) Inquiries can only be made via phone or email, not in person.
- c) Payments can only be made via direct debit.
- d) No food or drinks will be sold from the canteen.
- e) Uniform can be purchased online via the Backstage Dance Academy online store, www.backstagedanceacademy.com.au/shop. Students will be able to collect purchased items before/after their class time. We highly encourage parents to purchase uniform without the need to try garments on, if possible.

8. REFUNDS/CREDITS AND MAKE UP CLASSES

- a) If Backstage Dance Academy cancels classes due to Covid-19, students will be provided with a make up class. If a make up class cannot be provided by Backstage Dance Academy, a credit or refund may be offered.
- b) If a student cannot attend their classes at Backstage Dance Academy due to Covid 19, the student will be able to attend the class remotely, via ZOOM. Reasons for absence include waiting for a Covid test result, isolating due to Covid exposure, or illness that may or may not be Covid 19.

9. HYGIENE

- a) All Acrobatics students are encouraged to bring their own yoga mat or towel.
- b) Door handles and ballet barres will be cleaned in between classes.
- c) Dance floors will be cleaned regularly.
- d) Students must bring their own water bottle.
- e) Social distancing will be encouraged.
- f) Food is not to be shared.
- g) Students should not share their belongings.
- h) Students/Staff should avoid touching their face.
- i) Students/Staff should avoid close contact with others such as hugs, high 5's etc.

10. ILLNESS PROTOCOL

- a) Staff, parents and students must NOT attend Backstage Dance Academy if they:
 - i.* Have any symptoms of cold, flu or fever.
 - ii.* Have been in contact with an individual who has tested positive to Covid-19 in the past 14 days.
 - iii.* Have been in contact with an individual who has been tested for Covid-19 but are awaiting results.
 - iv.* Live in an area that is in 'lockdown'
 - v.* Have been instructed to self-isolate
- b) Any individual who has attended Backstage Dance Academy MUST notify our office via email if they have tested positive for Covid 19.

11. MANDATORY VACCINATION POLICY

- a) Backstage Dance Academy staff are vaccinated against Covid 19.
- b) Any individual aged 16 years or older who wishes to enter the Backstage Dance Academy venue is required to provide proof of their Covid 19 Vaccination via a MyGov Covid-19 Digital Certificate.
- c) Should an individual hold an Covid 19 vaccine exception, proof will need to be provided.

12. FACE MASKS

- d) Face masks must be worn by all individuals aged 12 years and over.
- e) Face masks may be removed while executing strenuous exercise.

