



Canberra Dance Collective's Child Safe Policy



Introduction

Canberra Dance Collective strives to ensure the safety of children throughout all practices relating to and facilitated under the Canberra Dance Collective name. This policy guides staff, volunteers and attendees at all Unity Dance Challenge events, providing guidance on behaving and respecting children in this space.

Staff and Volunteers

1. All staff and volunteers working at events are required to hold a valid WWVP card at the event, evidence of which is requested prior to the commencement of the event

Dressing Area/Change Rooms

1. Strictly NO PARENTS are allowed in the designated changing areas
2. NO PHOTOGRAPHY/VIDEOGRAPHY is permitted in changing areas, backstage or in the theatre.
3. All soloists must sign in and out at the desk before entering the dressing rooms and before leaving the event.

Studios/Teachers

1. Studios are required to provide a list of competitor names prior to the event to allow for preparation of sign in/out sheets to be provided in teacher packs
2. In the event of a fire or other necessary evacuation, the sign in sheets will be used to confirm the presence of competitors, therefore it is necessary that this information is kept accurate.

Competitors

1. In accordance with the Unity Dance Challenge syllabus, dancing en pointe is not permitted for competitors 10 years and under
2. There are to be no rehearsals conducted in hallways, dressing rooms or on stage at any time

Concerns/Complaints

1. Voluntary reporting applies to all attendees at an event and is encouraged in the event of any suspected child safety concerns
2. Competitors, studio staff and event attendees can raise any concerns regarding child safety with a member of staff/volunteer team member who will report to Canberra Dance Collective directors and provide an appropriate response
3. Staff and volunteers can raise any concerns regarding child safety with the appropriate supervisor at the event

Canberra Dance Collective

1. Prior to and during the event, Canberra Dance Collective will provide regular communication regarding updates and reminders in regard to the Child Safe Policy and event syllabus.
2. In the event of suggestions or complaints regarding the practices in place during an event, considerations and amendments will be made accordingly to prevent future events of similar nature.
3. Comments and suggestions are welcome from children, families, co-ordinators, volunteers and attendees with policy and practices updated accordingly.