

Studio Policies

Please note the following policies regarding all classes:

1. **Students must carefully observe the dress code as outlined in the student handbook.** Basic grooming, such as hairstyle and personal hygiene, should be addressed before every class. It is also important to take a few minutes before class to ensure that nothing will move- loose hairstyles, untied shoelaces or shoulder straps that fall down are disruptive to the student's concentration and should be avoided where possible.
2. **Arriving on time for class shows respect for the teacher, your peers and Rhythmic Moves.** It also ensures that you warm up safely and thoroughly in preparation for your workout ahead. If possible, try to arrive five to ten minutes before the start of class. This gives you time to have your name marked off, collect any notes or newsletters and put your shoes and uniform on. For safety reasons a student arriving more than 10 minutes late will only be allowed to observe class.
3. **All students are encouraged not to leave the room once class has begun.** Please allow for appropriate time to go to the toilet before class.
4. **Students are not permitted to eat or chew gum in class.** Students should be prepared for class with a bottle of water, but only have a sip when the teacher allows a drink break.
5. **Only students with a pre-existing illness/injury or those who are more than 10 minutes late are allowed to observe class.** The parent must notify the teacher if a student is to observe class.
6. **Please practice respect for your fellow students.** Students should not socialise in a disruptive manner with other students during class. Please come early or stay late to enjoy friends in the Waiting area. Please honour your fellow students by giving your full attention and cooperation in class. Parents will be advised if the teacher feels any student is not well adjusted to the classroom environment for any reason over time.
7. **Respecting the teacher is common courtesy.** Students should speak when spoken to, but keep chit-chat to a minimum. Instead of sitting down while waiting for your turn, practice what you have been taught or stretch on the side of the room. Remember to thank the teacher at the end of class.
8. **Preliminary students may need a parent's attention from time to time for various reasons, including bathroom or behaviour issues.** Please do not leave the Waiting area without informing the teacher or having another parent responsible

during your absence. Rhythmic Moves' makes every effort to have all children feel safe and cared for in a loving and inspiring learning environment, and it helps small students to know that Mum/Dad/Nan/Pop etc is right outside.

9. **Out-of-town guests may request to visit at any time throughout the year.** No one else is allowed to sit and watch during regular class time, except during Parent Watch Week at the end of Terms 1, 2 and 3.

10. **Keeping an open mind is very important to gain maximum benefit from class.** Remember, every student and every teacher has something different to offer. Listen carefully, put in your best effort and be persistent. If you don't understand something, politely ask the teacher to explain. Attempt any corrections given to you, listen to and learn from corrections given to other students. Don't get embarrassed or upset if you can't do something, as everyone is in class to learn and different students struggle with different things. Just try your best to improve and have fun!

11. **If a teacher considers that a student is not in the proper class for his or her ability, they may be moved to a different class after consultation with the child's guardian.** Ensuring that a child is in the appropriate class allows them, and the other class members, to reach their highest potential.

12. **Please label all dancewear, shoes and personal items.** Rhythmic Moves School of Dance and Performing Arts accepts no responsibility for loss of personal property in or near the classes/studios. Should something be misplaced, please check the "Lost and Found" at Reception. It is recommended that valuable items, including mobile phones, iPods and jewellery be left safely at home.

13. **Please read the Studio Newsletters issued at the start of each term to ensure you are aware of all current Studio happenings.** It will usually save you the time of having to ask lots of questions!

An important part of class work is developing an attitude of discipline and respect for teachers and fellow students. We trust that following the Rhythmic Moves' Studio Policies will provide an environment whereby classes will be a pleasure for all concerned.