

## SOLOS & PRIVATE LESSONS HANBOOK

### Absent for your Lesson:

If you away or going to be away for your private lesson, you can offer to sell or swap your lesson via our Parents Facebook Page. We do not offer catch up lessons or refund fees. If LJR Dance Academy cancels your private lesson, you will receive a catch-up lesson or credit.

### Acro Privates and Acro Small groups:

Acro Small Groups will be prioritised over Acro privates. Acro privates will only be available if an Acro Small Group cannot be made in that timeslot. All Acro privates are subject to change to an Acro Small Group at any given time during the year at LJR's discretion.

**If you have a private lesson for technique, you can stop reading from this point onwards.**

**If you have a private lesson to learn competitive solos, please keep reading.**

### Solos for Competitions:

Understand that private lessons for solos are a privilege and can be rescinded if management feel it is necessary. LJR soloists are expected to display respect and professionalism at competitions and at the studio. All LJR soloists must be in the correct troupe for their age group. LJR Dance Academy will decide on the genre and music for your dancers' solos. LJR are happy to listen to any recommendations or preferences from students and parents. We ask that you trust that the teacher has given your dancer choreography and music that suits your dancer's ability and strengths.

### Choreographers:

At LJR Dance Academy, we are excited to enhance our students' dance experience by welcoming talented guest choreographers throughout the year to work with students aged 12&U or older. These professionals will work with our dancers to provide fresh perspectives and unique learning opportunities, enriching their training and inspiring growth. However, it's important to note that **all choreography must be arranged directly through LJR Dance Academy**. Parents and students are not permitted to contact external choreographers independently to arrange solos or additional choreography. Any such requests or opportunities will be handled and approved by the academy to ensure a cohesive and organised dance experience for all students. We look forward to these special collaborations and the continued growth they will bring to our dancers!

### Costuming:

All costuming must be approved by LJR Dance Academy before stage. Parents are more than welcome to give suggestions regarding the design of the costume however LJR will have the final say on design.

#### **The dressmaker:**

Once an idea or design is decided, it is the parent's responsibility to source and pay a dressmaker to get the costume made. Many dressmakers will draw up a sketch of the final design. This sketch needs to be approved by LJR before commencement of the costume making. LJR can give dressmaker recommendations upon request.

#### **If you do not wish to get a custom-made costume here are your options:**

- Purchase a second-hand custom-made costume from Facebook Pages.
- Ask LJR if they have any costumes to hire (**more info below**)
- Ask LJR parents if they have any costumes to sell or hire
- Purchase an internet costume (not preferable)
- All the above must be approved by LJR.

#### **Hiring and LJR Costume:**

By agreeing to hire an LJR costume you agree to pay in full for the hire and any damages to be fixed.

### Props:

If your dancer's routine requires a prop, LJR will ask for verbal or message approval that you agree to the following:

- Pay in full the prop hire fee if you are using an LJR Prop.
- Pay in full for any damages to be fixed if the prop is owned by LJR.
- Source and pay for the prop if LJR do not have the prop needed.
- Transport the prop to and from competitions.

If you feel as though you cannot fulfill this commitment, please kindly decline the use of a prop and LJR will organise for your dancer to do a different solo.

### Hair & Makeup:

Please ask LJR what your dancer's hair and makeup needs to be for each solo. It is the parents' responsibility to do their dancers hair and makeup. Tanning is optional.

**General Stage Makeup tutorial:** <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=A69XzoCPxdo>

### Performing on Stage

The teacher has the final say as to whether your dancer will compete with the solo at a competition, regardless of if entry fees have already been paid. This is to ensure that your dancer has a positive experience at competitions, we will not send dancers on stage with a routine that is not ready.

## Entering your Solos

All solos must be entered under LJR Dance Academy. It is your responsibility to enter your dancer in the correct age group, correct genre and to pay the registration fee accordingly. All competitions have different rules and regulations. It is up to the parent to read the rules of each competition before entering.

### **Competition recommendations:**

Get the Beat – <https://www.gtbdance.com/>

Supreme - <https://www.supremedancecomp.com/>

Evolution – <https://www.evolutiondancecomp.com/>

Hollywood Bound – <https://www.hollywoodbound.com.au/>

Follow Your Dreams – <https://www.fydentry.com/>

SASDS- <https://www.sasds.com.au/>

Talent Tribe - <https://www.talenttribe.com.au/>

Pendulum - <https://www.pendulumdancecomps.com.au/>

Fierce – <https://fiercetalent.com.au/>

Jump – <https://www.jumpdancechallenge.com.au/home>

Dance Life Unite - <https://www.dancelifeunite.com.au/>

Light Up the Stage – <https://lightupthestage.com.au/>

Now Talent – <https://nowproductionssa.weebly.com/now-talent.html>

KAR- <https://dancekar.com.au/>

## Competition Etiquette:

- It is not guaranteed that any LJR staff members will be at the competitions.
- Dancers must wear LJR merchandise at the competitions and award ceremonies.
- Parents and students are expected to display that they are supportive and congratulative of all LJR Dance Academy students and students from other dance schools.
- Parents and students must not talk while in the auditorium. If you need to talk, please leave the auditorium.
- Parents and students should not voice their opinions on the placings at the competitions.
- If you have a complaint about another dance school, you must come to LJR, not teachers or staff from the other dance school.
- If you have a complaint about the competition, you must come to LJR management, NOT the competition director. We will deal with all concerns.
- **Please respect the reputation of LJR Dance Academy and use common/proper etiquette while at these events.**

## Unenrolling from LJR Dance Academy:

In the instance that you unenroll from LJR Dance Academy or LJR Dance Academy ceases your enrolment, you do not have the right to perform your solos at any event from the unenrolment date onwards. Please note that when you enrolled, you lawfully agreed to this by ticking our conditions of enrolment.