



Mater Dei Dance

Guidelines for Behaviour: Expectations and Management

Gratefully adapted from Mater Dei Catholic Primary's Student Behaviour Support Plan; and Classroom Behaviour Guidelines, available in full at <http://www.materdei.qld.edu.au/documents/policies.html>

Our vision:

Mater Dei Dance strives to provide students with a professional and fun opportunity to participate in the art of Dance in a safe, healthy and supportive environment. We aim to provide high quality tuition and value for money for parents whilst nurturing students' love of dance, and positively building on pride and confidence through performance opportunity.

Our students will be encouraged to enhance their participation and satisfaction in Dance by:

- Interacting and communicating effectively and appropriately
- Being socially aware and adept
- Working co-operatively with others

Student behaviour will be guided by Christian spirituality and morality, striving to be:

- Thoughtful, caring and compassionate
- Positive, joyful and confident
- Courteous, honest and respectful
- Persons who know, like and accept themselves and others
- Persons of Christian faith who show care and responsibility as individuals and as members of a wider community

These guidelines are designed to facilitate high standards of behaviour so that the learning and teaching in Mater Dei Dance classes can be effective and students can participate positively.

Expectations for student behaviour are clear for everyone, assisting Mater Dei Dance to create and maintain a safe and orderly learning and teaching environment.

Behaviour Management is at the core of business for all teachers. Effective Teaching and learning is supported by a safe, positive and productive learning environment, based on principles of consistency, fairness and engagement.

To achieve quality learning outcomes at Mater Dei Dance we aim to:

- Build respectful relationships with teachers and other students.
- Support individuals to develop self-discipline and choose appropriate behaviour within the context of Mater Dei Dance classes.
- Support and develop students' self-responsibility and ownership for their behaviour and choices within the context of Mater Dei Dance classes.
- Establish behaviour expectations that reflect and align with the Mater Dei Dance and Mater Dei Primary School Vision statements and work with each other in striving to achieve the shared vision.
- Collaborate with parents in meeting the students' needs in a partnership based on respect and trust for the roles and responsibilities of both parents and teachers.



Roles, rights and responsibilities of school community members:

At Mater Dei Dance we expect that students will:

- Participate actively in Dance classes, consistently demonstrating appropriate attitude and behaviour
- Take responsibility for their own behaviour and learning
- Demonstrate respect for themselves, other members of class and the Mater Dei school environment
- Behave in a manner that respects the rights of others, including the right to learn
- Co-operate with staff and others in authority

At Mater Dei Dance we expect that parents/ caregivers will:

- Show an active but appropriate level of interest in their child's participation in Mater Dei Dance activities
- Cooperate with Mater Dei Dance to achieve the best outcomes for their child
- Support teaching staff in maintaining a safe and respectful learning environment for all students
- Participate in constructive communication and relationships with Mater Dei Dance staff regarding their child's learning, wellbeing and behaviour as necessary
- Act courteously, politely and honestly
- Contribute positively to behaviour support plans that concern their child

At Mater Dei Dance we expect that staff will:

- Provide safe and supportive learning environments
- Provide inclusive and engaging Dance activity
- Initiate and maintain constructive communication and relationships with students and where necessary parents/carers
- Promote the skills of responsible self-management
- Maintain student attendance records

Appropriate Behaviour:

Mater Dei Dance seeks to foster a culture of positivity, engaging the children in their dancing and inspiring them to behave and achieve to the best of their ability. With the provision of quality teachers, uniforms, dance equipment, suitable environments and a reward system, culminating in a professional end of year concert, Mater Dei Dance hopes to enhance student and parent commitment and interest in the Dance school therefore enriching the experience for everyone.

A simple reward system – “Star of the Week” – has been introduced, acknowledging one student (or 2 in large classes) per week who attends class in correct uniform, applies themselves to task and behaves in such a manner as to exceed expectation. Star of the Week is chosen by the class teacher. Students are allowed to take the Star of the Week medal home and are to return it to the teacher the following week.

All students also receive a small gift and a certificate for their participation at the end of year Dance concert.

Commendations:

Should any student or parent wish to acknowledge good behaviour or performance by a Mater Dei student or teacher, the parent should outline the acknowledgement in an email to dance@materdeipandf.org.au. A member of the Mater Dei Dance committee will acknowledge receipt and forward the commendation or acknowledge the student/teacher as appropriate.

Consequences for inappropriate student behaviour:

Mater Dei School has five non-negotiable behaviour expectations fully adopted by Mater Dei Dance:

1. Listen with your whole body
2. Signal to speak and move
3. Helping actions
4. Speak to please
5. Right place, right time, right task

Where behaviour expectations are not met by students in Mater Dei Dance classes the following management by teachers will occur:

Response 1: Verbal reminders/reflective questioning by the teacher (*examples/guidelines only*):

- Is what you are doing helping you to participate meaningfully in the class?
- Are you willing to change what you have been doing?
- What behaviour do we need to see/hear?
- What might you do differently next time?
- You are welcome to re-join the group if I have your agreement to abide by our behaviour expectations.

Response 2: Warning

- Child to the side of the class for one minute thinking about their choice of behaviour and reflecting on the expected behaviour.
- Child is privately invited to re-join the group (use reflective questions)

Response 3: Time out

- Child moves to a space in the classroom predetermined by the teacher for three to five minutes of thinking time. The child thinks about their choice of behaviour and reflects on the expected behaviour.
- Child is privately invited to re-join the group (use reflective questions)

Response 4: Significant breach of behaviour expectations

- Child is excluded from the remainder of the class, either seated in a place determined by the teacher, or in cases of an extreme breach, handed over to the child's parent with follow up contact to be made by a member of the Mater Dei Dance committee.
- Teachers are expected to notify a member of the Mater Dei Committee at the earliest opportunity following an occurrence of 'Response 4'. The Committee, together with the parents of student/s concerned, and, where necessary, the Principal of Mater Dei Catholic Primary School are to decide on a suitable course of action to achieve resolution and reintegration of the student/s in the Dance class.



The Mater Dei Dance Committee will keep an electronic record of details of any incident requiring such response.

Bullying:

Behaviour requiring intervention may include that which may be classified as “bullying”. Mater Dei Dance will not tolerate any form of bullying perpetrated by or against a student or teacher. Bullying will be responded to as per the Mater Dei Primary School Behaviour Support document. Please see “Response to Bullying” in this document for further information at www.materdei.qld.edu.au/document/policies/behavioursupport.

Complaints:

Should any student or parent have a grievance with respect to the actions of a Mater Dei Dance teacher or committee member, or any other matter concerning Mater Dei Dance, the parent is to address the concern in writing to dance@materdeipandf.org.au.

Contact:

Any enquiries should be addressed via email to the Mater Dei Dance Committee at dance@materdeipandf.org.au. Further information with respect to the Mater Dei Catholic Primary School vision and policies which inform the above guidelines are available at www.materdei.qld.edu.au.
