

How to help your child have a....

Positive Dance Experience

Here's some helpful tips for making the transition to a dance class environment smooth for both dancers and their parents.

Make sure it's the right place for your child

We are comfortable with children experiencing the class first before you go and fork out hard earned dollars on uniforms. However, it is important for some children to feel part of the crowd, so weigh this up. If you think it will be critical for your dancer then it could just be worth purchasing the uniform straight away.

Stage your own dress rehearsal for getting to the studio

Drive past the studio, or arrange a time to drop in prior to the class beginning. This can be particularly crucial for toddlers and preschoolers. Seeing the space and meeting the teacher can ease those first day nerves. At our studio we love to sprinkle a little magic on our young visitors - they chose fairy wings, check out the sticker collection and have that all important twirl in front of the mirror.



Be confident parents as you get to know this environment

Our studio is welcoming you, the parent, just as much as your children. Parents who enter our studio with confidence generally have children that follow suit. Leave your apprehension, if you have any, behind you. We are delighted to see you and to be celebrating your child's joy of dance. And if there's anything you'd like to ask us, the teachers and staff are always happy to help.

Not every dancer is ready for the spotlight in the early days

Your child may be the embodiment of a fairy ballerina or a hip hop dude at home but this confidence may not translate immediately into a new studio environment. Remember that you are their world - they feel safe and supported with you. If your child wants to watch we are totally fine with that. We often hear stories of children recounting the entire class at home and yet have not danced a step with us! Next week they come back prepared and often ready to join the dancing parade!

Give them a bit of your own razzle, dazzle!

A special note for our Tiny Tots (under 3yrs). At this stage Mum & Dad (or Grandma/Grandpa) still play a central role. Whilst your child may be asserting their independence in many ways they still see themselves as an extension of you. Your encouragement and participation in the class environment are crucial. So get those wings on, let your hair down and enjoy. And there's some side-benefits here of stress relief from your busy day!



Trust us, we're Ok with the ups and downs of dance dramas!

If your child is the one who "chucks a wobbly" because they didn't get the pink wand, pushes other kids away to get to the stickers first, or wants to go off to the side and dance to their own beat, DO NOT worry! It is nothing we haven't seen before! We will help gently guide them through these times. It takes a village to raise a child and a good local dance school can become an integral part of that village.

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