



**Dance
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TROUPE INFORMATION PACKAGE 2026



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WELCOME TO TROUPE AT DANCE FACTOR

What is troupe?

If you're interested in taking your dancing a little further, then troupe is for you! By joining our troupe classes, you are committing to your dance team, to working hard for improvements and to enhancing your performance skills. Troupe is all about working even harder to achieve both individual and team goals.

Our troupe teams compete at local eisteddfods throughout the year, and possibly some other performance opportunities where they come up.

Who can join troupe?

We are looking for dancers that have a strong work ethic and eagerness to improve their skills. Our dancers will show dedication to their teams and their parents will encourage and help with this commitment.

What does being a part of troupe involve?

As a member of the DFJW troupe, you are committing to attend all weekly lessons and all performances. We will participate in around 4 competitions throughout the year. Our troupe teams also perform in all of our end of year concerts.

We choose to participate in eisteddfods that are primarily located within the Illawarra. The furthest we would usually travel is Campbelltown.



WHICH TROUPE AGE GROUP SHOULD I JOIN?

We follow the blanket rule that dance eisteddfods use, which is 'the age that you are on the 1st of January 2026', not the age you are turning that year.

DFJW runs troupe classes in the following age groups:

- 6/u
- 8/u
- 10/u
- 12/u
- 14/u
- 15/o

We ask that you look at the schedule for your correct age group first.

Our Dance Factor staff will have the final say on the best-suited troupe classes for each individual dancer.

*If sufficient numbers are not met, then we will combine that age group with the age group above.

WHAT ARE THE COSTS INVOLVED?

- Your term dance fees
- Your Dance Factor Studio Uniform (any items from our uniform range)
- Your Dance Factor Studio Jacket - \$145 (to order upon enrolling)
- Your costume for each troupe dance - between \$80 to \$150
- Your concert costumes for each class - between \$25 to \$130
- Your combined troupe concert costume - approx. \$70 to \$130
- Appropriate dance shoes and stockings
- Entry fees for spectators into eisteddfods

BALLET & TAP EXAMINATIONS (WEEKLY LESSON TIMES TBC)

New in 2026, DFJW will be offering ballet and tap examinations! These exams are optional extras for those wishing to extend their dance training even further.

Ballet Exams will be under the guidelines of the ATOD - Australian Teachers of Dance - Classical Ballet Syllabus. An extra weekly ballet class on top of your current requirements will be added to the schedule for those wishing to participate in their ballet exams, as well as a ballet intensive session in each of the school holidays.

Exam dates are still to be determined.

Tap exams will be under the Tap Mode Syllabus. The current tap class troupe requirements will remain the same. If required, tap intensive sessions may also be added in the school holidays.

Exam dates are still to be determined but likely to be towards the end of Term 3.

Exam Costs

- Weekly class costs
- Fees for examination participation (costs vary between companies and by level)
- Dance attire according to requirements of each company for the exams.



WHICH CLASSES SHOULD I BE ENROLLED IN?

Troupe students from 8/u and older are expected to be enrolled in a minimum of five classes per week and four classes for the 6/u age group. It is strongly preferred, but not completely essential, that they participate in the troupe classes over the recreational classes where possible as they will get more progress out of the troupe classes.

Technique classes are compulsory for all of our troupe students. Jazz, hip hop and tap troupe students must take a minimum of 1 technique class each week. For those also wanting to participate in the lyrical and contemporary troupes, they must take a minimum of 2 technique classes each week. Ballet classes are compulsory for all of our troupe students up until our 15/o troupe age group.

Our 'combined troupe' concert routine, will be learnt for the most part in the jazz troupe classes, however, we may also require extra time and use other troupe classes for this time. If you are not a part of a jazz troupe, then you will need to be available during that class time from Term 3 in order to learn this routine.



Communication & Contact Details

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Communication

Our preferred method of communication is via email. All notifications and updates from DFJW will be sent via email. Please make sure that the email address provided on your enrolment form is checked on a regular basis.

Newsletters, updates and performance details will all be issued via email. Please be sure to read these updates for all important information, dates and times for troupe events.

Our private Facebook groups are also used to post for updates and conversations within the studio community. You can join these through the links below.

Social Media Pages

DFJW Private Group: 'DFJW Members'
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Facebook: 'Dance Factor by Jessica Walker'
Instagram: @dancefactor

