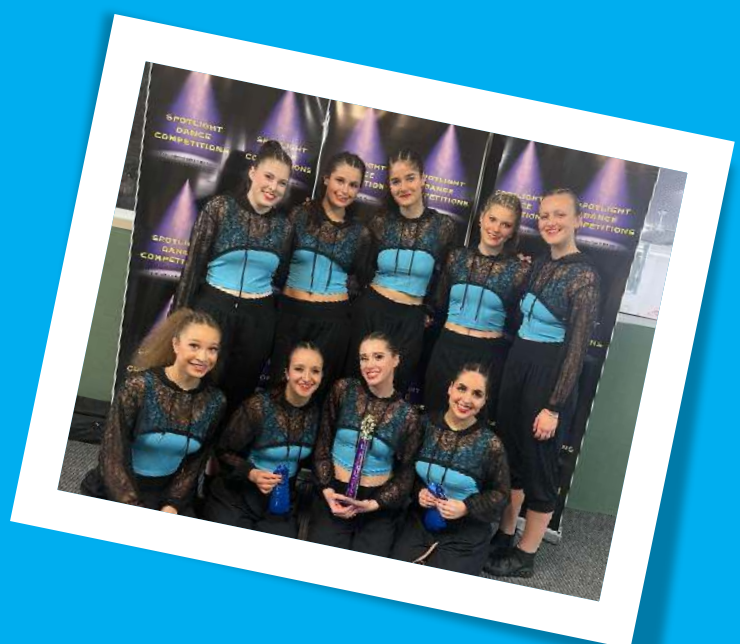# CODE

2023 Crew Info Pack

What are CODE Competition Crews?

CODE Competition Crews are for dedicated students who wish to take their dancing to the next level. These classes are for hard working students who are passionate about their dancing, have a positive attitude and a willingness to improve in all aspects of dance.

CODE offers Competition Crews for all ages and levels across a variety of genres. CODE Crews have a minimum commitment of contact hours per week. As a Crew member, you will represent CODE at a variety of competitions, charity events and other performing opportunities. CODE offers Competition Crews for all ages and levels across a variety of genres.

CODE Competition Crews are aimed at students who desire to:
- Participate in more performance opportunities
- Gain stage presence and performance skills
- Work as part of a team
- Improve confidence
- Improve on dance abilities and learn new skills

How are Crew classes different to Rec Classes?

CODE Competition Crews will learn a single routine that they perfect and perform at a number of competitions throughout the year. Crew classes also involve a large focus on stage presence and performance, technical development of the dancers as well as teamwork and trust.

Crew students also have the opportunity to learn an extra finale dance for the End of Year Concert (this generally involves attending an extra class in Term 4).

When do I get to Perform?

CODE Competition Crews perform in 3 competitions throughout the year. The dates for the competitions are generally released in January. The exact times for the competitions are sent to us 2-4 weeks before the performance so we ask you to keep the entire weekend free. We always endeavour to communicate competitions dates and times as soon as they are available to us.

Prior to the beginning of our Competition Season, CODE hosts a Crew Prep Day where students perform their Crew routines in costume for a panel of teachers. The Crew Prep Day is a great opportunity for students to practice performing in front of an audience before going on stage as well as receiving invaluable feedback from other teachers.

Crew students will also get the opportunity to perform at internal CODE Performances throughout the year such as the CODE Charity Showcase and the End of Year Concert.

How do I join a CODE Competition Crew?

To join a CODE Competition Crew, students are required to audition annually for each style of Crew that they wish to join.

CODE holds annual auditions for the following purposes:
- It enables teachers to form/restructure competitive troupes based on interested students' strengths and compatibilities
- It ensures that all students have an equal opportunity to be considered for a place in a Competition Crew or Codette Program
- It enables students to demonstrate their commitment and gain a taste of an audition experience in a fun and supportive environment

To find out more about audition dates or to sign up for auditions, head to:
dancecode.com.au/auditions

What else do I need to know about joining a CODE Competition Crew?

CODE Crew Class Requirements

In addition to their Competition Crew Class students must also meet the following requirements:

- **Hip Hop or Tap Crews:** Students must be enrolled in one other class of their choice (min 2 classes a week)
- **Jazz, Lyrical or Contemporary Crews:** Students must be enrolled in a TKJ and a Ballet class (min 3 classes a week)

Commitment

Students who are enrolled in CODE Competition Crews and the Codettes program are part of a competition team and are thus under the expectation that they are committing for the whole year. This is to avoid teams and teachers the inconvenience of continually changing choreography and routine positions. CODE Competition Crew students, Codettes and Mini Codettes who withdraw after Term 1 will be charged a withdrawal fee of $50.

Costumes, Hair and Makeup

CODE provides all costumes for the competitions. That means no buying, sewing or stressing about costumes! CODE provides Hair & Make Up video tutorials in the lead up to competitions. We also have teachers allocated to hair and make up on performance days for those needing some assistance or a touch up. CODE also sends out a Performance Checklist prior to competitions to ensure that you have everything you need on Performance Day.

Uniform, Tights and Shoes

Details on the shoes and tights for each Competition Crew can be found on our website: dancecode.com.au/uniform

All Competition Crew and Codette students are also required to wear a CODE Competition Crew jacket to each performance. Our jackets make us look like a team when we go to competitions and give students a sense of unity at the competitions. You can order a jacket from us - these jackets cost $79.50.

Cost of CODE Competition Crews

CODE Competition Crew classes are billed just like any other class, i.e. it counts towards your total number of hours. In addition, Crew Students are also charged a Crew fee of $39 per Crew per term to cover competition entries, costume hire and other Crew related expenses. In addition to the competition entry fees, some competitions also charge a Dancer Registration/Competitor Pass fee or audience ticket fees. These fees vary from competition to competition

- Audience ticket fees can be purchased directly from the competition on the day
- Dancer Registration/Competitor Pass fees will be passed onto the students and added to your term invoice

I am interested in joining a CODE Competition Crew but I still have more questions

Please don't hesitate to reach out via phone or email if you have any other questions about joining our Competition Crews. We know there is a lot of information to take in and are happy to guide you through it. If you need some help deciding if it is the right time for you to join Crews or are having trouble choosing which styles of Crews would be right for you, please get in touch and we can help you make the decision!

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