

# Welcome to Dance Unlimited

Welcome to all new and returning dancers and families!

This **Important Information Handbook** is designed to be clear, friendly, and genuinely useful. It contains everything you need to know about how Dance Unlimited works throughout the year, from classes and communication to fees, exams, and performances.

We recommend saving this document somewhere easy to find, as you may want to refer back to it during the year. If you ever have questions, we are always happy to help.

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## About Dance Unlimited

Dance is a universal language and at Dance Unlimited we celebrate a wide range of dance styles to support each student's individual strengths.

We are a proud, community-focused studio with passionate and dedicated teachers who aim to inspire dancers in a caring, encouraging, and professional environment. Dance is an exciting and rewarding journey - it helps children develop confidence, creativity, discipline, pride, a strong sense of achievement and gives children a place to gain new friends with similar interests.

Our classes are nurturing spaces where every dancer is supported to grow and shine at their own pace. We also take pride in training dancers who strive for excellence, including those who wish to pursue dance at an advanced level or as a future career.

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## Our Studios

### DU1

89 Fergusson Street, Feilding

### DU2

49 Manchester Street, Feilding

(Located behind Bayley's Real Estate – carpark access via Eyre Street)

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## Registration & Student Information

All students **must be registered by a parent or caregiver**, whether they are new or returning.

- Returning families: please log in to your existing account
- New families: please create a new account and complete the online registration form

When registering, please ensure:

- Your email address and phone number are correct
- You add a second email address if required
- You read and complete the media consent form
- You include any relevant medical or learning information

Once registered, you will be able to view available classes for your dancer. If you cannot find the class you are looking for, or would like help choosing the most suitable class, please email us – we are happy to help.

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## Communication – Staying Connected

Clear communication is essential. Dance Unlimited uses **two main platforms** to keep families informed.

### Email (Primary Communication)

- Email is our main form of communication
- Please use an email address you check regularly
- Important updates, reminders, invoices, and studio-wide information are sent via email

### BAND App (Essential)

- BAND is used regularly for class-specific communication
- All parents are required to be connected
- BAND can be downloaded on multiple devices so both parents and students can access information
- Teachers may share photos, videos, and updates from class
- This is a fantastic way for dancers to practise at home and for parents to stay involved

### Contacting the Studio

- All enquiries should be directed to [danceunlimited2@xtra.co.nz](mailto:danceunlimited2@xtra.co.nz) or by private messaging **Steph on BAND**
- Please do not contact teachers directly
- Absences should be reported if possible **before each class** by messaging Steph privately on BAND (select “Steph” → “Chat”)

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## Classes We Offer

Dance Unlimited offers the following classes:

- Preschool Dance – Ages 3–4
- Ballet – Ages 5+
- Jazz – Ages 5+
- Tap – Ages 5+
- HipHop – Ages 8+
- Contemporary – Ages 9+

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## Class Placement & Progression

At Dance Unlimited, class placement is based **primarily on ability and readiness**, rather than age alone. Other factors such as experience, training history, and maturity are also considered, with technical ability and learning needs being our main focus.

This approach ensures that each dancer is:

- Appropriately challenged
- Able to learn safely and confidently
- Surrounded by dancers working at a similar level

Because dancers develop at different rates, they may not always be placed in the same class as their friends. While we understand the social side of dance is important, placing dancers where they can best succeed helps build confidence, enjoyment, and long-term progress.

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## Attendance, Injury & Wellbeing

### Attendance Expectations

Regular attendance is extremely important for a dancer's progress and enjoyment.

- Skills build week by week, and frequent absences can impact confidence and development
- Attendance is especially important for exam preparation and show choreography
- Absences must be reported prior to class via private message to Steph on BAND

If a dancer has ongoing absences, teachers may be unable to confidently progress them or include them fully in assessments, exams, or performances.

### Injury & Wellbeing

The health and wellbeing of our dancers always comes first.

- If a dancer is injured, please inform us as soon as possible
- Teachers can often modify class work so dancers can safely participate
- If physical participation isn't possible, **watching class is strongly encouraged**

Observing class allows injured dancers to:

- Stay connected and included
- Learn choreography, corrections and musicality
- Maintain motivation and confidence while recovering

If a dancer needs to miss classes due to injury or illness for an extended period, please communicate with us so we can best support their return to dance.

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## Uniform & Grooming

Correct uniform and grooming are an important part of dance training and help create a focused, professional class environment.

- All students are required to wear the compulsory uniform for their class
- Hair must be styled correctly for each genre
- Full uniform and grooming requirements are available on our website

Uniform can be ordered online at [www.danceunlimited.nz](http://www.danceunlimited.nz).

We also have a BAND page for buying and selling pre-loved dancewear. Search “**DU UNIFORM**” on BAND to join.

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## Watching Classes

- Parents of new dancers are welcome to stay and watch the **first class** to help their child settle in
- The **last class of each month** is an official observation class where parents are invited to watch

At other times, we ask that parents refrain from observing classes to help maintain focus and independence for the dancers.

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## Fees & Payments

### Term Fees:

- 30-minute class – \$95
- 45-minute class – \$115
- 60-minute class – \$140
- 75-minute class – \$160
- Other classes – TBA

### Payment Options:

- Weekly, fortnightly, and monthly payment plans are available
- Please email [danceunlimited2@xtra.co.nz](mailto:danceunlimited2@xtra.co.nz) to enquire

### Fee Policies:

- **Admin Fee:** \$5 per family, per term
  - **Multi-Class Discount:** The highest-priced class is charged in full, with all additional classes receiving a 10% discount
  - **Capped Fee:** \$870 per term for dedicated dancers whose fees reach this level
  - **Additional Costs:** Some dancers may incur additional fees throughout the year, such as exam fees, costumes, competition crews, coaching classes, or workshops
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## Dance Exams

Dance Unlimited offers students the opportunity to take part in **annual dance examinations** in selected genres. These exams provide dancers with valuable performance experience, clear goals, and a sense of achievement. We follow recognised examinations methods with independent examiners

- Exams are optional but strongly encouraged
- They support technical development, confidence, and discipline
- Teachers will advise which dancers are ready for exams
- Exam fees are charged separately and added to accounts

More detailed exam information will be provided closer to exam time.

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# Annual Dance Show

Our **end-of-year dance show** is a highlight of the Dance Unlimited calendar and a celebration of our dancers' hard work throughout the year.

- All students are encouraged to take part
- The show gives dancers the opportunity to perform on stage in a professional setting
- Costume fees and show-related costs are charged separately
- Families will receive detailed information well in advance regarding rehearsals, costumes, hair, makeup, and performance expectations

This experience is often a favourite memory for both dancers and families.

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## Term Dates

**Term 1:** Monday 2 February – Thursday 2 April  
(Classes running as timetabled on Waitangi Day)

**Term 2:** Monday 20 April – Friday 3 July

**Term 3:** Monday 20 July – Friday 25 September

**Term 4:** Monday 12 October – TBC

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## Public Holidays

Some classes may be affected by public holidays. We will always communicate any changes in advance via email or BAND.

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## Code of Conduct & Studio Policies

- Dance Unlimited is not responsible for dancers before or after their scheduled class time
  - Please ensure safe and timely drop-off and pick-up arrangements
  - If you are running late for pick-up, please contact us as soon as possible
  - Personal belongings are the responsibility of the dancer – please avoid bringing valuables
  - Dance Unlimited retains rights over photography and video recording taken within the studio
  - Permission must be obtained before sharing any studio media publicly
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We look forward to another fantastic year of dancing with you.

**The Dance Unlimited Team** 