



## Code of Conduct

The following policy aims to create a safe, supportive, and respectful environment for children and young people attending FGDA.

At **Future Generation Dance Academy (FGDA)**, we strive to create an environment that encourages respect, integrity, discipline, and a sense of community. Our Code of Conduct is designed to ensure that all students, staff, and visitors maintain the highest standards of behavior. By adhering to this Code, we ensure that everyone feels safe, valued, and supported in their pursuit of dance and personal growth.

### 1. Respect for Others

**Respect for Instructors and Staff:** All students should respect the authority of their instructors and other academy staff. Staff are here to guide, teach, and ensure the safety and well-being of all participants. Students should listen attentively, follow instructions, and communicate respectfully.

**Respect for Fellow Students:** Treat all classmates with kindness, respect, and courtesy. Bullying, discrimination, or any form of disrespectful behavior will not be tolerated. Celebrate each other's achievements, and work collaboratively in class and rehearsals.

**Respect for Visitors and Guests:** Visitors to the academy, including parents and external guests, should be treated with the same respect as other members of the academy.

## **2. Commitment to Personal Development and Excellence**

**Punctuality:** Arrive on time for all classes, rehearsals, and events. Late arrivals disrupt the class and can interfere with the learning process. If you are unable to attend a class or rehearsal, inform the instructor in advance where possible.

**Preparation:** Come to class fully prepared, wearing the appropriate attire and footwear. Ensure you have any required materials or equipment, and take care of your personal hygiene to maintain a healthy and respectful environment for all.

**Effort and Attitude:** Always give your best effort in every class or rehearsal. Maintain a positive attitude and be open to feedback. Growth in dance and as an individual comes from hard work, perseverance, and the willingness to learn.

**Focus and Attention:** Pay full attention during class to avoid injury and to maximize learning. Distractions, such as phones or unrelated conversations, should be minimized during class time.

## **3. Safety and Well-Being**

**Physical Health and Injury Prevention:** Always warm up before dancing and cool down afterward. If you feel unwell or experience any injury, inform your instructor immediately and refrain from participating until you are able to return safely. Students should not push beyond their physical limits.

**Personal Responsibility:** Students are responsible for their own health and well-being. If you have any medical conditions or injuries that could affect your participation in dance, inform your instructor before taking part in any activity.

**Hygiene:** Maintain proper hygiene standards, including clean clothes, and wash your hands before and after class. All personal items should be kept clean and tidy.

## **4. Classroom Etiquette and Behaviour**

**Professionalism:** Maintain a professional attitude during class and rehearsals. This includes arriving on time, giving your full attention, and refraining from inappropriate behaviour such as chatting, phone use, or disruptive actions.

**Positive Environment:** Encourage a supportive atmosphere where all students feel safe to express themselves and improve. Avoid gossip or negative comments about others.

**Feedback and Constructive Criticism:** Accept feedback graciously and aim to apply it to improve. Instructors provide guidance to help you grow, so it is important to stay open-minded and use critique as a tool for development.

## **5. Respect for the Academy and Facilities**

**Proper Use of Facilities and Equipment:** Treat the academy's studios, equipment, and materials with care. Clean up after yourself and return any borrowed items to their proper places. Damaging or misusing any property will result in consequences.

**No Food or Drink When Engaging in Class:** To maintain cleanliness and safety, food and open drinks not permitted inside the dance studios when the students are supposed to be in class. Water bottles are accepted and should be closed when not in use to avoid spills. When students are on break, they are permitted to eat snacks to keep energy levels up to the side or outside of the studio.

**Personal Items:** The academy is not responsible for lost or stolen personal items. Students should keep their belongings in the designated areas and avoid bringing valuables to class. Phones are not permitted to be used during class, unless recordings are being taken for memory purposes.

## **6. Attendance and Participation**

**Regular Attendance:** Regular attendance is crucial for progress in dance training. If you must miss a class or rehearsal, inform the instructor in advance and make up any missed material if possible.

**Participation in Events:** When participating in performances, competitions, or other events, all students must comply with the rules and timelines set by FGDA. Participation is a privilege and a responsibility, and students should maintain a positive attitude and commitment to the group.

## **7. Social Media and Online Conduct**

**Respectful Online Behaviour:** Students should maintain respectful online conduct. Harassment, bullying, or any form of inappropriate behaviour online, especially on social media, will not be tolerated. This includes any negative comments about the academy, staff, or fellow students.

**Sharing Content:** If you are posting photos or videos of classes, rehearsals, or performances, respect others' privacy and ask for permission before sharing content that includes other students or staff. Always tag FGDA in social media posts when doing so, and ensure content is appropriate for posting i.e. routine videos are acceptable.

## **8. Dress Code**

**Appropriate Attire:** All students must adhere to the academy's dress code for their classes. This includes the following custom uniform items specific to FGDA:

2025 Tee Shirt

2025 Racer Back Crop

2025 Bike Shorts

2025 Cropped Tee Shirt

2025 White Halter Crop

2025 Biketard

2025 Tiny Tots Dress or baseball Tee

The wearing of studio uniform allows for both a professional look, as well as ensuring student safety when engaging in dance classes such as acrobatics.

**Shoes during class:** All students must have the appropriate genre specific shoes: Black jazz shoes, black tap shoes, pink split sole ballet shoes, black socks for lyrical & contemporary, pointe shoes (when given permission) and white sneakers for hip hop.

**Hair and Accessories:** Hair should be tied back and kept out of the face to avoid distractions and potential injury. Large or dangling jewelry should not be worn during class to prevent accidents.

## **9. Communication and Feedback**

**Open Communication:** Students are encouraged to communicate openly with their instructors about any concerns or challenges they may be facing. Whether it is related to technique, well-being, or personal matters, instructors are available to listen and support students.

**Feedback from Parents:** Parents and guardians are welcome to provide feedback or ask questions about their child's progress, but should do so through the proper channels, such as scheduled meetings or designated staff members.

## **10. Disciplinary Action**

Failure to adhere to this Code of Conduct may result in disciplinary action. This could include warnings, temporary suspension, or, in extreme cases, permanent removal from the academy. FGDA aims to foster a positive and respectful environment, and breaches of this Code will be dealt with fairly and appropriately.

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### **Acknowledgement**

By attending Future Generation Dance Academy (FGDA), all students, staff, and parents/guardians agree to abide by this Code of Conduct and understand the importance of upholding the values and principles outlined above. All parents will agree to this policy when filling out our online registration form.

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This Code of Conduct aims to create a safe, respectful, and productive environment for everyone at FGDA. We are committed to maintaining high standards of behaviour and ensuring that all members of our community feel valued and supported.

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