

2021 NEW POLICIES TERMS & CONDITIONS OF
Amy Newton Dance Studios PTY LTD!
As of 20/11/2021—PLEASE READ CAREFULLY!

***NEW PAYMENTS AND FEES: as of Term 4 2021** All members paying for term fees must do so by the due date set on the invoice. Invoices are all sent via emails given by our enrolled students/members. Automated reminders will be sent out by our invoicing systems. **NO payments NO classes.** If fees still do not get paid with no agreed payment plans set in place **a student cannot attend class!** If in financial stress all students/parents are welcome to **pay by the lesson to continue their participation** at Lesson prices (not divided term payments). Term payments and packages are designed with discounts for the purpose of paying up front. Please note outstanding fees unpaid will be followed up with legal action. If you decide to prefer payments by the lesson and have received a term invoice we will then cancel the invoice payment.

HOW TO PAY: Amy Newton Dance Studios uses Square for EFT & invoicing. (EFT only available at shepparton only). Cash and cheques are also accepted (cheques must be made out to 'Amy Newton Dance Studios') Payments can also be made via credit card through your invoice, and an option to pay via online bank transfer is also available with details on invoice, however please be aware if making a direct bank transfer, our square invoicing system will not see it and you may still receive automated reminders by Square. If you know you have made payments please ignore these reminders, as Principal Amy will update your invoice manually when payments are seen and is usually done so at the end of each week. Direct debit fee set up is also available for Unlimited Term packages.

HOW TERMS WORK: Term fees cover the length of the terms stated, and usually run on a government schooling term. We do not on a normal basis run classes through school holidays, but may run optional workshops for students interested which include separate workshop prices.

***REFUNDS/CREDITS:** No refunds or credits will be given from term fees /concert fees or other payments required via Amy Newton Dance Studios once paid. A Refund or credit will not be given for;

- Quitting all or one of the term classes during the term
- Not attending classes
- Public Holidays
- Lockdowns that may or may not occur due to pandemics or altering/similar law abiding situations.

It is up to the individual student/parent to see suitability of their own outside schedules if it is preferable to pay by the term or by the lesson. Credits or refunds may be agreed to only in special or reasonable circumstances such as a severe proven injury, or health related condition, preventing the continuation of classes. Where classes have been attended these will not be refunded and seen as attended under the Lesson rate. If a student quits one class from a packaged term fee you will also not receive a refund or credit.

***LOCKDOWNS/ALTERING CIRCUMSTANCES:** In the unfortunate circumstances of Lockdowns / or of similar altering conditions occurring for longer than 1 week, where students cannot attend physical face to face classes, Amy Newton Dance Studios guarantees to provide online zoom classes and/or Tutorial videos on Band made available weekly to uphold our policy of term payments made. Amy Newton Dance Studios will not be held accountable to credits or refunds if a student does not attend online classes or follow up with tutorial videos. Students paying by the lesson are still expected to pay their lesson fees if attending these online substitutes of classes.

***NEW ENROLMENT FEES + OBLIGATIONS:** As of 2022. An annual enrolment fee of \$30 will now be charged to all students/ members. This will be expected to be paid once yearly, and is non refundable if a student/member quits. If you are a student of 5 yrs or more you are exempt from this fee. 5 yrs works as if you have participated in 5 concerts or more. Upon enrolment to the new year. **As of 2022 ALL students will be required to fill in NEW enrolments .** *Until rules change from the Department of Health, All students aged 12+ must now be fully vaccinated/ or have an exemption to participate in any dance class or dance activity such as gigs & or Concert performances. Only fully vaccinated people may enter the premises of Amy Newton Dance Studios (including any hired premises).*

***CONTACTING STAFF:** We ask and prefer that all students under the age of 18 for all important or urgent matters if needing to contact a staff member that they do so via Text , Band or Email. Rather than social media platforms such as messenger / Instagram/ Tik Tok or snapchat. Some social Media platforms are not accessed quickly enough and also not a stable platform for contact of important negotiation. If a student does contact a staff member of Amy Newton Dance Studios via a social media platform we will express that we need to confirm with their parent/guardian on the subject first. If a parent or guardian has then agreed and is happy for this form of contact to continue only then will this be allowed.

CONCERT FEES: All students from classes of juniors through to seniors are expected but not obliged to perform in our end of year Concert. Students have until term 2 of the year to make up their mind and must notify Principal Amy as soon as possible if not able or ready to commit to a concert. Concerts are not applicable to Minis, but may be allowed from time to time depending on class circumstances. All Advanced + Jnr Advanced students must perform in all concerts/performance required. Dates + Concert Fees/packages are laid out normally at the start of the year. These fees are to be paid by July 30th of the year. If payments are not made by these dates the student will not be allowed to participate in the show and costumes will not be made/allocated, students are welcome to always partake in classes without performing through out the year. Due to the longevity and high organisation of costuming hire, and venue hire, once concert fees are paid this also is NON refundable. If a student quits there will be no refund given as money has been allocated for concert use. In the case of unforeseen circumstance arising where a student cannot attend a concert, and is seen as reasonable by the Principal, a credit of payments made will be passed through to the next year towards fees or next concert. *(in pandemic circumstances where things are unprecedented we ask that parents/students be patient while we adjust to the surroundings of such conditions and if a performance is possible to go ahead. In such cases as this leniency is given as to availability by students and is therefore understood by us. We aim to make payments as affordable as possible when/if decisions have been reached on a concert/performance. However the fees will still remain non refundable but may depending on the circumstance be granted credit towards the following year of dance. If a child choose to not attend the following year they forfeit those concert fees paid still).*



MUST JOIN BAND APP: Upon enrolment to A.N.D.S all parents/Guardians and students are required to join Band. This platform is designed for sporting groups and studios to maintain and this is how we keep all members exclusive to A.N.D.S up to date with newsletters, notices and all updated info Including videos to practice for classes. Download the Band app, search for club Amy Newton Dance Studios and register. Please fill in details required and request for membership and your membership will then be approved by a staff admin. Once you have been approved you will then be invited to your/ students groups to access practice videos. Eg: if you/or child is a senior you will be invited to ANDS-SENIORS Band, if Junior? To ANDS-JUNIORS etc.

NO VIDEOING OR PHOTOGRAPHY: NO filming is permitted at any time of any students during class, rehearsals and or performances without the permission of Amy Newton. Filming is only permissible by the staff of Amy Newton Dance Studios only. This is to protect all students in our duty of care.

CHOREOGRAPHY: All routines & choreography are copyrighted to the choreographers and cannot be replicated or used for any other purposes outside of Amy Newton Dance Studios without the permission of the choreographers themselves.

ZERO TOLERANCE RULE: We have a ZERO TOLERANCE RULE to any kind of bullying and bad behaviour in our school. Students are to be respectful to all teachers, staff and class mates at ALL TIMES! Failure to adhere to our Zero Tolerance Rule may result in students being suspended or expelled from the school. This includes behaviour at concert times also. Every student has the right to dance and should never feel uncomfortable or fearful at any time whilst in our care.

ABSENCES: We kindly ask to let teachers or staff members know when absent, via text or email is acceptable as any students absent for more than 3 weeks without any notification to the Teachers can incur the student being dropped from the class. Please notify Staff if students are not continuing classes as a courtesy.

***LEAVING + RESPECTING THE PREMISES:** No student under the age of 18 is to leave the studio without authority of being picked up by a parent/guardian. Please ensure you have filled in the required areas of your child being allowed to leave the studio or premises of which the Studio is using at the time. The studio or any premises being used under Amy Newton Dance Studios are to be respected at ALL TIMES; NO running! NO playing on stairs! NO jumping on couches or furniture! Continued disrespect or bad behaviour within the studios/showroom or any premises used by Amy Newton Dance Studios will be addressed and consequences will be put into action.

STUDENTS ONLY IN CLASS ROOMS: All parents/guardians or friends of students are to remain in the showroom or waiting area while classes are in session. Please ensure any younger children not enrolled are not distracting or entering the area of class at any given time.

MEDIA RELEASE: In signing your enrolment You have given Amy Newton Dance Studios the consent to use photography and/or video footage of the student to use for dance school purposes only such as advertisement, sales, social media, events, posters, dvds etc. If you do not give consent to any photography or footage during classes for protective purposes please hand in a letter expressing so and it will be attached to their enrolment.

STUDENT OBLIGATIONS: ALL students are to bring a water bottle to EVERY CLASS! All Students are to abide by the DANCE ATTIRE laid out under attire on the website and that SCHOOL UNIFORMS are not acceptable or appropriate to wear to class. NO chewing gum or lollies in class! **INJURIES:** It is vitally important that you tell the current teacher of your class if at any time you have a minor or major injury so that your teacher can modify or give leniency in particular movements or exercises. Also note that if you/your child choose to partake in class while injured that you are doing so at your own risk.

A.N.D.S PRIVILEGES/AWARDS/BENEFITS/:

At (Amy Newton Dance Studios) we aim to provide all our members and students with the best tuition and experience of dance. We firmly believe in ALL students learning at different capacities and strive to accommodate for all levels of learning. We are proud and reputable to have every student known by name and classes they are enrolled in as every student matters at Amy Newton Dance Studios.

In saying that we do offer many benefits and award systems within our school. You want more... you get more!

3 ANNUAL END OF YEAR AWARDS:

Throughout the year all students are assessed by their teachers as to their attendance, dedication and behaviour many go on lists that we feel could receive an end of year award. This can be quite challenging. These awards are discussed amongst our Staff and a final decision is made by the principal by concert time. We also take into account a students behaviour during rehearsals and how they handled the concert week in general. A student can only be in line for an award if they have been enrolled for the full year or years prior. Although rare it is still possible for students to get an award more than once. As we have many that show great potential we vow to look at new people for awards yearly.

MOST IMPROVED—Receiving a Trophy with 15% discount to following years Term fees + concert fees

This award is given to a student whom show a great improvement from either start of the year or previous years, in dance ability, attendance, dedication, confidence.

EXCELLENCE AWARD —Receiving a Trophy with 25% discount to following years Term fees + concert fees

This award is given to a student whom show great excellence in their dance fields, from either start of the year or previous years, in dance ability, attendance, dedication, confidence & have overall excelled in their skills & performance.

DANCER OF THE YEAR —Receiving a Trophy with 50% discount to following years Term fees + concert fees

This award is given to a student whom show all the above improvements, excellence and strong dance ability from either start of the year or previous years, including attendance, dedication, confidence & most importantly proves to be a standout in all performances.

EXTRA SPECIAL AWARDS:

5 YRS DEDICATION AWARD:

- *Receiving a personalised engraved Trophy*
- *Awarded a full scholarship for entire following year*

This is a special award that only comes around when called for. To receive this special award a student must have shown but most importantly maintained great initiative, improvements and dedication from their **1st year all the way to their 5th**. And being heavily dedicated to their classes, also choosing to be involved in outside class projects, workshops, competitions, gigs or activities etc.

10 YRS DEDICATION AWARD —

- *Receiving a personalised engraving Plaque*
- *1st term of following year FREE*
- *Following Terms 20% discount*
- *Concert fees FREE*

This is a special compulsory award for all students who have maintained their membership and dedication to the school for 10 yrs straight. These 10 yrs cannot be broken and must be from their **1st yr of enrolment to their 10th**. And can only be given to a student once.

5 YR COMPETITOR AWARD:

- *Receiving a personalised Trophy Cup*
- *Full Comp Team only Scholarship of classes, privates, costuming hire*

This award is only given to competition team members who have strived & competed continuously for 5 years and have competed more than a 100 separate categories in either solos, duos, trios, quads or troupes within that 5 yrs. This can only be given based from their 1st yr to their 5th yr.

GAMES + BAND WINNER

At ANDS we always like to offer fun competitions and games throughout the year receiving prizes and vouchers. And Some of these games are played through our platform on Band scoring points toward an end of year total. This winner will receive a special prize and ANDS vouchers to which can be used for merchandise or other items at ANDS.

We also like to play games in class at end of terms such as dance games, dance battles, Trivias etc. This helps bring many classmates together and create some competitive fun and great friendships.

SPECIAL SELECTED CLASSES + AUDITIONS

For students demonstrating stronger ability and great dedication in their respective classes. Staff may offer carefully selected students to join our Advanced or Jnr Advanced groups for the following year. These Classes are fast paced and students are expected to be resilient, confident, show high performance abilities, strong technique, great behaviour, handle all choreography, and be highly dedicated. Comp Team is the same. We either hold Tryouts for Comp Teams but also in some cases some people may be invited to join the team.

For special parts to do with shows/concerts. We encourage all students upon selected criteria and age to audition for special parts/groups or main leads. A main lead/selected item will only be given out to those who audition or those who have received an award. As all Staff are judges they are not allowed to audition, but may be asked to either understudy or take on roles that could not be filled.