

# YDF GUIDELINES

**Please read carefully before completing your entry form.**

*These guidelines are essential for the ease and success of Dance Fest 2019.*

*If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact the Ausdance ACT Office.*

- Youth Dance Festival is open to all high schools and colleges within the ACT and surrounding areas.
- Schools may enter more than one group (*dependent on the Festival participation limit of 60 pieces total*).
  - Year 7-10 schools, and Year 11-12 colleges can enter up to two (2) pieces.
  - Year 7-12 schools can enter up to three (3) pieces.
- YDF pieces must be a minimum of **three (3) minutes** and a maximum of **five (5) minutes** in length.
- We recommend the minimum number of performers is **six (6)** and the maximum is **55** per group.
- We encourage schools with multiple groups to restrict student participation to one piece only.
- Choreography and music must be appropriate for a family event. Anything deemed inappropriate or unsafe by the CDCM or Ausdance team may need to be amended. Think G or PG rating, if it were a movie.
- All performers **must attend** technical rehearsals and dress rehearsals.
- YDF is a student initiated and driven performance project. All pieces must be created by students or be an 80:20 collaboration between students and teachers. Teachers can contribute and collaborate with students to create their piece. It is the role of the teacher to introduce and facilitate discussion surrounding the theme and guide their student choreographers and performers towards their final piece. Ausdance ACT defines a teacher as anyone who is not a student of the participating school and is working with and directing students. This includes teachers employed at the school, any external teachers, designers, choreographers etc. who are paid or volunteer their time.
- The participating teacher(s) will be the main communication link between the school/participating groups and the Ausdance ACT Office. Please make sure your contact details are kept updated. We send regular update emails in the lead up to Dance Fest. Please make sure our Ausdance ACT email addresses are added to your school's IT safe list. See page 5.
- As per the *Directorate of Education and Training Excursion Guidelines* and YDF Guidelines, each school is to provide a minimum of one teacher/guardian during tech rehearsals, and two teachers/guardians for Performance Days. One nominated teacher will be responsible for all participants from their school at all times.
- Only nominated teachers/guardians and performers will be allowed backstage at all times. Parents and friends are will not be allowed backstage to see students. Please make sure all teachers and students are aware of this rule. All nominated teachers/guardians and performers will be checked in and identified before dress rehearsals and performances.
- YDF is a drug free, alcohol free and smoke free event. Any students breaking this rule will not be allowed to perform and may result in your school not being included in the festival.
- As producers of Youth Dance Fest, Ausdance ACT reserves the right to ensure that all participants and pieces meet the Youth Dance Fest guidelines and objectives. Failure to meet criteria could result in further action. Please be assured we will work with the teachers first before any action is taken.

*Please note: Ausdance ACT may change the festival dates, information, and format at any time at their discretion.*