Darlington Public School

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Aboriginal students from years 3-6 at Darlington may participate in the Koori dance group. Each year the group learns a new dance and has opportunities to perform in the local area and at local community events.

**Cultural Protocols for performances**

Darlington Koori Dancers have opportunities to perform on local Gadigal country at schools and for local community events.

Unless specifically invited by an Aboriginal community from a different area, our dancers do not perform outside of Gadigal country. This practice follows cultural protocols which require permission to be granted from one Aboriginal community to perform on the country of another Aboriginal Community.

The success of this program requires a commitment from students, parents and teachers:

**Students**

- attend school regularly
- must attend all rehearsals which may be held during lunch time (a roll will be taken)
- follow all instructions given by dance and supervising teacher
- work as members of a group who support each other
- represent our school positively by demonstrating good behaviour
- make sure permission notes are handed to parents and returned to school on time

**Parents**

- make sure all permission notes are signed and returned to school on time
- ensure students have food and drink for rehearsals
- commit to picking up and dropping students at nominated times
- pay levy of $100 for costume, props and accessories
- consent to their child being photographed and filmed

**Staff**

- supervise students in accordance to DEC policy
- take bookings for our dancers in accordance to cultural protocol
- submit entries/audition tapes for dancers to compete in DEC organised events
Performance schedule

School performances/community events

- students will have opportunities to perform at local community schools and organisations
- performances provide a platform for students to practice and refine their dance piece
- behaviour, dance ability and how members support one another during these events is closely monitored by dance and supervising teachers

Regional Dance Festival

- dance teacher works with students to create a dance which is then filmed and submitted to a panel who decide if our group is eligible to compete
- an ensemble of dancers are selected from the group based on ability, attendance and behaviour
- if selected, students perform in a matinee and evening session
- attendance is compulsory

State Dance Festival

- eligibility to compete in this festival is determined by the judges at regional dance festival
- if selected, students perform in a matinee and evening session
- attendance is compulsory

Schools Spectacular

- dance teacher works with students to submit an audition tape which is reviewed by a panel from Schools Spectacular who determine if we are eligible to participate and if so how many students we can bring
- dance and coordinating teacher decide which students perform in schools Spectacular based on attendance to date, behaviour and dance ability. These factors are evenly weighted in the decision making process due to large number of students who participate in this event.
- attendance is compulsory for students who are selected to participate
Parent consent

I __________________ on date________________ understand and accept to the roles and responsibilities and have discussed this with my child.

Student agreement

I___________________ on date ______________ agree to my responsibilities as a member of the Darlington Koori Dancers.