



2026 INFORMATION

SOLO, DUO, TRIO & REPERTOIRE

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2026 VENUE

The Events Centre, Caloundra
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COMPETITION DATES FOR 2026

Tuesday 7th April – Saturday 11th April (During Easter School Holidays)
Repertoire will be held on Tuesday 7th April

ENTER ONLINE

All entries and payments are to be submitted online via Comps-Online www.comps-online.com.au

AGE REQUIREMENTS

As of the 31st of December 2025

ENTRY FEES-: PER DANCE (NON-REFUNDABLE)

We've updated our pricing structure for the 2026 season.

As part of this change, we're excited to announce free audience entry for all attendees. (The Events Centre does require every audience member to collect a free ticket from the Box Office. This ticket will cover you for the whole day and is simply for venue record-keeping!)

Seating will be available on a first-come, first-served basis, and we cannot guarantee seats during peak times. However, a live video feed will be available on televisions outside the Playhouse Theatre to ensure no one misses a moment.

Additionally, we've reduced the price of the Age Champion entry to encourage more dancers to take part.

Thank you for your continued support. We're committed to making the 2026 competition our most accessible and exciting yet!

Solos	\$40
Duos & Trios	\$50
Age Champion	\$5*
Junior Bursary	\$35*
Senior Bursary	\$35*
Senior Classical Ballet Repertoire	\$105
Intermediate Classical Repertoire	\$85
Junior Classical Ballet Repertoire	\$85

**Must nominate at the time of entry to be eligible*

CLOSING DATE - SOLO DUO, TRIO & REPERTOIRE

11.00pm, Sunday 15th February 2026.

Late entries will be accepted up until 11.00pm on Friday 20th February 2026 however a late-fee will be applicable. We will not accept any late entries after these advertised dates, sorry!

PROGRAM & DANCERS SEASON PASS PACKAGE

When checking out from Comps-Online a \$17 (program & admin fee) fee will be added to your invoice which allows the entrant to collect ONE printed program from Admin on the day of the check in.

DANCERS passes are \$15 for each dancer listed on the entry and will be added to your invoice automatically.

The draft program will be available to view via our website www.scde.com.au well before the event. Watch Facebook and Instagram for this announcement. Once the program is finalised it will be available online via our website. To obtain your hard copy, simply present your Comps-Online invoice at the event to collect both your printed program and dancer's passes. Every Dancer must have a season pass. These passes are only valid for the solo/duo/trio/repertoire event.

We do not mail any programs or passes.

Additional programs will be on sale at the event.

COMPS-ONLINE REMINDER

At the time of checkout and payment you need to print & have a copy of your Comps-Online invoice as proof of payment. This printed invoice needs to be sighted on check in at the eisteddfod on your first day of competition. Should this not be generated then the payment did not go through, but this can easily be rectified through Comps-Online. We regret that entries/invoices not paid for in full via Comps-Online by the closing date will not be included in the competition or the program.

LOST PROPERTY

This is held at the Events Centre Caloundra for 1 month following this event. Please contact them with your enquiries.

ADVERTISING

This year our Solo, Duo, Trio, Repertoire program will be separate from the Group program. The options to place your advertisement are as follows:

1. Via Comps-online at the time of entering (preferably).
2. Place your order by email info@scde.com.au. Payment can be made by direct deposit only

Acc Name: Sunshine Coast Dance Eisteddfod Inc.

BSB: 638 010

Acc Number: 3445305

Please use your studio or business name as a reference.

All program artwork PLUS studio/company logo to be used as television media to be emailed to info@scde.com.au. Studios may wish to advertise in solos, groups or both programs. Please specify at time of ordering. We have numbered the options below, please use the number as a reference if you choose not to order online.

Advertising rates as follows:

1. A4 Full Page Colour and Media advertising \$250 (Solos Program only)
2. A5 Half Page Colour and Media advertising \$150 (Solos Program only)
3. Colour Banner & Media advertising \$100 (Solos Program only)
4. A4 Full Page Colour and Media advertising \$270 (Solos & Groups Programs)
5. A5 Half Page Colour and Media advertising \$170 (Solos & Groups Programs)
6. Colour Banner & Media advertising \$120 (Solos & Groups Programs)
7. A4 Full Page Colour and Media advertising \$250 (Group Program only)
8. A5 Half Page Colour and Media advertising \$150 (Group Program only)
9. Colour Banner & Media advertising \$100 (Group Program only)

Artwork closing date SOLO Program/BOTH Programs: 1st March 2026

Artwork closing date GROUP Program: 1st April 2026



**BY ENTERING SCDE YOU UNDERSTAND THAT YOU
MUST READ THE RULES AND ABIDE BY THEM**

2026 RULES AND CONDITIONS

SOLO, DUO, TRIO & REPERTOIRE

1. Dancers/Studios enter and participate in this eisteddfod according to all rules and guidelines listed. Lack of knowledge will not be accepted as a reason for the infringement of any rule. May we bring your attention to rule 4 if this is the first time you have entered this competition.
2. This Eisteddfod is open to amateurs only who have not or are not receiving income is derived from the particular class for which they entered.
3. This is a family-oriented dance eisteddfod; therefore costumes, routines and lyrics must be suitable.

4. HOSIERY

The Sunshine Coast Dance Eisteddfod Committee sees that our most important duty is as guardians of the Competitors who enter this dance competition. We take our job very seriously therefore we adopt the 'No Tights, No Dance' policy. We take great pride in providing a venue for all Competitors to develop their craft and performance in dance, in a safe, family orientated environment and we hope you will support our decision as we are sincere in our actions. To clarify this rule to participate -: the dancer, Female and Male are to wear 'dance tights' and should be to the knee (knee length) in all genres of dance. **Tights are not required if the costume is form fitting to the knee. eg. a unitard or just above the knee shorts (skirts/dresses must wear tights)** We thank you for your attention and support in this delicate matter. Please email us at info@scde.com.au if you need further clarification.

5. COPYRIGHT

The Eisteddfod Committee is not responsible for any infringement of copyright or royalty by performers or those associated with the performances. Copied music and choreography is used at their own risk. We assume that all studios/schools hold the relevant licences.

6. THE ADJUDICATORS DECISION WILL BE FINAL

No prize will be awarded unless there is sufficient merit. The Adjudicator has the power to withhold or divide prizes according to merit of performance. Communication with the Adjudicator either by competitors, teachers or other interested parties during the Eisteddfod is forbidden. All inquiries or requests are to be directed to the Committee or Conductor of session not the Adjudicator.

7. ALTERATIONS; CHANGES TO THE PROGRAM OR ADJUDICATOR

The Committee reserves the right to make any alterations or additions to the program when they become necessary and to appoint a Substitute Adjudicator at any time without notice. Competitors dance in all sections AT THEIR OWN RISK & in the order according to the program.

8. PROTEST

Protests must be made in writing and handed to the Secretary within half an hour of the cause of the protest arising, accompanied by a fee of \$50.00, which will be forfeited if the protest is considered frivolous. The decision of the Eisteddfod Protest Committee will be final. NO PUBLIC PROTEST WILL BE PERMITTED.

9. RESTRICTED/NOVICE SECTIONS

Restricted Sections are open to Competitors who have not been awarded a 1st, 2nd or 3rd place in any solo section at this Eisteddfod. Teachers are required to monitor this and are responsible for students entering these sections correctly and truthfully. **This section is NOT included as points towards the age aggregate/champion award.** We have two restricted sections per age, should you place in one of these at this eisteddfod you may still enter restricted in the other.

Eg. Susie Jones won 1st prize in the 10yrs Restricted Classical, Demi-Character, Lyrical, Contemporary & National section but was unplaced in the other restricted section (NOT Classical, Lyrical, Contemporary, Demi-Character & National). SO, at our next eisteddfod Susie Jones enters the regular section but may still enter the restricted section she did not place in. You may still enter any of our regular sections if you are a Novice, it is not compulsory to begin as a Novice at this eisteddfod.

YOU MAY NOT REPEAT THE DANCE IN THE OPEN SECTION IF IT IS PERFORMED IN THE RESTRICTED SECTION

10. TIME LIMITS

Time limits will be strictly adhered to otherwise penalties will apply.

Maximum time limits are:

Solos	3 Minutes
Song & dance solos	4 Minutes
Duos & trios	4 Minutes

11. AGE LIMIT

The age limit for Competitors is the 31st December in the year prior to the event. Competitors must be prepared to provide Proof of Age if required. The age limit for all competitors in the Eisteddfod is 30 years and under.

12. SOLOS, DUOS & TRIOS

Competitors must dance in their age group in Solo items. In the case of Duos/Trios, they may partner an older or younger competitor, but the age of the oldest competitor determines the age section in which they compete.

13. LAPSE OF MEMORY OR MUSIC MALFUNCTION

Competitors 12 years & over who commence a performance, stop completely and leave the stage are encouraged to dance a second time but for "critique only" & will be unplaced. Younger competitors in this situation may be placed at the discretion of the Adjudicator (Marks will be deducted). At any age and if this is a fault of a music malfunction, which is out of the control of the dancer, then the dancer may repeat his or her dance without penalty.

14. DEMI-CHARACTER

The definition of 'DEMI-CHARACTER' is a Solo that tells a story which is danced to a non-descript piece of CLASSICAL, INSTRUMENTAL music. The dance is performed with classical technique, and it is up to the Actor/Dancer to tell a story. Simple props may be used, and music has NO VOCALS.

15. SONG & DANCE SECTIONS

NO VOCAL BACKING IS ALLOWED WHILST SINGING, however, vocals are allowed whilst dancing.

16. TAP SHOES

No pre-recorded tapping during dance sections is permitted. Tap shoes must not be worn in the auditorium and tap shoes must be removed or covered backstage.

17. CHECK-IN

As we are working on limited staff all competitors are requested to report to Admin (located in the foyer) to check-in BEFORE commencement of their first dance of the day. Competitors must be in readiness backstage before the commencement of their section. Those failing to answer their names when called will be assumed a No-Show. No person other than the one whose entry has been received will be allowed to compete. Titles of National and/or Demi-Character are to be noted at when uploading music.

18. CANVASSING OF STUDENTS / BAD SPORTSMANSHIP

As this is a friendly Eisteddfod that respects all who wish to take part, bad sportsmanship will not be tolerated. Anyone who distresses a Teacher, Competitor, or a Volunteer will be subject to the Disciplinary Action Schedule. Canvassing by Studio Owners, Teachers, Competitors or Parents to change a competitor's place of enrolment is regarded as bad sportsmanship and an infringement of the competitors rights. Failing to follow the Stage Managers directions will also incur the same disciplinary action.

A select number of Committee members will be responsible for delivering a Grade of Disciplinary Action should the Sunshine Coast Dance Eisteddfod be compromised in any way.

The relevant grades for this disciplinary action will be:

Grade 6	Verbal warning
Grade 5	Written warning
Grade 4	Loss of points
Grade 3	Disqualification
Grade 2	12 Month ban
Grade 1	24 Months ban

19. PROPS

Props are to be placed on stage with a time limit of one minute. Competitors must show respect for the stage. Props must never be dragged unless the feet are covered with rubber or similar. NO foreign substance is to be spilt on the stage and NO lit candles or naked flames are permitted. No special effects or rosin ever to be used on the stage. **Due to theatre/backstage restrictions large props are not allowed (No beds/couches etc). Please email us if you are unsure and require approval.**

20. MUSIC (Solos, Duos, Trios and Repertoire)

Music must be submitted prior to the event through Music Uploads. Information will be released once the program is finalised. Please ensure you follow our social media (Facebook & Instagram) for all updates.

21. BACKSTAGE

We ask you to be respectful of the amount of people backstage acting as support.

Entrants 5,6 or 7 years	ONE person ONLY. (either Parent or Teacher)
Entrants 9 years and under (Restricted sections ONLY)	ONE Person ONLY. (either Parent or Teacher)
Entrants 8 years and over (General sections)	NO support person allowed backstage.

Backstage management has the right to remove any person who breaches this rule and we ask that you always follow the directions of the Stage Manager or face penalties.

22. PHOTOGRAPHY OR VIDEOGRAPHY

The taking of photographs by cameras, video cameras or mobile phone cameras of any performance is strictly forbidden and includes videos taken side of stage from the wings. This is a rule of the Child Protection Act. Professional services are provided in both photography and videography and is to be arranged with the consent of the Parent/Teacher prior to the performance. Should this rule not be adhered to then this may result in disqualification. Any device with a screen is strictly forbidden to be used by audience members during any performance. **All dressing rooms have a strict NO PHOTOGRAPHY/VIDEOGRAPHY rule. There are plenty of open spaces at the venue you can utilise for your personal photography.**

23a. DRESSING ROOMS

NO tapping EVER on tiles or easily scratched floor areas. In shared dressing rooms all competitors and associated parties are expected to demonstrate respect for the space, costumes and belongings of others always. Each Dancer will be responsible for keeping their dressing space clean and tidy.

The toilets/bathrooms cannot be used as change rooms or for hair and make-up. This is a rule from The Events Centre and they do enforce it.

23b. DRESSING ROOMS - CHILD SAFETY AND PRIVACY POLICY

At SCDE, the safety, comfort, and privacy of all competitors are our top priorities. Because our dressing rooms are shared spaces where children are changing costumes, access to these areas is restricted to female parents, guardians, and teachers.

Male parents, guardians or teachers who need to assist a child will be provided with an alternative changing area within the same vicinity.

Minor male competitors (under 18 years of age) may choose whichever dressing room they feel most comfortable using, and our staff will ensure they are supported and their privacy is respected.

This policy aligns with our duty of care, the Child Safe Standards, and section 28 of Anti-Discrimination Act 1991 (Qld), which allows gender-specific facilities and reasonable measures to protect the privacy and welfare of minors.

Please also refer to rule 22 regarding photography/videography in dressing room areas.

We appreciate your understanding and cooperation in maintaining a safe and respectful environment for everyone.

24. AWARDS/REPORTS

Solos: A Trophy will be awarded for 1st place. Medals will be awarded for 2nd & 3rd place, VHC and HC.

Duos/Trios: Medals will be awarded for all placings. Each dancer will receive the appropriate medal (not shared with partner/s).

Winners will be presented with their award on stage after each section

Written reports are given for ALL dances. It is the dancers responsibility to collect their written reports/awards from Admin. ONLY the associated Dancer/Parent/Teacher may collect report sheets.

25. AGGREGATE/AGE CHAMPION AWARD

Age Championship trophies will be awarded to the winners of each age section however, **COMPETITORS MUST PRE-NOMINATE TO BE CONSIDERED FOR AGE CHAMPION**. This nomination has a one-off fee. It may be requested that age champion winners attend a small ceremony held on the final day of solo competition.

Points as follow-: 1st = 5 points, 2nd = 3 points, 3rd = 1 point (calculated for all dances Including multi-age group sections e.g. Song & Dance.) Restricted, Duo/Trio sections are NOT Included.

In the event of a tie we will count the points awarded on each eligible dance to calculate and determine a winner

26. REPERTOIRE

2026 Adjudicator - Claire Phipps-Males

Senior Classical Ballet Section - 15 years & Over

1st place: Prize money of \$1000 plus Trophy.

Runner up: Prize money of \$500 plus Trophy.

Encouragement award: Showtime gift pack

Section a, b, & c will be adjudicated:

(a) Master Class with Guest Teacher. Class leotard to be worn and girls are to bring pointe shoes.

(b) Traditional Classical variation DANCED EN POINTE.

Time Limit approx. 2 minutes.

c) One Contemporary Solo (own choice). Time limit is up to 3 minutes.

CONTEMPORARY DANCE:

Must be an original piece, not from a masterclass/Prix de Lausanne etc, this is to be one choreographed especially for you under the supervision of your studio director/teacher.

Any dances performed in repertoire cannot be performed in any other section at our eisteddfod. Please do not enter any of the classical or contemporary sections unless you have additional dances in those genres.

Intermediate Classical Ballet Section - 13-14 years

1st place: Prize money of \$500 plus Trophy.

Runner up: Prize money of \$250 plus Trophy.

Encouragement award: Showtime gift pack

Section a & b will be adjudicated:

(a) Master Class with Guest Teacher. Class leotard to be worn. Pointe shoes are not required.

(b) Traditional Classical variation. OPTIONAL POINTE OR DEMI-POINTE SHOES

Time Limit approx. 2 minutes.

Junior Classical Ballet Section - 8 - 12 years

1st place: Prize money of \$500 plus Trophy.

Runner up: Prize money of \$250 plus Trophy.

Encouragement award: Showtime gift pack

Section a & b will be adjudicated:

(a) Master Class with Guest Teacher. Class leotard to be worn. Pointe shoes are not required.

(b) Traditional Classical variation. NO POINTE SHOES

Time Limit approx. 2 minutes.

GENERAL REPERTOIRE INFORMATION

Traditional Costumes are to be worn in the required variations. It is advised that entrants keep, as close as possible, to the traditional/professional repertoire. Male and Female dancers are reminded that rule 4 is applicable. which requires male and female dancers wear hosiery to the knees. Disqualification will occur should any rules be breached.

Entrants are ineligible if they have received individual tuition from the Adjudicator in the past 6 months. If you find you are ineligible when the Adjudicator is announced, please contact the Committee and your entry will be partially refunded.

Any dances performed in repertoire cannot be performed in any other section at our eisteddfod. Please do not enter any of the classical sections unless you have an additional dance in the genre.

VARIATION CHOICES:

Due to the diversity of allowed variations at different Classical competitions we have decided to allow ANY traditional classical variation to be danced. When uploading your music you must state what the variation is.

27. SPECIAL NEEDS SECTION - Dance Ability

Solos, Duos and Trios will be combined. These sections will be included if there are sufficient entries.

28. THEATRE ETIQUETTE

NO PERSON WILL BE PERMITTED TO LEAVE OR ENTER THE AUDITORIUM WHILST ANY ITEM IS IN PROGRESS OR WHILST ADJUDICATIONS ARE BEING GIVEN.

29. BURSARY

There will be two Bursaries -:

Junior - 12 years and under	1st Prize: \$250 plus Trophy Encouragement award: Showtime gift pack
Senior - 13 years and over	1st Prize: \$500 plus Trophy Encouragement award: Showtime gift pack

The Adjudicators will choose ten Competitors for each Bursary from the solo sections. These competitors may repeat a dance they have already performed or choose a different one. Any style will be acceptable. Competitors MUST HAVE NOMINATED at the time of solo entry to be considered for selection. A competitor may NOT nominate if they have won this Bursary in the previous year's Eisteddfod unless changing from Junior to Senior Section. A competitor who has won the Senior Bursary may enter again after 18 months has passed. **The 10 selected dancers will be notified when the bursary will take place.**

30. SECTIONS

NOT SURE WHICH ONE TO ENTER? I'VE ENTERED THE WRONG ONE, WHAT DO I DO? REFUNDS?

It is strongly suggested you have your teacher check your entry before submitting. If by accident it is wrong, your teacher will contact us by email info@scde.com.au and we can make the changes (within 2 weeks of your entries being submitted). After 2 weeks a fee of \$20 per change of dance/section will be applicable. To change a dance section takes such a lot of time for our committee, it is not an easy process so please try your best to have it correct at the time of entry. If you wish to add dance please email and we can help you with this, however no entries will be accepted once we have closed.

No refunds will be given unless the Sunshine Coast Dance Committee cancels the event/section. In the case of cancellation ALL refunds will be minus the Comps-On-Line fee of \$5.00 and the SCDE administration fee.

31. RESPECTFUL CONDUCT

All competitors, teachers, and parents are expected to treat staff and volunteers respectfully. Abusive or aggressive behaviour towards staff, volunteers, or other participants will not be tolerated and may result in removal from the venue or disqualification from the event.

32. TICKETS

In 2026 there will be no charge for tickets for entry into the theatres. Seating will be available on a first-come, first-served basis and we cannot guarantee seats during peak times. However, a live video feed will be available on a television outside the Playhouse Theatre to ensure no one misses a moment.

The Events Centre does require every audience member to collect a free ticket from the Box Office. This ticket will cover you for the whole day and is simply for venue record-keeping.

DONATIONS

If you would like to sponsor a trophy for a section, you can do this online also at the time of entry via Comps-Online. Donating \$30 to \$50 will allow sponsorship of a section and would help considerably. A great deal of money is required to stage this Eisteddfod and every little bit helps and is appreciated. We are a not-for-profit organisation run by a group of volunteers who give their time freely. If you are able to lend a hand and be part of organising this event please contact the committee, we'd love your assistance.

On behalf of the Sunshine Coast Dance Eisteddfod Committee we thank you for your support of this event. We take great pride in giving our young dancers of tomorrow the opportunity and experience, which we sincerely hope helps to perfect their art.