

## Child Safety Statement of Commitment

### Studio V School of Dance

**Studio V School of Dance is committed to the safety, participation and empowerment of all children and young people.**

**We have zero tolerance for child abuse in any form.**

### Our Commitment to Every Child and Young Person at Studio V

At Studio V School of Dance, the safety and wellbeing of every child and young person in our care is our highest priority. We are committed to creating an environment where every student feels safe, respected, valued, and empowered — in every class, every rehearsal, every performance, and every interaction.

#### We commit to:

- Acting in the best interest of children and young people at all times
- Providing a safe, inclusive, and welcoming environment for all students regardless of background, ability, identity, or circumstance
- Listening to children and young people, taking their concerns seriously, and responding promptly and appropriately
- Empowering students to understand their rights – including their right to feel safe, to be heard, and to speak up
- Ensuring all staff, contractors, and volunteers are appropriately screened, trained, and supported to uphold child safety in every aspect of their role
- Maintaining professional, respectful, and appropriate boundaries in all interactions with students
- Preventing, identifying, and responding to any risk of harm to a child or young person
- Reporting all child safety concerns to the appropriate authorities in accordance with our legal obligations
- Respecting and valuing the diversity of all children and young people, including Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students, students with disability, students from culturally and linguistically diverse backgrounds, and LGBTIQ+ students
- Engaging openly and transparently with families and the community about our child safe approach
- Regularly reviewing and improving our child safety practices

### Our Child Safety & Wellbeing Policy

Studio V's Child Safety & Wellbeing Policy addresses all 11 Victorian Child Safe Standards and is available in full on the Studio V website and upon request. All staff, contractors, and volunteers are required to read, understand, and comply with this policy as a condition of their engagement with Studio V.

Our child safety policies and procedures are reviewed annually and updated in line with legislative requirements and best practice.

## Child Safety Officer

Studio V has appointed a Child Safety Officer who is responsible for overseeing child safety compliance, receiving and responding to child safety concerns, and ensuring our policies are implemented effectively.

Child Safety Officer	Contact
<b>Vassie Catalano Studio Director &amp; Child Safety Officer Studio V School of Dance</b>	Email: info@studiov.com.au Phone: 0414 712 458 Families, students, staff, and community members are welcome to contact the Child Safety Officer at any time with any concern or question about child safety at Studio V.

## How to Raise a Concern

Studio V encourages anyone - including students, families, staff, volunteers, or members of the public - to raise a child safety concern at any time. No concern is too small. You will always be taken seriously.

- **Speak to any Studio V teacher or staff member:** Any Studio V staff member can receive a child safety concern and will escalate it to the Child Safety Officer.
- **Contact the Child Safety Officer directly:** Vassiliki Catalano can be contacted by email or phone at the details above.
- **Contact external authorities:** If you believe a child is in immediate danger, contact Victoria Police on 000. For child protection concerns, contact Child Protection on 13 12 78.

## Acknowledgement of Country

Studio V School of Dance acknowledges the Traditional Custodians of the land on which we operate and pay our respects to their Elders past, present and emerging. We recognise that sovereignty was never ceded and we are committed to creating a culturally safe environment for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children, young people and their families.

*This Statement of Commitment is published on the Studio V website, provided to families at the commencement of each year, and available to view by anyone, upon request. It is reviewed annually as part of the Studio V Annual Child Safety Policy Review.*

Approved By	Effective Date
<b>Vassie Catalano Studio Director &amp; Child Safety Officer Studio V School of Dance</b>  Signature: _____  Date: _____	June 2026 Next Review: Term 4, 2026 Version: 1.0