Flipside Circus
Statement of Ethics

As a Member of /Participant in Flipside Circus I will,

Abide by Flipside's Teaching Ethics

- To provide a positive, safe and challenging environment for all participants, appropriate to their age and skills.
- To develop a high level of confidence, commitment, circus and communication skills.
- To create innovative and fun classes that encourages a love to learn.
- To support young people to create and develop performance skills with their circus skills.
- To interact with young people in a way that is child centered, respectful and empowering.
- To provide a drug free environment.

Encourage, by example, the removal of any form of personal abuse, inappropriate behaviour or discrimination

Exercise a standard of care consistent with my competence and obligations

- Show concern for the health, safety and welfare of all Flipside participants.
- Train within the limits of my competence, skills and experience.
- Follow appropriate safety guidelines.
- Be an appropriate role model for others.
- Work to ensure my time spent at Flipside is a positive experience.

Ensure physical contact is appropriate, necessary and respectful.

- Ensure spotting methods are consistent with established principles.
- Ensure spotting is used only to facilitate learning and/or safe performance.

Direct observations and recommendations regarding all aspects of training activities to the appropriate persons for the improvement of Flipside classes.

- Flipside welcomes constructive feedback, comments and observations that help to improve the quality of our training. We ask that when providing feedback you respect the efforts of other Flipside staff and volunteers.

Trainers

Represent myself and my trainer status in an honest and professional manner.

- Provide a quality service to my workshop participants and performers.
- Provide a safe environment for participants in training and performance.
- Extend professional courtesy to other trainers, performers, workshop participants and their parents by keeping them informed in matters relevant to training programs.
- Abide by and respect the policies and procedures of Flipside and individuals administering them.
- Be a role model for circus, other trainers, performers and workshop participants.
- Provide planned and sequential training programs based on the developmental needs of workshop participants.
- Refrain from using the influence of my training position to encourage inappropriate intimacy between trainer and workshop participants.
- Be alert to any forms of abuse towards performers and workshop participants from other sources whilst they are in my care.
- Promote and assist in the education of other trainers.
- Acknowledge the individual talents and potential of performers and workshop participants.