

"WHERE TRADITION MEETS MODERN"

BELLA DEBUTANTE



INFORMATION

INTRODUCTION

WELCOME

Thank you for choosing Bella Debutante to celebrate this wonderful and memorable night.

Bella Events Albury,

work very hard to ensure the success of your very special night. From the time you start your first lesson to when you walk out on stage, we have got you covered.

The word Debutante (French “female beginner”) was originally meant that the woman was old enough to marry and part of her coming out was to display her to eligible bachelors and their families with a view to marry within the selected circle.

Bring in 2024 it now represents a transition towards adulthood, in a *Bella*, modern way.

Participation in the ball requires parents, debutantes and their partners to be highly organised and available. Paying attention and listening to the dance trainer is also very important as we have a few dances to learn in 5 weeks, so there will be a lot of communication, listening is vital.

This is going to be so much fun and there will be lots of laughter with just a touch of seriousness.

So.... let's get ready and have some **FUN!**

TRAINING

There are 5 training sessions before each debutante ball. They are to be held at St Peters Lutheran Church Hall, 367 Urana Road, Lavington.

Training days are usually on a Sunday late afternoon till the evening. The times for these training sessions will be communicated to you 90 days before the deb ball date. These can be subject to change so please keep an eye on our group chats. This is why we need you to put work, sport and social commitments aside for 5 SUNDAYS. This will ensure that you are ready and available at a moment's notice.

REHEARSAL

There is one rehearsal, and it is held at the Albury Entertainment Centre (The glass doors next to ticketek). This is normally held on a Wednesday evening. Again, this can change due to the Albury Entertainment Centre booking in an event on the same day. We ask that the groups be there 15mins beforehand so they are ready with shoes on.

These times will be communicated 90 days before the deb ball date.

REGISTRATION

The Debutante and their Partner are to both pay a registration fee in order to secure their spot on that particular debutante ball date.

Their registration pays for their seat at the venue, entrée, main meal, Entertainment, Security, 5 weeks of professional dance lessons, wrist corsage, buttonhole, gifts for the official party, debutante cake, and administration duties. All registration fees for both parties need to be paid 90 days before the deb ball date. After this date refunds are subject to Bella Events Albury's discretion.

Payments can be made by Direct Deposit at the Hume Bank or Direct Transfer to:

BSB: 640000 ACCT#: 111282963 ACCT NAME: Bella Debutante

The reference needs to be either the debutantes name or partner's name, whoever you are paying for. **NO REFERENCE MEANS NO REGO PAID.**

On the Bella Debutante website: www.belladebutante.com.au

there will be a registration form, profile form and photo permission form that the debutante and partner both need to fill in and email these back to us at belladebutante@bigpond.com (just follow the prompts). They will need to email these forms and pay for their registration 90 days before the deb ball date.

***REMINDER THAT THE SPOT IS ONLY SECURED BY PAYMENT OF THE REGISTRATION. ***

SUPPORT OUR LOCAL BUSINESSES

We have several businesses that will be offering a discount or debutante packages for Bella debutantes and partners. The participating businesses will be confirmed asap on our group chat.

DANCE TRAINING

Our professional dance instructor has more than 30 years of dance training up her sleeve. She has trained many school debutante balls on the border and is awesome at making you look like great dancers, her name is

BRONWYN ROBERTSON.

Couples will learn up to 5 formal dances for the presentation and 1 fun dance. It is **very** important to listen to Bronwyn's instructions. We know that the debutante and partner are so excited and they all want to chat, however, we need them to do it after the lesson not during. This is very annoying and disrespectful to try and talk over everyone. It becomes noisy very quickly in the hall. Debutantes and Partners, **must bring their shoes** to dance in, and if they forget them, I will send them home to get them. There is to be:

- **NO CHEWING GUM AND NO HATS/ HOODS.**
- **THEY ARE REQUIRED TO WEAR THE APPROPRIATE FOOTWEAR IN EVERY SESSION.**
- **IT IS COMPULSARY! THAT WHEN BRON IS TALKING, THEY LISTEN AND PAY CLOSE ATTENTION, BECAUSE AT THE END OF THE DAY ITS THEIR NIGHT AND THEY WANT TO LOOK LIKE THEY KNOW WHAT THEY ARE DOING.**

With Bronwyn's experience with training debutantes and their partners, she knows what she is talking about, so **they need to show her the respect and courtesy** and listen to what she says.

MESSENGER GROUP CHATS

We will be opening a Facebook group chat for the debutante and partner, and we are opening another chat for the parent/guardian on messenger to communicate any important information quickly from now until the debutante ball. When we open the debutante and partner chat, we will ask them to screenshot their parent/guardians facebook page so we can friend request them and add them to the parent/guardian group chat. We will also put the dances on the debutante and partners chat, for them all to practise during the week. Please ask us if you are unsure about absolutely anything. This chat is not for cheeky remarks.

COMMITMENT

If the debutante choses a date, they need to make sure that their partner and themselves get the time off work, sport, out of school lessons, holidays, etc. It is **COMPULSARY** for them to attend the **whole five training nights**, as well as be readily available if dates or times change. There is also no leaving early or arriving late. We expect 100% contribution to training. There are no makeup sessions. These dates are subject to change, so we need to make sure that they are available the whole five weeks.

COLOUR THEME

Our Colour theme is Light Pink and Silver

TABLES AND DECORATIONS

We invite the debutante and partner to decorate their own tables in pink and silver, put their own personality into it and use their creative minds.

* Tables are already plated, serviettes, glass wear, cutlery supplied by the Albury Entertainment Centre when they come in to decorate from 12pm till 3pm on the day of the ball. Please do not disturb the place settings or move chairs.

*It is **COMPULSARY** to put a place card on all your plates and write the guests first name (not MUM or NAN) and write under their name, any dietary request, they may have. There will also be a ribbon tied on the back of the chairs for special dietary requirement guests, please do not remove, and do not hang jackets over the chair and ribbon.

* The size of the 16 seated trestle table is 70cm wide and nearly 5m long. Bella have their own table runners on every table, they are silver in colour with a pink Bella sign on it. These are the property of Bella Debutante. Please do not remove these.

ALBURY ENTERTAINMENTS RULES

- **DO NOT** use rubber balloons, bubbles, glitter or glitter type products and leaves/petals as this requires a cleaning bill which will be invoiced to you or It will be remove before the ball.
- **DO NOT** bring in alcohol or alcohol products. A bar service is provided.
- **NO** naked flame, only battery type candles or fairy lights are allowed. On the centre of the table, nothing higher than 30cm
- If wanting to give the guests a sweet gift to say thank you, these need to be secured in jars, containers with lids or boxes, for each guest individually.

DEBUTANTE

*The **Dress** must be white and ensure it has sufficient clearance from the floor for ease of dancing, skipping, and walking. Dresses with straps or sleeves are preferred but not compulsory. Debutantes that don't like dresses do have the option to wear a white pant suit (no naked mid drift) must have a detachable skirt. The skirt must be worn for all professional photos and during the presentation dances and presentation formalities.

*The **shoes** must be heels in white, ivory, nude or silver. They must bring comfy shoes on the night to change into, for the fun dance. (No Bare Feet) **IT IS COMPULSORY TO WEAR THEIR HEELS TO ALL PRACTICES**, this will also help them to wear them in a bit. They can wear their heels to training with socks to protect their feet from blisters.

*It is compulsory to wear elbow length gloves in white. We provide on the night, a wrist corsage for them to wear.

PARTNER

*The style of Suit is already picked and will be hired through Ferrari Formal Wear & Bridal. Shop 2/439 Dean Street, Albury. PHONE 60211128
The cost of this suit is **NOT INCLUDED** in your registration. When they hire their suit, it is your responsibility to look after it and make sure it is all returned.

The hire includes Suit Jacket, Vest, White Shirt, Bow Tie, Jacket Pocket Slip, and Pants.

***PLEASE SUPPLY BLACK LACE-UP DRESS SHOES & LONG PLAIN BLACK SOCKS.**

Shoes need to be clean, tidy and polished.

*Measurements, payments and returns are between yourselves and Ferrari

*Boys do not wear gloves and we provide on the night a buttonhole.

*Any questions about suits please refer them to Ferrari.

*Bella Events Albury takes no responsibilities for the suits

FORMAL PROCEEDINGS

- Guests to arrive at 6pm
- Bar opens at 6pm
- Entrée is served at 6pm on platters at the back of the room together with tea and coffee.
- Guests are requested to be seated by 7pm.
- Following the introduction of the official party by the MC, debutantes and their partners are formally presented to our Guest of Honours. During the presentation a short profile of both the debutante and their partner is read out.
- After the conclusion of the formal dances, we will have speeches from our guest of honour and Bronwyn Co-Ordinator. We will have a speech read out from the debutante and partner which will announce the gifts and then cut the debutante cake.
- Dinner will then be served around 8/8.30pm
- Photography at the social media wall will be open at 8pm. All photos taken will be seen on Facebook, Instagram. If you wish to not have your photo on these social media platforms, **please do not** get your photo taken. It is your responsibility to let **ALL YOUR GUESTS KNOW ABOUT THIS SOCIAL MEDIA SET UP AND WHERE THE PHOTOS WILL BE DISPLAYED.**
- The MC will read out the debutante or partners name when photos are due to be taken with your family.
- After dinner the debutantes and their partners return to the floor for the FUN dance and their special partner dance.
- Tea, coffee and cake will be served after the fun dance
- The night will conclude at 11pm

SPECIAL DUTIES

Debutantes and their partners are invited to volunteer for some duties on the evening.

- Reading of the thankyou speech
- Giving of the gifts
- Cutting of the cake

If they wish to volunteer, please tick which box on their registration form. All duties will be allocated by drawing of names out of a hat, if no volunteers come forward.

GUEST TICKETS:

ADULTS **TBA (Indicative cost \$115, 2024 prices)**

CHILDREN 4 to 12 **TBA (Indicative cost \$55, 2024 prices)**

CHILDREN 3 and under are free but must be on the lap of a guest as there is no seat, no meal provided and no high chairs. Please do not bring in your own high chair due to OH&S issues.

NO TICKET, NO ENTRY, NO PASSOUTS.

Start inviting your friends and family now!

Tables will be allocated on the basis of when order forms are received, table sizes will be established to best suit your requirements but cannot be guaranteed. Table sizes are 16 or 24 seats, however the qty of tables and sizes are dictated by the venue and safety requirements.

If you are not able to sell all your seats on your table, you will need to PAY FOR THOSE EMPTY SEATS that are left over. A surcharge per empty seat is compulsory to complete the table. No tickets will be given out until the table is paid. We will communicate through the group chats how many tables are still available, if more are required.

Debutantes and Partners don't have to pay for a ticket, as it is included in the price of their registration, they will also not receive a ticket for the night. Don't leave collecting the money for the tickets to the last minute. Also use the group chat if there are seats you cannot fill on your table as there may be a deb couple who need just a few extra seats but don't want to purchase a whole table.

****REMEMBER TO KEEP IN MIND A SEAT FOR THE DEBUTANTE AND A SEAT FOR THE PARTNER**.**

If you have any queries, please contact us.

The cost of the guest ticket includes: entry into venue, entertainment, entrée, meal, tea, coffee and cake (drinks not included).

TICKET INFO

When each guest pays you for their tickets, please fill in your Guest/Dietary form (download from website). Once all money is collected if it's in cash can you please make sure it is the correct amount as I will not have change with me. Seal the envelope and write the debutante or partners name and amount on the front of the envelope. If paying by transfer please make sure you put the debutante or partners name as a reference. All payments need to be made by the fourth training session and no later.

Bella Account details are:

BSB: 640 000 Acct#: 111282963 Acct Name: **Bella Debutante** Reference:
Debutante name or Partners name.

There is no selling of tickets or altering of tables from the fourth training session onwards. You can swap tickets but only with people who **DONT** have a special dietary requirement.

The Albury Entertainment Centre can only cater to 4 dietary requirements,
Gluten free **Vegetarian** **Lactose/Dairy free** **Nut Allergy**

PHOTOGRAPHY

For the debutante photos we engage the services of a professional photographer:

CHRISTINA MARCUZZI PHOTOGRAPHY

Christina offers various beautiful packages, if you would like to view these before the event, please contact her directly on: 0418 238 640.

The photos that Christina will take are: "Twirl shots" with debutante and partner. Paid Portrait Photos/packages with the debutante and partner, which will have a time organised between Christina and parent/guardian. These will also be taken at the Entertainment Centre, before the event. Family photos will be during dinner, please make sure to contact Christina as soon as possible to book a time slot, as its first in best dressed. **We would suggest all hair and make-up appointments should be booked in the morning as it will free up midday/afternoon for photos.** If the debutante decides she wants photos but the partner doesn't (or vice-versa) the debutante/partner will still need to be present at the photo time slot. All responsibility, communication and money transfers for packages are between the parent/guardian and Christina Marcuzzi Photography. Bella Events Albury takes no responsibility with photos or payments.

Christina and her assistant will be taking single, double, group, or family photos at our Bella social media wall. They will upload these throughout the night on the Bella Debutante Facebook page free of charge. Just remember to let your guests know that all photos will be on all our social media platforms for advertising.

Debutantes and partners are to be at the Albury Entertainment Centre at 4.15pm for the twirl shots then food and refreshments will be served at 5pm At 5.30 our guest of honours arrive and the group shot will be taken at 5.45pm

* We will have a container to put all personal small things like small hand bags, wallets, keys, phones etc. Larger bags and coats, etc you will need to leave and collect later. The container will be at our Official table. When presentation is finished, please collect your belongings and don't forget to collect the big things as well.

SECURITY SAFETY GUIDELINES:

As a requirement for the Albury Entertainment Centre and Bella Events/Bella debutante, we have engaged the services of Security guards. Not only are they there to check guest's tickets, they are also there to monitor guest's behaviour and enforce rules in relation to the service of alcohol.

People 18 – 25 who wish to purchase alcohol will have their identification checked by security and will be issued with a wrist band.

Debutantes and Partners in that age bracket will be presented with their wrist bands after sighting their identification after the presentation dances.

Remember there are no pass outs, if you leave the venue, you will not be allowed back in.

No smoking or vaping in the venue. To go out to the designated smoking and vaping area you will need to be 18 and over.

There will be no one walking around barefoot, so make sure you take a **more comfortable pair of shoes** to change into. Please make sure that the debutante and partner have comfortable shoes to wear after the presentation dances.

IMPORTANT NOTICE:

Underage drinking is **NOT TOLERATED** as well as buying drinks for an underage person, intoxication, vaping inside the venue and under the influence of drugs, will all result in being **removed immediately** from the venue.

If the Debutante or Partner, have consumed any alcohol/drugs before presentations, they will be unable to participate in the evening. There is no refund of their registration.