

Nicola Cafcaros



will be representing Australia in the “World Dance Cup” in United Kingdom and in the “American Hall of Fame World Titles” in Orlando, Florida USA

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A Parent s View

Nicola was born in 2002, it was apparent from the beginning that she was little different from other children I had observed. Her eyes were non stop, always looking at everything, even listening to sounds; she would try to imitate them.

We noticed while still in mummy’s tummy, whenever music was played, Nicola would be dancing to the beat. At times it was very exhausting for Nancy(Nicola’s mother), because Nicola moved so much. In fact, a family friend said “Its got to be a girl. She’s busy, she’s dancing”. It stuck with everyone we met, since everyone noticed how much movement was going on. Others commented”She’s a Dancer”.

Nancy said, “Please no music”, in the house, in the car and even if we went to functions. It was very fatiguing for Nancy. We even booked in for amniocentesis (a test to check for problems with babies) and she danced for the Doctor. He said, “She’s on the move”, Nicola was nicknamed after that. He also commented; “You have a very healthy baby, very active, that will give great joy but wonderful challenges ahead”.

Those, “wonderful challenges ahead”, what did he mean? We thought to ourselves, as Nicola’s parents.

Little did we know what this would lead to, singing every possible song she heard, miming tunes, Playing Violin at 3 Years of Age, of course the reading, dancing, soccer,

climbing and acrobatics that all followed. Her hunger for further work was at times overwhelming, we would tell her to “just do one or two things and be good at those”. But everything she tried she enjoyed and was quite good at it.

Once she started dancing, just for fun at first, we thought, it would be simple and after 1 month she wanted to perform in front of people, and demanded to go with the rest of girls to Dance Festivals and Eisteddfods. About 3 months later at her first competition she received; 1st In Babies Dance, then 1 month later 1st Place in Jazz, 1st Overall Champion 5 years, 2nd In Classical Ballet. We knew that dancing was not quite a Saturday morning one hour thing anymore.

Realise, she was also playing competitive soccer for the Olympic Eagles Football Club, having 2 violin classes per week and practise. Nicola attends and is academically competent at St Spyridon Junior College as well. We thank the school sincerely for the excellent grooming to Nicola.

Nicola went on to win many more awards and was always humble to say to family and friends “dancing is only a thing I do for fun!” But for parents, the time, effort and costs are very high. What do you do? Ignore the talents and gifts of the Child and hope they go away or nurture them, make them blossom? Well you can see the path we have taken with Nicola and may I say Faith, Hope and Love play a big part in your child’s development.

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