



The core vision of successful learners and innovative thinkers will be developed across a program that will promote opportunities for elite dance performance skills with professional choreographers, guest artists and artists in residence.

The program is intended to be an extension to the class curriculum studies in Dance and it is strongly recommended that students attend Dance studios and undertake Dance as a subject as a core foundation to support the Program of Excellence Dance from Years 7 - 12.

PATHWAYS: ACADEMIC

Year 7-10	Dance Curriculum	- Vocational Training
Year 11-12	General Dance and Cert III/IV Elite Dance Performance	- Tertiary Education - Vocational Training

The anticipated success for each individual will vary and will be demonstrated by a range of individual outcomes. Students will be expected to perform at school, local and interstate Dance competitions and support the school vision of a connected community.

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PROGRAM TOURS

Participation will be dependent on the program of study for the year and the availability of performances unique to each year.

- Sydney Dance Eisteddfod
- Creative Generation State School Onstage
- Brisbane Performing Arts Challenge
- Toowoomba Dance Eisteddfod
- Dance Showcase Performances

HONOUR BOARD

The school's Program of Excellence Dance have achieved considerable success since the program's inception.

Some of our past achievements include:

- Winners of the Sydney Dance Eisteddfod in the Contemporary Schools Section performing at the Sydney Opera House.
- Senior Dance Excellence selected as a stand alone item for Creative Generations State Schools Onstage.
- 2 x Senior Dance Excellence students awarded \$30 000 Dance Scholarship to Queensland University of Technology, Bachelor of Fine Arts Dance Program.
- Dance Excellence students performing with Queensland Ballet Company and Royal Caribbean Cruise Lines.
- Employed in teaching and choreographing in dance studios.

Brisbane Performing Arts Challenge - recent Eisteddfod results:

- 13 x 1st Place – Contemporary, Lyrical, Jazz and Musical Theatre.
- 8 x 2nd Place – Musical Theatre, Cabaret and Year 7 and 9 Contemporary choreography.
- 6 x 3rd Place – Contemporary, Lyrical, Musical Theatre and Jazz.
- 3 x Very Highly Commended – Jazz, Contemporary and Lyrical
- 2 x Highly Commended – Contemporary and Musical Theatre.
- 3 x Very Highly Commended – Senior Dance Excellence Jazz.

Toowoomba Dance Eisteddfod - recent Eisteddfod results:

- 9 x 1st Place – Contemporary, Lyrical, Jazz and Musical Theatre.
- 5 x 2nd Place – Contemporary, Jazz and Student Choreography.
- 3 x 3rd Place – Contemporary, Lyrical, Jazz.



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OUR AIM

The Program of Excellence Dance is unique and has been designed to provide rich innovative challenges and experiences, which have the potential to see students reaching new heights in all aspects of their dance education. Each year heralds exciting performance opportunities for students to stimulate and promote performance excellence.

The program encompasses the dancer's fundamental creative, artistic, intellectual and emotional development in various dance styles. Under the guidance of experienced senior teachers and guest choreographers, students work together as a team. They have the opportunity to develop technical and artistic skills through the enjoyment of elite dance experience across a range of genres.



The core values of the school, "Respect, Responsibility and Resilience" will underpin the high expectations and standards of behaviours, work ethic and performance that the students of this program will be expected to adhere to.



OVERVIEW

The Program of Excellence Dance empowers excellence through outstanding educational training that nurtures and cultivates individuals potential within a supportive, innovative program. Strategically developed artistic and technical content aims to be at the forefront of developments within the art form: equipping students with the skills, attitudes and attributes reflective of industry standards. Respectful relationships between Dance companies and Private dance schools form a pivotal component of the program. We seek, explore and embrace new performance possibilities for the growth of students, ensuring the highest creative and artistic standards are achieved and maintained. Students participate in a minimum of two Dance Excellence technique classes before school and during Wednesday or Thursday Afternoon Modules delivered by expert staff promoting elite training. Working in conjunction with the Junior and Senior Dance Curriculum, the Program of Excellence Dance provides opportunities for participants to showcase their works both at school, within the broader community and at national competitions.



Students applying for the Program of Excellence Dance need to:

- Demonstrate talent, facility, commitment and passion to become exceptional dancers.
- Undertake a one-hour Dance audition for selection.

To maintain a position in the Program of Excellence Dance students must satisfy the following criteria:

- Attend regular scheduled Dance classes.
- Be undertaking a core Dance elective program across years 7-12 and set an exemplary standard of effort and behaviour both in class and scheduled Excellence classes.
- Achieve a B or higher in core curriculum Dance Study
- Maintain a minimum C standard in English
- Maintain satisfactory standards in classroom effort and behaviour across all subject areas.

GOALS OF THE PROGRAM

- The overarching goal is to enrich students' lives with lifelong skills, perspectives and understandings, enhancing their ability to dance and relate to life experiences through dance.
- To stimulate and promote personal development across all aspects of dance and education by providing performance opportunities for both experienced and less experienced performers.
- The desire to improve student outcomes both individually and as a united cohort by ensuring that all aspects of involvement are congruent with curriculum content and supporting pedagogical practices.

OUTCOMES FOR STUDENTS

- Individually students will have the opportunity to learn dance works of the highest calibre supporting both cognitive and physical development.
- Academic rigor involved in the learning process has the potential to directly improve student outcomes.
- Develop all aspects of performance skills and stage craft on professional stages.
- Engage in the choreographic process from a 'grass-roots' level, as the piece is built and developed on them.
- Personal excellence through a challenging and enjoyable educational process.
- Valued team member with a strong sense of community.
- Promote self-assurance, confidence, courage and pride.
- Unique opportunities for the individual to shine and realise their full potential whilst performing for large audiences.
- Work with industry professionals and expert teaching staff.

