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THE NEXT STEP  
IN ACHIEVING  
YOUR CHILD'S  
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ASHDALE SECONDARY COLLEGE  
DANCE ENRICHMENT  
PROGRAM



### What can I expect from the Dance Enrichment program?

Ashdale Secondary College's Dance Enrichment program is for Year 7 and 8 students. It provides a pathway for talented and passionate dance students to develop their skills further and extend their theoretical knowledge of dance within a discrete learning environment for an entire year. This program runs twice per week before school and is in addition to a student's regular weekly class timetable. Classes are held on Tuesday and Friday mornings (7:40 - 8:40 am). Once accepted into the program, attendance is compulsory and will form part of a student's regular attendance at the College. Students who are accepted into this program must demonstrate a genuine passion for dance, demonstrate developed technical and performance skills, and have an excellent attendance record.

### What styles of dance will we learn?

The Dance Enrichment Program is primarily contemporary; however, opportunities exist to explore other genres and look at dance theory, history, choreography, and composition. In Years 7 and 8, the program focuses on technical dance skill development in the contemporary dance genre, jazz, hip hop, tap, commercial dance, world dance styles, musical theatre, industry, and choreographic skills. Students will perform their own and others' choreography in various genres and styles. They will also learn how artists create meaning through choreography and design choices by viewing, analysing and creating dance works.

### What are the future dance pathways after Year 8?

The Dance Enrichment Program will focus on developing all aspects of dance, focusing mainly on technique, composition and performance. This course will provide a clear pathway into Year 9 and Year 10 Dance electives and then into Senior School, aiming for each student to achieve either a Certificate II and/or III in Dance by the end of Year 12. We also aim to create a culture of success for the College in dance with direct links to professional bodies and community organisations. The College will provide students within the Dance Enrichment Program with the opportunities to represent the College in dance competitions, showcases, the biennial school production, and various other community and school performances.

### What if my child doesn't have any or minimal dance experience?

If your child is interested in the program but has limited or no background in Dance, we strongly urge you to apply. While having prior experience may be an advantage, it is not necessary. We will also be looking for students ready to begin or recommence their Dance journey at the College so long as they can display a desire to commit to the course and demonstrate suitable progress throughout the year. Your child is expected to close the gap in skill and knowledge throughout the year if accepted into the program.