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GRACE ACADEMY DANCE DEVELOPMENT

PROGRAM OVERVIEW

Grace Lutheran College consistently achieves outstanding results for students whose passion is dance. From countless placings in local and regional Eisteddfods and National Dance Competition performances to Teacher Partnerships with the Queensland Ballet and other leading companies. The College's dance students are provided with world class opportunities to develop their choreographic and performance skills.

This package provides information about the Dance Development opportunity, a partnership between the subject Dance and Grace Academy to provide an additional co-curricular pathway for students in Years 7 to 9, who love to dance or have a passion for artistic movement.

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The aim of the opportunity is to provide students with knowledge and skills to develop their ability to look after and strengthen their body as a tool for artistic expression and further their creativity and choreographic skills.

Aligning with the College's mission statement, the program aims to glorify God through a holistic approach to self development, personal goal setting and valuable educational experiences related to dance.

Students will grow, be empowered and learn through the education and expertise gained by participation in this co-curricular Dance Development opportunity, discussing their goals and exploring a broad range of future pathways and performance opportunities.



The participants attend workshop sessions one morning per fortnight (7:15am-8:00am), addressing:

- Nutrition;
- Injury prevention;
- Choreographic skill development;
- Stretch and strength;
- Individualised goal setting & teamwork;
- Design and production; and
- Repertoire development.

Each semester, the students will be offered a specialised repertoire workshop with professional artists/staff to extend their dance skills and encourage personal growth.

Annual Program Fee: This fee assists in covering equipment, costuming and specialised workshop costs.

Information on the application process can be found overleaf.



Any Year 7, 8 or 9 student attending the College who is interested in extending their dance skills in a supportive environment, whilst also developing a broader understanding of body care, artistry and management skills can apply for the Dance Development Opportunity. Students participating in the opportunity, would also undertake Dance as an elective subject (where possible), to extend their choreographic skill development in the classroom.

ADDITIONAL DANCE OPPORTUNITIES AT THE COLLEGE:

- Dance Elective Subjects;
- College Dance Troupes and Dance Crew;
- Cert III in Dance (Years 11-12) (where available);
- School Musicals;
- Eisteddfod Teams;
- Dance Showcase Concerts;
- Viewing professional dance performances (excursions); and
- Broader performing arts opportunities at the College also include music and vocal tuition, drama performances, clubs, choirs, bands, ensembles and more.

Ignite Excellence: Flexible Learning Pathway (The Arts)

For students performing at a State or National level in their area of talent, a flexible learning pathway can be applied for. This pathway can provide a flexible timetable allowing the student to attend external training, auditions, rehearsals or performances. The flexible timetable individualises the student's hours of attendance and provides a College mentor to oversee its implementation. Written applications for the IGNITE EXCELLENCE: Flexible Learning Pathway (The Arts), along with supporting documentation, should be submitted to the College's Head of Teaching and Learning.

APPLICATION PROCESS

Acceptance into the opportunity is dependent on the following:

- Submission of the online Application Form: <https://www.graceacademy.com.au/dance-development;>
- Successful audition (during Semester 2 of the previous year);
- Commitment to a College Dance Troupe;
- Commitment to study available Dance elective subjects in Middle School; and
- Payment of the annual Program fee.

For more information on the Dance Development opportunity, please go to www.graceacademy.com.au. Parents are also welcome to contact the relevant staff member:

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