



DANCE

General Senior Subject

Dance fosters creative and expressive communication. It uses the body as an instrument for expression and communication of ideas. It provides opportunities for students to critically examine and reflect on their world through higher order thinking and movement. It encourages the holistic development of a person, providing a way of knowing about oneself, others and the world.

Students study dance in various genres and styles, embracing a variety of cultural, societal and historical viewpoints integrating new technologies in all facets of the subject. Historical, current and emerging dance practices, works and artists are explored in global contexts and Australian contexts, including the dance of Aboriginal peoples and Torres Strait Islander peoples. Students learn about dance as it is now and explore its origins across time and cultures.

Students apply critical thinking and literacy skills to create, demonstrate, express and reflect on meaning made through movement. Exploring dance through the lens of making and responding, students learn to pose and solve problems, and work independently and collaboratively. They develop aesthetic and kinaesthetic intelligence, and personal and social skills.

Pathways

A course of study in Dance can establish a basis for further education and employment in the field of dance, and to broader areas in creative industries and cultural institutions, including arts administration and management, communication, education, public relations, research, and science and technology.

Objectives

By the conclusion of the course of study, students will:

- demonstrate an understanding of dance concepts and skills
- apply literacy skills
- organise and apply the dance concepts
- analyse and interpret dance concepts and skills
- apply technical skills
- realise meaning through expressive skills
- create dance to communicate meaning
- evaluate dance, justifying the use of dance concepts and skills

Structure

Unit 1	Unit 2	Unit 3	Unit 4
Moving bodies How does dance communicate meaning for different purposes and in different contexts? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Genres: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Contemporary – Jazz/ Hip-Hop • Subject matter: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – meaning, purpose and context – historical and cultural origins of focus genres 	Moving through environments How does the integration of the environment shape dance to communicate meaning? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Genres: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Contemporary – Musical Theatre • Subject matter: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – physical dance environments including site-specific dance – virtual dance environments 	Moving statements How is dance used to communicate viewpoints? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Genres: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Contemporary – World Dance • Subject matter: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – social, political and cultural influences on dance 	Moving my way How does dance communicate meaning for me? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Genres: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – fusion of movement styles • Subject matter: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – developing a personal movement style – personal viewpoints and influences on genre

Assessment

In Units 1 and 2 students complete four formative assessments. The results from each of the assessments are added together to provide a subject score out of 100. Students will also receive an overall subject result (A–E).

Formative assessments

Unit 1		Unit 2	
Formative internal assessment 1 (FA1): • Performance	20%	Formative internal assessment 3 (FA3): • Project — dance work	35%
Formative internal assessment 2 (FA2): • Choreography	20%		
Formative internal assessment 4 (FA4): 25% • Examination — extended response			

In Units 3 and 4 students complete four summative assessments. The results from each of the assessments are added together to provide a subject score out of 100. Students will also receive an overall subject result (A–E).

Summative assessments

Unit 3		Unit 4	
Summative internal assessment 1 (IA1): • Performance	20%	Summative internal assessment 3 (IA3): • Project — dance work	35%
Summative internal assessment 2 (IA2): • Choreography	20%		
Summative external assessment (EA): 25% • Examination — extended response			