

# SPECIALIST DANCE PROGRAM

YEAR 7 2027

NEW

The Specialist Dance Program at Ellenbrook Secondary College will provide students the opportunity to celebrate their passion for dance while focusing on expanding their technique and performance skills. Through the program, students will build body awareness, musicality, and choreographic abilities, alongside fostering the development of commitment and confidence.

## Key features

- Fitness and conditioning – flexibility and stamina required for dancers.
- Industry-specific workshops.
- Collaborations with industry choreographers and companies.
- Timetabled lessons in Years 7-10 with optional pathway of continuing in the program in Years 11 and 12.
- Future pathways – VET Dance or General Dance in Years 11 and 12.
- Opportunities to engage in whole school dance troupes e.g. showcases each semester, College events and assemblies, 'School to Stage' Dance competitions and primary school tours.

The Specialist Dance Program is led by trained dance teachers who are passionate about nurturing student talent and growth, as well as invited professional choreographers, who offer real-world industry insight. The program also encourages student leadership opportunities, allowing students to build confidence while contributing to the wider dance community within the school.



## Program structure

- Inaugural Specialist Dance cohort.
- One dedicated timetabled period (replaces Year 7 Drama).
- One dedicated session before or after school.
- Additional performances and rehearsals as scheduled.

## Facilities and resources

- Air-conditioned dance room with mirrors.
- Theatre space with sprung floor.
- Fitness room for specialised fitness programs.

## APPLICATION

To apply, students must:

- Submit a Specialist Dance Application Form by Term 3, Friday 24 July 2026.
- Attend an audition on one of the following dates: Tuesday 25 August OR 8 September from 3:30 pm to 4:15 pm.
- To confirm acceptance, complete an Application for Enrolment

Note: Students will receive notification of acceptance in Term 4 2026.

*We wish to advise that this program is being proposed and will only proceed if there is adequate student interest and confirmed participation.*

## CONTACT

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## Specialist Dance Program 2027

Applications due by 24 July 2026

Ellenbrook Secondary College is launching a new Specialist Dance Program in 2026, with Year 7s being the pioneer cohort for this exciting new program. This initiative will provide opportunities for dancers to engage in ongoing development in the skills and attributes needed to dance and perform to a high level.

In this program, students will explore the history of dance and the characteristics of various genres. Emphasis is placed on all aspects of dance, ranging from skill development to fitness requirements such as flexibility and stamina, dance styles and choreography. Beyond classroom learning, students may have opportunities to take part in industry-specific workshops, school and public performances, and dance competitions.

The program provides a well-rounded dance education with timetabled period per week, supplemented by an additional before or after-school session, dedicated to practical and theoretical development of dance knowledge and skills. The timetabled session will replace Drama as the performing arts subject in the Year 7 curriculum.

Students enrolled in the program are expected to actively participate in Ellenbrook Secondary College's performance showcases at the end of each semester, as well as performing at College events, assemblies, and other promotional opportunities. The Specialist Dance troupe will also represent the College in external dance competitions. Students are expected to wear correct PE uniform to dance classes and maintain school attendance above 90% to remain within the program.

To be considered in the program, students are required to attend one of the audition sessions on Tuesday 25 August 2026 OR Tuesday 8 September 2026.

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To confirm placement in the Specialist Dance Program, both parents/carers and students will be asked to sign a program agreement outlining expectations and responsibilities. Students may be withdrawn from the program if their behaviour or level of participation does not meet the required standards.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact the Head of Learning Area – The Arts.

Thank you.



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25 May 2026

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### **Year 7 2027 Specialist Dance Audition**

- Tuesday 25 August 2026 3:30 pm to 4:15 pm in the Dance Room
- Tuesday 8 September 2026 3:30 pm to 4:15 pm in the Dance Room



## Application for Specialist Dance Program 2027

Student Name	
Year of Schooling	
Primary School	
Parent/Carer full name	
Contact number	
Parent email	
Briefly explain why you would like to be part of the Ellenbrook Secondary College Specialist Dance Program	
Describe your experiences, strengths and interests in Dance.	
Do you attend a Dance Studio outside of school?	<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO
If YES, which Studio do you attend?	
How many years of experience do you have Dancing?	

**THIS FORM MUST BE COMPLETED ALONG WITH ANY ATTACHED DOCUMENTS**

***Expressions of interest will not be considered without attendance at one of the audition sessions:***

Tuesday 25 August | 3:30 pm |  
Dance Room

Tuesday 8 September | 3:30 pm |  
Dance Room