

CORINDA STATE HIGH SCHOOL

EXCELLENCE PROGRAMS

DANCE





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Disclaimer: The information in this handbook is subject to change without notice due to human and physical resource allocations.

The course identified in this handbook will attract a fee; where a fee applies it has been mentioned in the course brief throughout this handbook. All subject fees are outlined in the Student Resources Handbook, which is available at the office.

Fees will be invoiced in November prior to the commencement of the program. Invoices will be sent home with payment instructions and due dates and must be paid prior to student commencing the program.

Some courses will only proceed if sufficient numbers of students enrol at the time of Subject Selection process.



Academic Success

Corinda State High School aims to *Exceed Your Expectations* through our quality education programs and Selective Arts Program of Excellence. We believe that academic success is enhanced through an extensive Arts education and students should not have to make a choice between traditional academics and the Creative Arts. The program holds students to high academic standards as well as developing exceptional artists in their fields. Graduates from our Program of Excellence thrive post schooling as life-long learners who are adaptable, critical thinkers, ready to face the challenges of the changing society they live in.

Program Overview

The Dance Excellence course has been designed to provide dancers with the opportunity to further develop their dance technique, whilst completing essential Health and Physical Education (HPE) course work. The curriculum is built around the Australian Curriculum HPE, The Queensland Curriculum Arts – Dance and the Queensland Certificate of Education (QCE).

In years 7 – 10 students specialise in multiple areas of dance, including but not limited to: contemporary dance, jazz, and hip hop. We believe that a foundation in ballet is crucial in the development of a dancer and underpins the technique required for all dance genres. For this reason, all students are enrolled in ballet technique classes as part of the program to develop their flexibility, alignment and strength. In year 10, students undertake an in-depth study in choreography and analysis of dance to prepare them for their senior school studies of dance.

Optional Senior Year

In year 11 and 12, students select from a range of study courses within the QCE to provide them with career pathways and tertiary study options. Corinda State High School offers General Dance and Applied Dance in Practice as programs of study on campus, each with a different focus on dance development. In addition, through a partnership with RAW Dance Company, students are able to study their Certificate III in Dance or a Diploma in Musical Theatre.

Philosophy

At Corinda, we have faculty of dance staff who lead the program and develop well-rounded dancers. We focus on the individual dancer rather than a general outcome – the notion that all dancers are the same is outdated and we aim to develop the strengths and limitations of each dancer's physicality. Through a focused curriculum, with regular feedback cycles, our dancers are able to develop and achieve success with ease, and maintain a passion for the Arts.

It is a feature of our program, not a hindrance, that students will have more than one teacher. Each student is important to us and in order to train him or her, we work as a team. The Dance Program of Excellence aims to:

- provide students with an opportunity to develop their dance talents and expose them to various facets of dance including fitness and nutrition for performance and technical and performance skills covering a wide range of styles and forms;
- further develop choreographic and creating skills; and
- provide a realistic opportunity for students to realise potential through the development of dance technique.



A Dance Excellence Student Timetable

Students are enrolled in a core dance program for three lessons a week and also undertake two additional classes outside of the timetable (before school 7:30 am – 8:30 am or after school 2:50 pm – 3:30 pm). The classes are not year level based but development based. Students partake in a vertical curriculum structure, focusing on individual skill development.

Specialised Coaching

Through community partnerships, students in the Dance Program of Excellence will receive external specialised training from:

- a Pilates coach intermittently throughout the program for development of core;
- dancers from RAW Dance Company, MAD Dance and other various teachers from Brisbane community dance companies to give students a first hand understanding of the requirements for professional level performance; and
- fitness training of one session per fortnight is included in the program with a qualified fitness trainer in the gymnasium. Additional fitness training is available to the students before and after school twice a week, should they be interested.

Dance Excellence Fees

Current course fees for year 7, 8 and 9 participants are aligned to the fee contribution scheme. The cost for the Dance Program of Excellence is approximately \$180 for year 7 students, which includes a rehearsal shirt, contribution to event registration and transport expenses, costumes, a dance performance excursion, workshop costs, and music and fitness equipment.

The prompt payment of fees enables the program to run efficiently.

Fees are non-refundable. Prices are approximate at time of print.

What am I required to wear?

All Dance Excellence students will be required to rehearse in full Corinda dance uniforms each lesson.

- Corinda Dance ¾ supplex tights \$55
- Corinda leotard black lined \$42.35
- Students are required to wear jazz shoes and ballet shoes to their appropriate lessons.

All hair beyond shoulder length should be neatly tied back into a pony tail or bun during all rehearsals. Students are expected to wear their performance uniform with pride at all times. They are not to adopt a “casual look” prior to, or following rehearsals and classes by the wearing of leotards or tights under their uniform. Students are able to arrive and leave in Dance uniform for early morning or late classes if travelling by private vehicle, but must be in **full** dance uniform.

Prices are approximate at time of print



Performances

Throughout the year, students will be required to participate in excursions and performances. These may include:

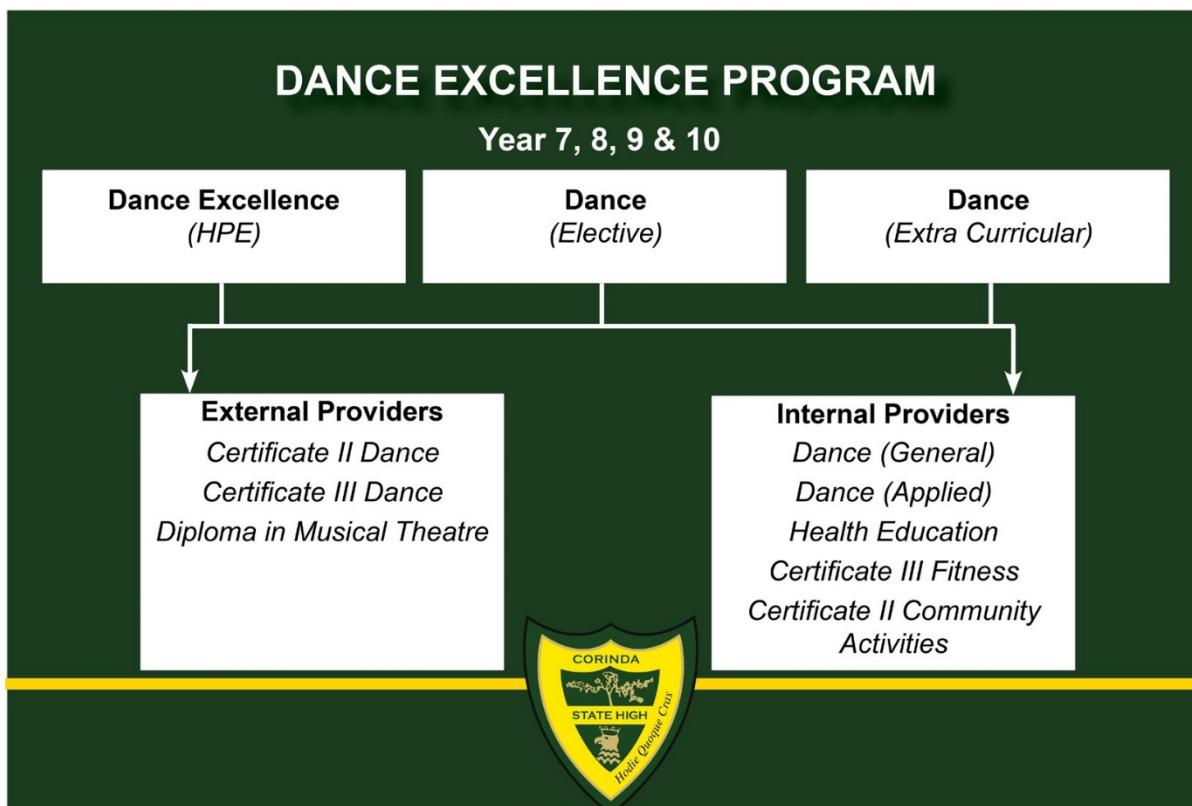
- Eisteddfod
- Fêtes
- Expressions Dance Company
- Queensland Ballet
- Dance Career Day
- Dance Night
- Awards Night

Extra-curricular Dance

Students are also encouraged to audition for our extra-curricular dance groups: Dance Troupe, Tap Troupe, and Dance Crew for further performance experience (fees associated).

Pathways into Senior Schooling

Students will have the opportunity to continue their development through a range of senior school pathways.





Placement of Students in the Dance Program of Excellence

Applications for the Dance Program of Excellence should be sent to excellence@corindashs.eq.edu.au. Suitable applicants will then be short-listed and will be required to attend a workshop, which will determine their eligibility for the program. Students will be accepted on their application and current achievement in effort, academics and behaviour at their current schools.

To remain within this program, students are expected to maintain a 'C' standard in achievement, effort and behaviour, as a minimum. Failure to meet this requirement may result in removal from the program.

Students applying for the program will participate in a workshop of dance. The program will include a contemporary class, a technique class and a jazz class.

All applicants are required to have some knowledge of classical ballet, however students considering enrolment in year 7 with limited skills are encouraged to audition and apply. We consider varied levels of training and will place students accordingly in our Dance Program to develop their ballet skills. All applicants should wear normal dance training clothes and appropriate footwear. Applicants will be advised of the outcome of the application within two weeks of the workshop.

Our dance panel will assess each applicant on their ability to study dance at our school and their potential skill level. They are looking for the ability to comprehend and remember dance sequences, physical ability, coordination, musicality, flexibility, maturity and communication. There will be current dance students in the class to assist with questions and to help students feel at ease. In addition, each applicant will be assessed on their ability to achieve satisfactorily in other academic subjects at Corinda State High School and their attitude, behaviour and application to their studies.

Students who are accepted into the Dance Program of Excellence will be required to compete in all Dance performances and competitions across the school year. These students are also expected to participate in other events within the school such as Dance Night, Open Day and Eisteddfod's.



Student Information	
Surname:	Given names:
Home address:	
Contact number:	Date of birth:
Current age:	Current year level:

Parent/ Guardian Information		
Relationship:		
Title:	Family Name:	Given Names:
Home Phone:		Work Phone:
Mobile:		Email:
Home address:		
Postal address:		

Educational Background							
<p><i>List at least six subjects from the students most recent two semester reports and the results achieved.</i></p> <p><i>Please attach a copy of most recent school report card.</i></p>							
Current school:							
Year: _____ Semester: _____				Year: _____ Semester: _____			
Subject 1	English	Result		Subject 1	English	Result	
Subject 2	Mathematics	Result		Subject 2	Mathematics	Result	
Subject 3		Result		Subject 3		Result	
Subject 4		Result		Subject 4		Result	
Subject 5		Result		Subject 5		Result	
Subject 6		Result		Subject 6		Result	



Dance Training Background

List applicant's previous dance training, starting with the current year:

Date	Place of training	Style(s) of dance

Extra-curricular Activities / Performance Experience

List applicant's relevant extra-curricular activities / performances:

Date	Place of training	Style(s) of dance

Exams, Awards and Additional Achievements:

List applicant's highest achievements (last four years only):

Date	Place of training	Style(s) of dance



Supporting Material

Please ensure all of the documentation listed below is submitted at the time of application:

- Photo of student
- Copy of two of the latest school report cards
- Any other information that may support application (e.g. teacher recommendations or copies of dance examinations)
- I understand that the applicant is required to attend a workshop at Corinda State High School and that I will be contacted with a date and time to attend.
- I have submitted an **application for school enrolment** at Corinda State High School (a separate application to this Excellence Application)

*Below, please **number** (do not tick the boxes) in order of preference. You do not need to number all boxes. Students may be enrolled in up to three Programs of Excellence (two is recommended).*

List A	List B	List C
Academic Honours Programs Students may select 1 from List A	Elective Excellence Programs Students may select 1 from List B	Elective Excellence Programs Students may select 1 from List C
<input type="checkbox"/> The Platinum Program (incorporating all core disciplines – Maths, Science, English and Humanities) <input type="checkbox"/> Maths and Science Honours <input type="checkbox"/> English and Humanities Honours	<input type="checkbox"/> Visual Art Excellence <input type="checkbox"/> Culinary Excellence <input type="checkbox"/> Engineering, Design and Technology Excellence <input type="checkbox"/> Music Excellence	<input type="checkbox"/> Football (Soccer) Excellence <input type="checkbox"/> Dance Excellence
OR Select 1		<input type="checkbox"/> Tennis Excellence

**All Programs of Excellence are dependent on availability of places and suitable candidates.*



Applicant Declaration

I declare that the information submitted in this application form is complete and correct. I understand that the submission of incorrect or misleading information may result in the termination of the application for entry into the Dance Program of Excellence.

Applicant's signature

Parent/Guardian's signature

This application will be used to assess the applicant's suitability for entry into the Dance Program of Excellence and will be stored securely on school premises.

Once your application has been received and processed, a confirmation letter will be sent notifying you of your application's success. Please note that the normal enrolment process and interviews are still required.



Please email your application and all supporting documentation to:

excellence@corindashs.eq.edu.au

or drop into the School Administration office.