



CORINDA  
STATE  
HIGH  
SCHOOL

**Dance Excellence Parent Handbook  
2017**

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 within the first month of course commencement, invoices will be sent home with payment instructions and due dates. Please note only financial students can stay enrolled in a course to receive a certificate of qualification.

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

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## PROGRAM OVERVIEW

Corinda State High School prides itself on providing learning pathways which allow students to pursue courses of study which support their academic and physical performance goals. Our commitment to this philosophy has led to the implementation of the Dance Program of Excellence to support the growing popularity of Dance in the Corinda community.

The Dance Program of Excellence course has been designed to provide dancers with the opportunity to further develop their dance technique whilst completing essential Health and Physical Education course work.

The Dance Program of Excellence has up to four 70 minute lessons per week dependent upon the year level. Depending on the timetable, students may be scheduled into Period 0 or Period 5 classes for their regular lessons. These take place from 7:30 – 8:30 am or 3pm-4pm as part of their schooling day. Additional training, before and after school will be required when preparing for upcoming performances and competitions or as part of Dance Troupe (if successful in auditioning).

Over the year, students will participate in:

- Dance skill development in Ballet, Contemporary, Jazz, Hip Hop, Fitness training for Dance and Choreography
- Performance skill development
- Flexibility for Dance including anatomy and alignment
- Strength and core training
- Theoretical Health & Physical Education units
- Participation in various performances and competitions

The program is aimed at developing the knowledge, understanding and skills required for participation in Dance, while providing students with the same theoretical learning experiences as regular Health & Physical Education classes.

## AIMS

The Dance Program of Excellence aims to:

- Provide students with identified Dance talent an opportunity to develop their dance performance and expose them to various facets of Dance. Topics of exploration include fitness and nutrition for performance, technical and performance skills covering a wide range of styles and forms
- further develop choreographic and creating skills
- provide a realistic opportunity for students to realise potential through the development of Dance technique

## DANCE EXCELLENCE FEES

Current course fees for Year 7, 8 and Year 9 participants are aligned to the fee contribution scheme. The cost for Dance Excellence program is \$120 per year. This fee includes a rehearsal shirt (Year 7 enrolment) and contribution to event registration and transport expenses, workshop costs, and music and fitness equipment.

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

Fees are non-refundable.

*Prices are approximate at time of print*

## UNIFORM

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

- Corinda Dance ¾ supplex tights \$52
- Corinda leotard black lined \$40

Additionally, 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 uniforms 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 under their uniform or tights under their uniform. Students are able to arrive and leave in Dance uniform for early morning or late classes, but must be in FULL dance uniform. .

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## PLACEMENT OF STUDENTS IN THE DANCE EXCELLENCE PROGRAM

To be eligible for participation in the Dance Program of Excellence, applicants must be of an acceptable standard across academic, Dance achievements and behaviour. An ideal applicant for this program will possess:

- A high standard of previous dance skills and ability in at least two areas of dance: Ballet, Jazz, Tap, Contemporary and/or Hip Hop
- the ability to work productively in a positive team environment;
- the ability to achieve a satisfactory standard in other academic subjects at Corinda State High School;
- an exemplary record of attitude, industry and behaviour within a school community;
- the capacity to cover course costs; and
- a passion to pursue Dance Excellence and promote dance in all of its facets

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 Arts Gala and Dance Night.

Students must be prepared to embrace the school uniform and behaviour policy requirements.

## EXTERNAL SPECIALISED COACHING

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

- A qualified RAD ballet instructor one lesson per week as part of the program
- Dancers from RAW Dance Company, MAD Dance and other various teachers from Brisbane community dance companies will give students a first class understanding of the requirements for professional level performance.
- Opportunities to attend Senior Dance Excursions to live performance when available.

## PERFORMANCES

Throughout the year, students will be required to participate in excursions and performances that may attract an addition cost. These excursions and performances may include:

- Beenleigh Eisteddfod
- Fetes
- Expressions Dance Company
- Bangarra Dance Company
- Dance Career Day
- Dance Night
- Awards Night

## EXTRA-CURRICULAR DANCE

Students are also encourage to audition for our extra-curricular dance groups – Dance Troupe, Tap troupe, Boys Dance and Dance Crew for further performance experience (fee associated).

## APPLICATION PROCESS

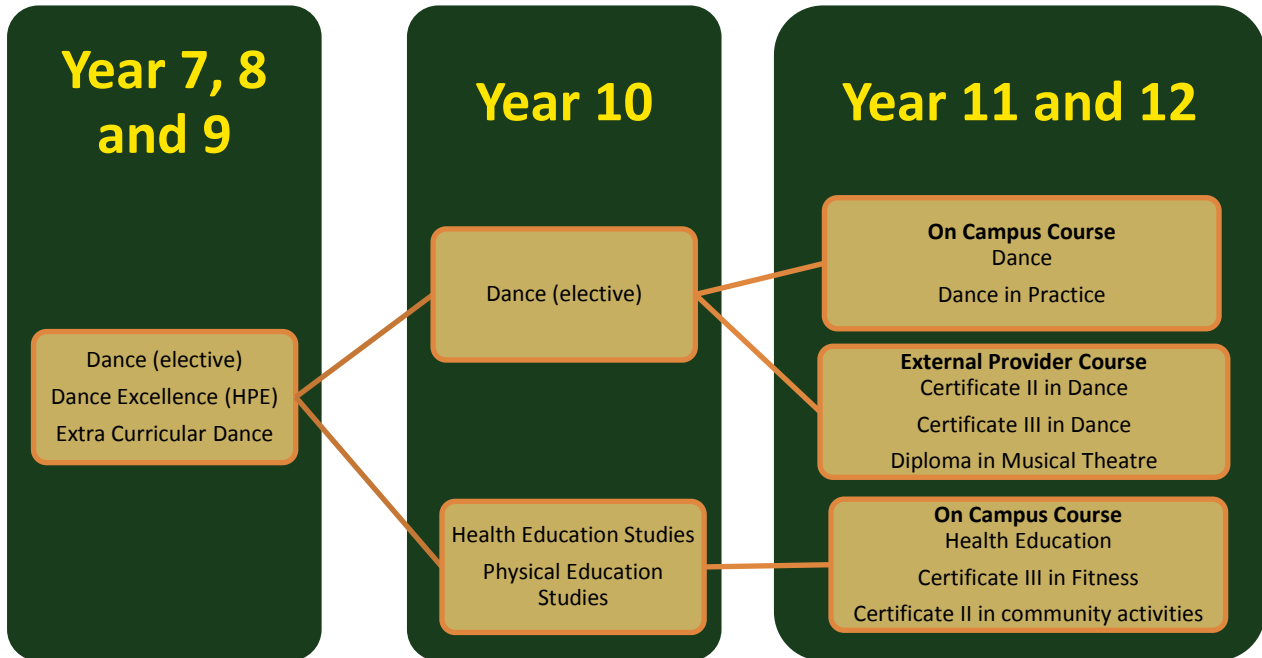
Applications for the Dance Program of Excellence should be forwarded to the Head of Department – The Arts, Miss Jenny Catanzariti or Enrolments Office by 1st of October annually. Suitable applicants will then be short listed and may be required to attend a workshop, which will determine their eligibility for the program. Auditions/workshops are held early November. Late applications will only be considered under special circumstances. A second round of auditions will take place early February once already enrolled in the school.

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 suspension or exclusion from the program.



## PATHWAYS INTO SENIOR SCHOOLING

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





# APPLICATION FORM

## PERSONAL INFORMATION

Surname:		Given Names:	
Address:			
		Phone No:	
Current Age:		Date of Birth:	
		Current Year Level:	

## PARENT/LEGAL GUARDIAN INFORMATION

The application confirmation Letter, audition details and Formal Offer will be sent to the address provided below:

Relationship:		Title:	
Family Name:		Given Names:	
Home Phone:		Work Phone:	
Mobile:		Email:	

## EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND

List at least six subjects from the student's most recent semester reports and the results achieved:

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	

**ATTACH A COPY OF MOST RECENT SCHOOL REPORT CARD**

## TUITION BACKGROUND:

Please list any relevant dance training your child has had (most recent first):

Date	Place of Training	Style(s) of Dance

## EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES / PERFORMANCE EXPERIENCE:

Please list any relevant extracurricular activities:

Date	Place of Involvement	Activity, Course or Workshop

## EXAMS, AWARDS AND ADDITIONAL ACHIEVEMENTS:

Please list your highest achievements (last 4 years only):

Date	Award	Level Reached

## STUDENT PHOTOGRAPH:

**One** standard size photograph of the applicant, full length wearing practice clothing in the following position: standing parallel with arms down by sides.

### *Optional Student Photograph:*

As well as the photograph above the applicant may also attach **one** standard size photograph of the applicant in presentation (on stage photograph, posed photograph, etc.)

Tick box if *Optional Student Photograph* is attached:

## STUDENT DEMONSTRATION VIDEO:

Audition footage to support the applicant must be submitted on DVD, USB or via email (jcata14@eq.edu.au) with the following requirements:

Introduction by the applicant

In-between two and three minutes in length

Consisting of a single audition piece or a collation of three excerpts of the applicant in performance. This does not need to be a formal performance, it can be of the student performing in the studio or similar performance)

## PARENT/LEGAL GUARDIAN 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.

Primary Parent/Legal Guardian Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_

## STUDENT DECLARATION:

I declare that the information submitted in the 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.

Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_

**THE INFORMATION GIVEN ON THIS APPLICATION WILL BE USED TO ASSESS THE APPLICANT'S SUITABILITY FOR ENTRY INTO THE DANCE PROGRAM OF EXCELLENCE. THIS INFORMATION WILL BE STORED SECURELY ON SCHOOL PREMISES**

***Please return the completed Application Form, Latest school report card (copy only), Student Photograph and Student Demonstration Video to:***

Enrolments Officer  
Corinda State High School  
46 Pratten Street  
CORINDA QLD 4075

Once your application has been received and processed after the due date a *Confirmation Letter* will be sent to notify you whether your application has been successful. Please note that the usual enrolment process and interviews are still required.

