



# ***Dance Excellence Academy***

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# Program Overview

The Dance Excellence Academy has been designed to challenge students with a learning experience in dance that focuses on technique and performance. Students will be given the opportunity to further develop their knowledge and skills across a range of styles including jazz, contemporary, lyrical, hip hop and musical theatre. Students will train in purpose built facilities with expertly designed units of work that focus on building teamwork skills, communication and confidence. The program places an emphasis on commitment and professionalism from the students whilst encouraging them to apply the school values of respect, responsibility and perseverance to their learning.

## Vision Statement

Ripley Valley State Secondary College's Dance Academy provides young aspiring dancers with the opportunity to develop, apply and improve their skills and knowledge of dance and teamwork while learning how to apply their unique attributes underpinned by the school values of respect, responsibility, and perseverance, to competently execute the key principles of RVSSC Dance academy through:

***Commitment***

***Consistency***

***Communication***

***Collaboration***

# Curriculum & Program Details

The Dance Excellence Academy runs three (3) lessons per week. The individual talents of the students will be nurtured by our specialist teachers while they work through the two areas of dance; making & responding. Over the school year students will participate in:

- Technique lessons
- Strength and flexibility sessions
- Teacher/Guest Artist taught routines
- Choreography workshops
- Theoretical Responding units

Dance Academy students will also compete with their class at local eisteddfods and competitions across the year. Dance Excellence Academy students will be invited to audition for the extra-curricular dance teams. Training sessions for these teams fall outside of school hours (before and after school). Auditions for these teams commence in Term 1, week 2 of the new school year. These teams compete and perform regularly at a range of internal and external events across South-East Queensland.

## **CLASS SIZES:**

Class sizes in the program are limited to a maximum of 28 participants per year level.



Academy students Grades, Attendance and Effort across all subject areas is monitored. All Dance Academy students are expected to uphold the school values of Respect, Responsibility and Perseverance at all times. It is an expectation that all students be achieving a 'C' across all subject areas, with Excellent Behaviour and Effort, while attending school at least 95% of the time to maintain their place in the Ripley Valley State Secondary College Dance Excellence Academy. Please refer to the College's Representative Policy for further information.

# Program Pathways

YEAR 7-9

Year 7 Dance  
Excellence

Year 8 Dance  
Excellence

Year 9 Dance  
Excellence

YEAR 10

Year 10 Dance  
Excellence



Cert II Dance

YEAR 11

Cert III Community  
Dance Theatre &  
Events

YEAR 12

*Dance Academy Students will have the same available pathways to them as all other year 11/12 students and can be supported through Cert III Dance*

# Career Pathways

Joining our Dance Excellence Academy allows you to combine a love of performing with development of your choreography, cultural history and arts administration and management skills and could help lead you into any of the following pathways.

## Dance Teacher / Educator

- Dance School Teacher
- Primary and Secondary School Teacher
- Freelance teaching
- Personal Trainer
- Group fitness instructor

## Performer

- Dance Productions
- Television
- Music Videos
- Musical Theatre
- Professional Company performer
- Independent Dance Arts

## Management

- Arts Administrator
- Stage Management
- Production Crew
- Dance Critic
- Costume Designer
- Lighting / Set Designer

## Choreographer

- Freelance
- Professional Company Choreographer

*Confidence*

*Team Work*

*Presentation*

*Coordination*

*Creativity*

*Flexibility & Strength*





A background image showing several dancers in a studio setting. They are wearing athletic wear and have their arms raised in dynamic poses. The image is overlaid with a semi-transparent pink filter.

***Ripley Valley State Secondary College encourages dancers to **commit** to the academy and display the key principles of which the academy strives for.***

***Through **consistency**, dancers will develop their knowledge, understanding and skills in an active, hands-on, and positive learning environment.***

*****Communication** is paramount for the efficient teamwork and **collaboration** between staff and peers and is a dominant ideology for the academy.***

# External Partnerships

Through community partnerships, students in the Dance Excellence Academy will be working closely with industry professionals to help deliver the best outcome for our Academy students. Our industry partnerships currently include:





# Fees

The current program fee for Year 7 students is **\$300**. The fee is separate to the College's Student Resource Scheme fee. This cost contributes to the cost of a Training Kit, Costumes, Guest Artist workshops, entry fees into Regional, State and National competitions.

Throughout the year, students will be required to participate in competitions, which may incur a fee. *We make every attempt to include all fees in the above mentioned academy fee.*

The cost of each competition will vary dependant upon the following:

- Nomination / Entry Fee
- Transportation Fee
- Cost of entry
- Administration Fees

Students will be required to supply the following items:

## **For Classes**

- Jazz shoes (Semester 1)
- Foot Thongs (Semester 2)

## **For Performances**

- Shiny Tights
- Convertible body stocking with clear straps

# Scholarships

Ripley Valley State Secondary College is proud to offer scholarships to students with outstanding ability that will cover the cost of the eSport program.

**ACADEMIC SCHOLARSHIPS** are available for students that demonstrate high academic performance. [APPLY HERE](#)

# Audition Process

The RVSSC Dance Excellence Academy entry is competitive. Students will be required to participate in an audition where candidates will take part in stretching, technical exercises plus learning and performing a short dance routine. Candidates are assessed on the following:

- Technique
- Flexibility
- Strength
- Ability to pick up and retain choreography
- Performance skills

Please note that when selecting suitable students for the Dance Excellence Academy year 7 intake several factors are considered. This includes not only the student's performance at the audition sessions but also their most recent report card to give an overall picture of the student. In school reports we look at the students grade in English and this course has a theoretical component plus their effort and behaviour across all subjects.

## Maintaining position

Student performance is regularly monitored. Students must maintain academic standards and display suitable behaviour and effort across all subjects, whilst in the program. Students must uphold the school representation policy. The College Principal reserves the right to withdraw students from the Dance Excellence Academy program at any time.

## How to Apply

- 1 Complete Application form [HERE](#). Ensure you have included all required documentation.
- 2 Attend all required trial dates specified on school website.
- 3 By the end of the term you trialled, you will be advised of the outcome of your application
- 4 If your child has been accepted, complete required school enrolment forms as soon as possible.