

# Year 8 Dance

## Term 1 Course Outline

In this 10 week course of Dance, students will learn the basics of choreography with a focus on the four elements of dance; space, time, energy and relationships. Students will participate in small group activities and create two group dance performances to demonstrate their understanding of these concepts. We will explore storytelling through movement and dance by studying dance from other cultures and countries. Students will also complete a written research project on a dance style of their choice and written reflection tasks based on each of their small group performances.

### Learning Outcomes

*Students will be assessed on the following Learning Outcomes:*

- 7/8.859 - Identifies and analyses the elements of dance, choreographic devices and production elements in dances in different styles and applies this knowledge in dances personally made and performed.
- 7/8.860 - Evaluates how self and others from different cultures, times and places communicate meaning and intent through dance.
- 7/8.861 - Choreographs dances, demonstrating selection and organisation of the elements of dance, choreographic devices and form to communicate choreographic intent.
- 7/8.862 - Choreographs and learns dances, and performs them with confidence and clarity, and with technical and expressive skills appropriate to the dance style

### Assessment Tasks

*Students will be assessed on their participation and completion of classwork and assessment tasks.*

Task	Week Due*
Practical Task 1 - Small group elements of dance performance	Term 1, Week 5
Written Reflection task - Practical 1	Term 1, Week 5
Research theory task - Dance Styles	Term 1 Week 6
Practical Task 2 - Small group story-telling performance	Term 1, Week 9
Written Reflection task - Practical 2	Term 1, Week 9

\*Due dates are an estimate only

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