

Year 8 Dance

Term 4 Course Outline

In this 10 week course, 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 complete a number of short written tasks analysing a range of danceworks 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 4, Week 5
Written Reflection task - Practical 1	Term 4, Week 5
Dance Critique written tasks/research tasks	Term 4, Weeks 3 & 6
Practical Task 2 - Small group story-telling performance	Term 4, Week 9
Written Reflection task - Practical 2	Term 4, Week 9

*Due dates are an estimate only

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