

# Arts Academy Dance Program



The Arts Academy Dance program at Helensvale State High is designed to provide students of Dance an extension on their knowledge, skills and abilities in multiple genres of Dance across Years 7 to 9. This three year program not only ensures the skill development, extension and practical application of Dance, but also promotes an academic supportive program that will lay the foundations of preparing students for their senior schooling years.



Over the three year course students in the Arts Academy Dance program are involved in uncovering the Functions of Dance (why we dance) and explore multiple genres including, Jazz, Musical Theatre, Contemporary, Ballet and Hip Hop. Students are assessed on their knowledge and understanding of the Elements of Dance (how dance is created) and are given the opportunity to Perform, Choreograph and Respond on their own and others work. Students are encouraged to work individually and collaboratively in Dance, with their works culminating in the Term Four “Encore” Dance showcase evening.

The Arts Academy Dance program understands the importance of education beyond the classroom, and as such we ensure students are challenged and exposed to a range of learning experiences to consolidate and extend upon what is taught in the classroom. The program does this by providing opportunities for students to workshop with a range of industry professionals and choreographers, as well as Dance competitions both locally and state wide when available as well as attend live performances and attend showcase in competitive and non-competitive platforms.

*If students make it through the first stage of the Application Process they may be invited to attend a trial. Trialling does not guarantee acceptance into the program.*

## ALUMNI QUOTES

### **Alex Burrie – 2005 Graduate**

I graduated from the Dance and Drama Excellence programs in 2005 at HSHS. I came to the school to be part of the most outstanding Performing Arts programs on the coast offered back in 2001. The musicals, Rock Eisteddfods, Cheer Squad and Drama Festivals and the Excellence classes were my world. I have the fondest memories from my days at school with my teachers. Not only have I graduated with Honours from a dual degree in Creative Industries and Secondary Ed, but I've established my teaching persona from the teachers that made my schooling more than just classroom assessment. Your passion for the Arts, professionalism and love for your job and your students has always stayed with me throughout my career.

Now, I've been teaching Drama, and introduced Dance at my College, for the past 6 years, while also dancing professionally on the side and being highly involved in local theatre productions. As Head of Subject for Dance at my College, I still rave about my HSHS education and base my teaching and co-curricular management of the choir, musicals, dance eisteddfods and school function productions off the standards set by my days at HSHS. I can't even begin to describe the impact the Excellence classes of HSHS have had in my life. I am beyond grateful. Thank you

### **Dion Aghajani – 2007 Graduate**

I graduated 2007 and I was in the Dance Excellence and Sports Excellence programs. Although both programs were great, the Dance program led me into my career in Performing Arts to this very day. Back then, there were only a couple boys in the whole school who danced and I was so lucky to have such amazing Dance teachers and such a good entertainment department behind me to give their support through multiple Rock Eisteddfods and multiple Dance subjects each year! HSHS gave me the confidence to not care what others think and to do what you love to do. I have now been working successfully in the entertainment industry teaching classes and doing corporate gigs for the past 10 years since I graduated.

***NB. An application fee is attached to this program and must be paid on submission.***