Dance

General Senior Subject



School Code	DAN					
Year Level	11 & 12	QCE Credits	4			
Subject Type	General Subject	VET Contribution	N/A			
Recommended Academic Performance	English – C Standard Successful completion of Year 10 Dance is highly recommended					
21st Century Skills	Critical thinking Communication Collaboration and teamwork					

Dance fosters creative and expressive communication. It uses the body as an instrument for expression and communication of ideas. It provides opportunities for students to critically examine and reflect on their world through higher order thinking and movement. It encourages the holistic development of a person, providing a way of knowing about oneself, others and the world.

Students study dance in various genres and styles, embracing a variety of cultural, societal and historical viewpoints integrating new technologies in all facets of the subject. Historical, current and emerging dance practices, works and artists are explored in global contexts and Australian contexts, including the dance of Aboriginal peoples and Torres Strait Islander peoples. Students learn about dance as it is now and explore its origins across time and cultures.

Students apply critical thinking and literacy skills to create, demonstrate, express and reflect on meaning made through movement. Exploring dance through the lens of making and responding, students learn to pose and solve problems, and work independently and collaboratively. They develop aesthetic and kinaesthetic intelligence, and personal and social skills.

Pathways:

A course of study in Dance can establish a basis for further education and employment in the field of dance, and to broader areas in creative industries and cultural institutions, including arts administration and management, communication, education, public relations, research, and science and technology.

Objectives:

By the conclusion of the course of study, students will:

- demonstrate an understanding of dance concepts and skills
- apply literacy skills
- organise and apply the dance concepts
- analyse and interpret dance concepts and skills
- apply technical skills
- realise meaning through expressive skills
- create dance to communicate meaning
- evaluate dance, justifying the use of dance concepts and skills.

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Structure:

Unit 1	Unit 2	Unit 3	Unit 4
Moving bodies How does dance communicate meaning for different purposes and in different contexts? • Genres: - Contemporary - at least one other genre • Subject matter: - meaning, purpose and context - historical and cultural origins of focus genres	Moving through environments How does the integration of the environment shape dance to communicate meaning? • Genres: - Contemporary - at least one other genre • Subject matter: - physical dance environments including site-specific dance - virtual dance environments	Moving statements How is dance used to communicate viewpoints? • Genres: - Contemporary - at least one other genre • Subject matter: - social, political and cultural influences on dance	Moving my way How does dance communicate meaning for me? • Genres: - fusion of movement styles • Subject matter: - developing a personal movement style - personal viewpoints and influences on genre

Assessment:

Schools devise assessments in Units 1 and 2 to suit their local context.

In Units 3 and 4 students complete four summative assessments. The results from each of the assessments are added together to provide a subject score out of 100. Students will also receive an overall subject result (A–E).

Summative assessments:

Unit 3		Unit 4					
Summative internal assessment 1 (IA1):		Summative internal assessment 3 (IA3):	35%				
Performance		Project — dance work					
Summative internal assessment 2 (IA2): 20%							
Choreography							
Summative external assessment (EA): 25%							
Examination — extended response							

Costs

It is expected that students studying this subject participate in **BYOD** — **Bring Your Own Device.** Please see page 155 for further information and device specifications.