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NSW Public Schools State Dance Festival

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**Artistic Director Sydney Dance Company and Ambassador
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Each year, this festival reminds us of something powerful: that dance gives young people a way to speak, connect and be seen. Across NSW public schools, students have been exploring movement, building confidence and discovering the joy of creating together. Today, we come together to celebrate not only what they have made, but the courage, imagination and commitment it takes to share that work on stage. Sydney Dance Company is proud to continue its partnership with The Arts Unit, supporting opportunities for young people across the state to experience the richness of dance.

Behind each performance sits an enormous amount of care: from the students who have rehearsed, listened, and created; from the families who have supported them; and from the teachers and staff who make these experiences possible. It is a privilege to witness young

dancers step into this moment with such energy and generosity. I often think back to being a little boy in a small town in Spain, where my favourite game in the schoolyard was to 'make a dance'. I did not yet know the word choreography, but I knew the feeling of being completely connected to movement, imagination and play.

That sense of discovery has stayed with me throughout my life in dance. Dance continues to move me because it can hold ideas, questions and feelings that words cannot always reach. When young people dance, we see more than technique; we see curiosity, courage, collaboration and the beginning of artistic voices that will continue to grow. The Arts Unit plays a vital role in nurturing those voices across the state. To every young dancer performing today – may this experience remind you that what you create matters, and that the future of dance is already alive in you.

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Joanne King

Dance Performance Officer, The Arts Unit

Welcome to the 2026 State Dance Festival, **Convergence – Many Stories, One Stage**, a celebration of dance, creativity and connection across NSW public schools.

The festival brings together young dancers, choreographers and teachers from across the state to share original works shaped through months of exploration, rehearsal and collaboration. Each work carries its own story, perspective and creative voice, demonstrating artistic intention, technical skill, safe dance practice and confident performance.

Beyond the stage, the festival creates opportunities for students and teachers to learn, connect and be inspired. Students from Kindergarten to Year 12 experience a professional performance environment, supported by an expert production team, alongside student workshops and teacher professional learning. Together, these experiences strengthen the skills, imagination and passion that shape dance education in NSW public schools.

Our 2026 theme, **Convergence**, celebrates what becomes possible when different pathways meet. Ideas, experiences, cultures, perspectives and movement intersect, with each work contributing something unique to a shared experience.

My sincere thanks go to the students, teachers, choreographers and production team whose creativity, dedication and collaboration bring this festival to life, and to our audiences for continuing to support and celebrate our young performers.

The NSW public schools dance program remains committed to creating meaningful opportunities for students to develop their artistry, extend their skills and connect with others through dance. I encourage you to discover the many programs and opportunities provided throughout the year by The Arts Unit.

As we celebrate each performance, we honour the individual stories that make each work unique and the shared stage that brings us together.



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Performing Arts

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Monday: Ava Brincat
Woodport Public School

Ashton Chappell
Woodport Public School

Tuesday: Kyarna Garrard
Canterbury Public School

Callie McCormack
Narellan Vale Public School

Brooklyn Kershaw
Regentville Public School

Wednesday: Audrina Pinney
Mount Austin High School

Thursday: Eric Morgan
Nyngan High School

Tahlia Rakuraku
Port Hacking High School

Friday: Piper Wilken
Port Hacking High School

Lexi Monaghan
Oxley High School

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Monday 14 September

1 Carved in Country

Central Coast Junior
Aboriginal Ensemble

Years 2-5

Choreographer

Holly Faulds

The digging stick is a tool of knowledge, memory, culture, connecting past and present pathways.

2 Tides of Becoming

Sydney North Public Schools
Primary Dance Ensemble

Years 4-6

Choreographer

Charlotte Pond

Pulled by uncertain currents, we navigate the fragile process of becoming.

3 Trajectory in Motion

Cronulla High School

Years 9-11

Choreographer

Elise Millington

Exploring the need for stability, searching for reassurance as they move forward into the future.

4 Red Ribbon

Muswellbrook Public School

Years 5-6

Choreographers

Karen Payne & Elli Hugo

A lyrical journey of the bonds that unite us, brought to life through graceful movement.

5 Safari Time

Roseville Public School

Years 3-4

Choreographers

Emily Smith &

Tamsin Duymaer

All aboard the tour bus... we're off on a spectacular African safari showcase!

6 Fear

Southern Tablelands
(Goulburn) Secondary
Dance Ensemble

Years 7-12

Choreographer

Corey Podbereski

Exploring fear as an internal battle, this work navigates vulnerability, anxiety and self-doubt, confronting emotions that can feel beyond our control.

7 Grace

Oxley High School

Years 9-11

Choreographer

Breanna McFadyen

Journey of self-discovery: exploring loss, identity, and grace as person, place, moment, or thought.

8 Nicest Kids In Town

Endeavour Sports
High School

Years 7-10

Choreographer

Helena Kyriacou

Inspired by Hairspray, dancers compete for the spotlight before discovering the power of unity.

9 Falling Upwards

Nepean Creative and
Performing Arts High School

Years 10-12

Choreographer

Allie Gunton

Strength and surrender intertwine as bodies rise, fall and transform together.

Interval

10 Two Streams One Heart

Hunter Region Junior
Dance Ensemble

Years 4-7

Choreographers

Jade Webber &

Martinique Foley

Oxygenated and deoxygenated blood intertwine, weaving, circulating and pulsing together as one.

11 The Call of the Deep

Kirrawee High School

Years 7-8

Choreographer

Emma Gobby

Ancient mermaids unite as guardians of the ocean, harnessing their collective strength to protect its delicate balance.

12 Men In Black

Hoxton Park Public School

Years 3-6

Choreographer

Charli Watts

Men in Black agents encounter strange creatures, sparking a synchronised mission filled with mystery, teamwork and unexpected chaos.

13 Affliction

Central Coast Senior
Ensemble

Years 9-12

Choreographer

Maddison Weiley

Exploring possession, disease and transmission, this work reveals how forces beyond our control can spread through the body, mind and our connections with others.

14 Revolting Children

Strathfield North
Public School

Years 5-6

Choreographer

Sally Dangar

An energetic Broadway jazz performance celebrating youth rebellion, unity, empowerment and vibrant storytelling.

15 Through the Hourglass

Riverina Albury Dance
Ensemble

Years 7-11

Choreographers

Gabrielle Berry & Katrina Joss

Like sand through an hourglass we begin gently, rush toward becoming and settle into who we are.

16 Dolls Revolt

Greater Western Sydney
Primary Ensemble

Years 3-6

Choreographer

Hailey Brokman

Awakened dolls rebel, reversing power and turning humans into lifeless puppets.

17 The Catalyst

The Forest High School

Years 8-10

Choreographer

Lucinda Pond

Within a rigid construct shaped by tension, how can resistance spark change?

18 Strings Attached

Karabar High School

Years 7-10

Choreographer

Kathryn Fisher

When lies pull the strings, control tightens and everything begins to unravel.

19 FITT

Wollongong High School
of the Performing Arts

Years 7-8

Choreographer

Chris Richards

A playful and humorous exploration of what it truly means to fit in.

Tuesday 15 September

1 Belonging

Greater Western Sydney Primary Aboriginal Dance Company
Years 3-6
Choreographer
Jodie Welsh
Brolga Dance Academy
Celebrating First Nations peoples coming together as Mob, this work honours the strength of culture, community, identity and connection across different Countries and Nations.

2 Lady Liberty...

More Or Less Free?
Sydney North Public Schools Secondary Dance Ensemble
Years 8-12
Choreographers
Lucinda Pond, Hana Greuter & Kim Peade
Do the words inscribed on the Statue of Liberty still symbolise the America of today?

3 Ready, Set, Search!

Wagga Wagga High School
Years 7-8; 10-11
Choreographer
Melissa Brown
Playful chaos brings Wally's colourful world alive, inviting audiences to the search for hidden surprises.

4 Law of Motion

Mid North Coast Junior Ensemble
Years 7; 9
Choreographer
Molly Anderson
Push. Pull. Respond.
Experience Newton's Third Law through dynamic, connected movement.

5 The Great Candy Breakout

Hoxton Park Public School
Years K-3
Choreographer
Charli Watts
Sweet treats escape their bowls and boxes, dancing, partying, and causing chaos before they're discovered!

6 Catch Me if You Can

Riverina Wagga Wagga Primary Dance Ensemble
Years 4-6
Choreographer
Brigitte Gollasch
One player remains uncaught in this tactical cat-and-mouse contest, who'll claim victory?

7 Off The Page

Irrawang High School
Years 8-12
Choreographer
Meagan Rembarz
Music starts as notation and precision, but through dance becomes emotion-felt, embodied, set free.

8 Beetlejuice

Laguna Street Public School
Years 3-6
Choreographer
Maddie Savas
A delightfully strange celebration of mischief, magic and the wonderfully weird.

9 Celestial

Hunter School of the Performing Arts
Years 7-11
Choreographer
Vanessa Ambrose
A journey through twinkling galaxies, orbiting bodies and the collapse into a black hole.

Interval

10 Shadows of the Anti-Hero

Wollongong High School of the Performing Arts
Years 7-8
Choreographer
Emily Ireland
This gothic work follows the anti-hero through isolation, frustration and enduring loneliness.

11 Home Is Where The Heart Is

Berowra Public School
Years 3-6
Choreographer
Kelly Lukic
It's not just the walls that build a home, but the people who fill it.

12 What a difference... the secret ingredient makes!

Westfields Sports High School
Years 7-8
Choreographer
Rebekah El-Shaikh
After multiple failed attempts at baking a cake, a chef finally discovers the secret ingredient!

13 The Pop Effect

Hunter School of the Performing Arts
Years 3-4
Choreographer
Jade Webber
The Pop Effect brings bubble wrap to life, building pressure before bursting into playful chaos.

14 The Dash

Wagga Wagga High School
Years 9-12
Choreographer
Melissa Brown
The space between, where a soul lingers, caught between departure and the ache of staying.

15 The Veil

Mid North Coast Senior Ensemble
Years 9-12
Choreographer
Jessica Maharaj
A powerful exploration of breaking through illusion, confronting truth and reclaiming personal freedom.

16 The Crown

Connells Point Public School
Years 4-6
Choreographer
Alecia Picken
Exploring the human desire for power, control and dominance.

17 Paper Cranes

Winmalee High School
Years 10-12
Choreographer
Kate Byrnes
Paper becomes purpose, unity becomes flight, and flight returns to fragility.

18 Tricky

Quakers Hill East Public School
Years 3-6
Choreographer
Laurie Hayhow
An energetic celebration of 90s hip hop, blending old-school style, attitude and rhythm.

19 Moonlight

Newtown High School of the Performing Arts
Years 8-10
Choreographer
Emma Bathgate-Petersen
As moonlight falls, memories emerge and recede, blurring the line between past and present.

Wednesday 16 September

1 **Brolga's Crown - A Gift of Moonlight**

Barradambang Dancers - Riverina First Nations Dance Ensemble
Years 8-12

Choreographer
Ella Havelka
From loss comes light. An ancient story of friendship, resilience, and the first moon.

2 **Long Haul**

Newtown High School of the Performing Arts
Year 7

Choreographer
Olivia Callaghan
Tracing the physical and mental effects of long-haul travel through confinement, fatigue and disorientation.

3 **Abacadabra**

Kellyville Public School
Years 5-6

Choreographer
Jenny Turner
Experience the magic! Watch our magicians' tricks and see if you can follow the card.

4 **It Is...**

Western NSW Junior Contemporary Ensemble
Years 4-6

Choreographer
Jamie Winbank
Exploring how distance, place and perspective shape our connection to global events, where awe, indifference and everyday life coexist.

5 **The Infinite Unravelling**

Lake Cathie Public School
Years 5-6

Choreographer
Jay Pringle
An evocative physical meditation blurring infinite timelines, unfulfilled possibilities, and memories in motion.

6 **Gold**

Far North Coast Senior Ensemble
Years 8-11

Choreographer
Anouska Gammon
Value, weight and properties of this ancient metal, spells its name through exploration of hieroglyphics.

7 **Tethered**

Nepean Creative and Performing Arts High School
Years 9-12

Choreographer
Jamie Austin
Tethered reveals how connection and co-dependency shape, fracture and transform human relationships.

8 **Ambition**

Kanahooka High School
Years 9-12

Choreographer
Ann McClelland
From hesitation to flow, ambition unlocks the door to endless possibility.

9 **Jump**

Boyz Crew - SUPER CREW!
Years 5-11

Choreographer
Corey Podbereski
A high-energy hip hop performance packed with attitude, precision, personality and explosive energy.

10 **Living Symphony**

Lower North Coast Junior Ensemble
Years 5-8

Choreographer
Natalie Cunzolo
Individual sections of an orchestra come alive through movement.

11 **Hive Mind**

Wollongong High School of the Performing Arts
Year 10

Choreographer
Nadina Zappia
Separate identities merge through shared movement, revealing the powerful transformation from individuality to collective consciousness.

Interval

12 **Conformity**

Hunter School of the Performing Arts
Years 7-8

Choreographer
Martinique Foley
Exploring the tension between individuality, conformity and the need to belong.

13 **Jump Scare**

Far North Coast Junior Ensemble
Years 5-7

Choreographer
Anouska Gammon
This dance explores the human curiosity toward scary things.

14 **Killin' It**

Central Coast Senior Hip Hop Ensemble
Years 9-12

Choreographer
Zane Sherwood
A bold and explosive hip hop performance driven by power, precision and attitude.

15 **What a difference...**

Perspective Makes
Westfields Sports High School
Years 9-12

Choreographer
Lisa Frisina
Pointing, scratching and peering become fragments of thought, revealing the uncertainty and subjectivity of perception.

16 **Starlings Flight**

Mid North Coast Primary Ensemble
Years 5-6

Choreographer
Jessica Maharaj
A murmur comes to life through graceful movement, dynamic energy and perfect harmony.

17 **The Unveiling**

Asquith High School
Years 10-12

Choreographer
Danielle Barsi
Behind the shadows, truth waits. Explore the haunting tension between the concealed and the seen.

18 **Paper Dolls**

Gordon West Public School
Years 5-6

Choreographer
Kate Barber
From a simple cut, beauty unfolds into an endless chain of connection.

19 **Glitch**

Newtown High School of the Performing Arts
Years 8-9

Choreographer
Sarah Banks
Intricate, interconnected movement embodies a machine, unravelling from precision into distortion, fragmentation and collapse.

20 **The Virtue of a Heist**

NSW Public Schools State Boys Dance Company
Years 6-12

Choreographer
Roy Munro
A response to a calling. A mission that unleashes chaos. An unspoken unity.

Thursday 17 September

1 We Are Gone

NSW Public Schools Aboriginal Dance Company

Years 7-12

Choreographer

Amy Weatherall
Bangarra Dance Theatre Youth Programs Team

Inspired by the 1962 poem, "We Are Going", by Oodgeroo Noonuccal, which issues a warning of the inevitable loss of culture and connection that comes with the fading presence of Aboriginal people, their history and sacred places.

2 I.D

Wollongong High School of the Performing Arts

Years 11-12

Choreographer

Nadina Zappia
Constant judgement and expectations reshape identity, challenging individuality and diminishing self-worth.

3 Round Robin

Woollahra Public School

Year 2

Choreographer

Katelyn Boshell
Who will win the International Round Robin Tennis Tournament for 2026?

4 Night Owl

NSW Public Schools State Intermediate Dance Company

Years 6-8

Choreographer

Holly Faulds
A powerful journey from light into darkness, exploring the tension between hope and uncertainty as UV light reveals hidden layers of energy, emotion and transformation.

5 What a difference...

A Warning Makes

Westfields Sports High School

Years 7-12

Choreographer

Rebekah El-Shaikh
A small village experiences chaos, composure and victory after receiving a warning signal.

6 Char More Paradesiya

Macarthur Girls High School

Years 7-10

Choreographers

Kerrie Lawton, Akankhita Chaudhuri (student) & Moksha Joshi (student)
Celebrating tradition through vibrant movement, sharing stories and inspiring connection to culture.

7 There's No Place Like Home

Burwood Public School

Years K-2

Choreographers

Rebecca Mitchell & Leigh Tarran
When you experience new places, you always realise home is the best place to be!

8 Suit and Swing

Northern Beaches Secondary College Mackellar Girls Campus

Years 10-12

Choreographer

Stella Mackenzie
A vibrant jazz band, with instruments bringing the infectious joy of swing to life.

9 Dual Personality

Hunter School of the Performing Arts

Years 5-6

Choreographer

Lisa Bone
Exploring contrasting traits and revealing how adaptability, strength and vulnerability shape our authentic identities.

10 The Network

NSW Public Schools State Senior Dance Company

Years 9-12

Choreographer

Pete Evans
Grow, adapt, decay and regenerate...fungi is the unseen architecture of nature, where connection, communication and transformation occur beyond human perception.

Interval

11 The Virtue of a Heist

NSW Public Schools State Boys Dance Company

Years 6-12

Choreographer

Roy Munro
A response to a calling. A mission that unleashes chaos. An unspoken unity.

12 Piano Man

Blaxland High School

Years 9-12

Choreographer

Jordan Van Esveld
Exploring loneliness, resilience, hope and human connection through the shared escape of music.

13 Coffee in a Cardboard Cup

Bilgola Plateau Public School

Years 3-4

Choreographer

Melissa Bateup
At the busiest café in town, friendship and teamwork prove more important than coffee.

14 The Marks We Keep

Hunter School of the Performing Arts

Years 9-10

Choreographer

Vanessa Ambrose
From rupture to repair, the body heals, leaving a scar as a lasting reminder.

15 Orbital

NSW Public Schools State Junior Dance Company

Years 4-6

Choreographer

Anouska Gammon
Exploring the gravitational forces that shape the path of objects in space, creating the rhythms of seasons, day, night and life on Earth.

16 Shifting Tides

Karabar High School

Years 7-8; 10-11

Choreographer

Kathryn Fisher
Grief shifts like the tide, while love remains anchored in memory.

17 The Invitation

Eastwood Public School

Years 3-6

Choreographers

Nicole Gasparre & Eleni Boulas
An invitation arrives and excitement builds in anticipation of a ball.

18 Make Me a Woman - Mrs Doubtfire

Western NSW Senior Musical Theatre Ensemble

Years 7-12

Choreographer

Corey Podbereski
Daniel becomes Mrs Doubtfire to stay with his children in this hilarious, fast-paced musical transformation.

19 Gypsy

Russell Lea Public School

Years 5-6

Choreographer

Charli Watts
Experience nomadic freedom and emotional connection through dynamic, flowing choreography.

20 Interplay

Newtown High School of the Performing Arts

Years 10-12

Choreographer

Alison McKellar
Dynamic connections shape how we influence, affect, and interact; emotions shift when relationships cease.

Friday 18 September

1 We Are Gone

**NSW Public Schools
Aboriginal Dance Company**
Years 7-12
Choreographer
Amy Weatherall
Bangarra Dance Theatre
Youth Programs Team
Inspired by the 1962 poem,
"We Are Going", by Oodgeroo
Noonuccal, which issues a
warning of the inevitable loss
of culture and connection
that comes with the fading
presence of Aboriginal
people, their history, and
sacred places.

2 Night Owl

**NSW Public Schools State
Intermediate Dance Company**
Years 6-8
Choreographer
Holly Faulds
A powerful journey from
light into darkness, exploring
the tension between hope
and uncertainty as UV
light reveals hidden layers
of energy, emotion and
transformation.

3 Twist

Davidson High School
Years 9-12
Choreographer
Sarah Stoneham
Transformation may bend,
circle and twist.

4 The Sea Made Us Do It

**Southern Stars Performing
Company**
Years 3-6
Choreographer
Caitlin Kryger
Greed, betrayal and treasure
collide in an epic pirate
showdown.

5 Rock Lobster

John Palmer Public School
Years 1-2
Choreographer
Amelia Beggs
A catchy and energetic
dance, portraying students'
fun day out at the beach.

6 Dandelions

Toormina High School
Years 7; 9-10
Choreographer
Sally Atkins
Exploring growth, change
and life's unpredictable
journey through connection,
independence and quiet
reflection.

7 The Dream

**Southern Tablelands
(Goulburn) Primary
Dance Ensemble**
Years 4-6
Choreographer
Virginia Ferris
Two friends drift from a
slumber party into a magical
night-sky adventure of
stars, planets and wonder.

8 Shatter to Shape

Mosman High School
Years 7-9
Choreographer
Charlotte Pond
Through shattering
we rebuild, shaping
new possibilities from
broken fragments.

9 Whispers of the Sea

**Hunter Region Infants
Ensemble**
Years 1-4
Choreographer
Sarah Etherington
What do you hear inside
a seashell? Peaceful sea
rhythms, gentle waves and
rolling tides.

10 Aisling

Riverside Girls High School
Years 8-12
Choreographer
Tamara Mitchell
Dreams grow only when
sirens fade and tomorrow
dares to speak, awakening
quiet hope within.

Interval

11 Orbital

**NSW Public Schools State
Junior Dance Company**
Years 4-6
Choreographer
Anouska Gammon
Exploring the gravitational
forces that shape the path
of objects in space, creating
the rhythms of seasons, day,
night and life on Earth.

12 Arabian Nights

Como West Public School
Years 3-6
Choreographer
Carly Magee
Be swept away by a genie
to a mystical land of beauty
and wonder.

13 Lux Nascens

Rose Bay Secondary College
Years 8-12
Choreographer
Chloe Woodward
The formation of a star, from
single drifting particles to a
powerful glowing sun.

14 Hitchhiking Disco Snails

Woollahra Public School
Years 5-6
Choreographer
Katelyn Boshell
Disco snails from around
the world hitchhike to
the International Disco
Championship.

15 The Network

**NSW Public Schools State
Senior Dance Company**
Years 9-12
Choreographer
Pete Evans
Grow, adapt, decay and
regenerate...fungi is the
unseen architecture of
nature, where connection,
communication and
transformation occur beyond
human perception.

16 Pulse To Pattern

**Northern Beaches Secondary
College Mackellar Girls Campus**
Years 7-9
Choreographer
Heidi Monahan
Movement traces dots and
lines, shifting from mystery
to meaning through motion.

17 One Hundred Words For Snow

**Eastern Sydney Primary
Dance Ensemble**
Years 4-6
Choreographer
Chloe Woodward
The many characteristics
of snow, from gentle
snowflakes to blizzard winds,
and the spring thaw.

18 Nokarra

**Western NSW Senior
Contemporary Ensemble**
Years 7-12
Choreographer
Alana Pointon
Exploring the connection
between space and life
through movement, this
work reflects growth,
uncertainty and change
as we learn, adapt and
find meaning in navigating
the unknown.

19 DRAFT

**Hunter School of the
Performing Arts**
Years 9-11
Choreographer
Hayley Vimpani
Exploring creative block,
where ideas are folded,
rewritten and left unfinished.

ACPE DANCE SHOWCASE



Join ACPE for an unmissable end-of-year performance showcasing the work of our dance students across a diverse range of choreographic styles. The program features original works by ACPE staff, including featured choreographer Ashleigh Veitch, alongside works by Millie Slennett, Cassidy McDermott Smith, and selected student choreographers.

EVENING PERFORMANCES - 7PM

Wednesday 28th October
Thursday 29th October

SCHOOL MATINEE - 1PM

Thursday 29th October

LOCATION

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NSW Public Schools Regional Dance Ensembles

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Boys Crew - SUPER CREW!

Batemans Bay Public School
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Karabar High School
Milton Public School
Narooma Public School
Nashdale Public School
Orange Public School
Queanbeyan East Public School
Queanbeyan West Public School

Central Coast Junior Aboriginal Ensemble

Bateau Bay Public School
Berkeley Vale Public School
Brisbania Public School
Chittaway Bay Public School
Empire Bay Public School
Gosford East Public School
Gwandalan Public School
Killarney Vale Public School
Kincumber Public School
Terrigal Public School
Tuggerah Public School
Umina Beach Public School
Woodport Public School

Central Coast Senior Ensemble

Brisbane Waters Secondary
College, Woy Woy Campus
Erina High School
Gosford High School
Kincumber High School
Narara Valley High School
Northlakes High School
Tuggerah Lakes Secondary
College, The Entrance Campus
Tuggerah Lakes Secondary
College, Tumby Umbi Campus

Central Coast Senior Hip Hop Ensemble

Brisbane Water Secondary
College, Woy Woy Campus
Gosford High School
Kincumber High School
Narara Valley High School
Tuggerah Lakes Secondary
College, The Entrance Campus

Eastern Sydney Primary Dance Ensemble

Bellevue Hill Public School
Bondi Public School
Coogee Public School
Glenmore Road Public School
Randwick Public School
Rose Bay Public School
Waverley Public School

Far North Coast Junior Ensemble

Bangalow Public School
Byron Bay Public School
Fingal Head Public School
Kingscliff Public School
Kyogle Public School
Murwillumbah High School
Ocean Shores Public School
The Pocket Public School
Tweed River High School
Murwillumbah East Public School
Mulwillumbah Public School

Far North Coast Senior Ensemble

Banora Point High School
Kingscliff High School
Kyogle High School
Murwillumbah High School
The Rivers Secondary College,
Lismore High Campus

Greater Western Sydney Primary Aboriginal Dance Company

Avalon Public School
Briar Road Public School
Campbelltown East Public School
Canterbury Public School
Erskineville Public School
James Erskine Public School
Lurnea Public School
Narellan Vale Public School
Newtown Public School
Parramatta Public School
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Samuel Gilbert Public School
Samuel Terry Public School
Schofields Public School
Surveyors Creek Public School
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Tregear Public School
West Pennant Hills Public School

Greater Western Sydney Primary Ensemble

Blaxland East Public School
Colyton Public School
Faulconbridge Public School
Glenbrook Public School
Henry Fulton Public School
John Palmer Public School

Kellyville Ridge Public School
Kings Langley Public School
Kurmond Public School
Minchinbury Public School
Quakers Hill East Public School
Riverbank Public School
Schofields Public School
Surveyors Creek Public School
Vardys Road Public School
York Public School

Hunter Region Infants Ensemble

Barnsley Public School
Biddabah Public School
Cessnock West Public School
Charlestown East Public School
Charlestown Public School
Coal Point Public School
Eleebana Public School
Glendale East Public School
Hillsborough Public School
Hunter School of the
Performing Arts
New Lambton Public School
New Lambton South Public School
Nulkaba Public School
Pelican Flat Public School
Tomaree Public School

Hunter Region Junior Dance Ensemble

Biraban Public School
Hunter School of the
Performing Arts
Irrawang Public School
Kahibah Public School
Newcastle High School
Stockton Public School
Tomaree Public School
Vacy Public School
Valentine Public School

Lower North Coast Junior Ensemble

Beechwood Public School
Forster Public School
Frederickton Public School
Hastings Public School
Hastings Secondary College,
Port Macquarie Campus
Hastings Secondary College,
Westport Campus
Huntingdon Public School
Lake Cathie Public School
Laurieton Public School

Mid North Coast Junior Ensemble

Toormina High School
Woolgoolga High School

Mid North Coast Primary Ensemble

Bonville Public School
Corindi Public School
Grafton Public School
Karangi Public School
Kororo Public School
Mullaway Public School
Sawtell Public School
Woolgoolga Public School

Mid North Coast Senior Ensemble

Coffs Harbour Secondary College
Toormina High School

Riverina Albury Dance Ensemble

Albury High School
James Fallon High School
Murray High School



**Riverina Wagga Wagga Primary
Dance Ensemble**

Estella Public School
Kapooka Public School
Koorinal Public School
Lake Albert Public School
South Wagga Public School
Sturt Public School
Turvey Park Public School
Wagga Wagga Public School

**Southern Stars Performing
Company**

Albion Park Rail Public School
Balgownie Public School
Corrimal East Public School
Dapto Public School
Fairy Meadow Demonstration
School
Flinders Public School
Lakelands Public School
Mount Brown Public School
Mount Keira Public School
Mount Kembla Public School
Mount Ousley Public School
Mount St Thomas Public School
Nareena Hills Public School
North Nowra Public School

Nowra Public School
Oak Flats Public School
Oran Park Public School
Pleasant Heights Public School
Unanderra Public School
Wollongong Public School

**Sydney North Public Schools
Primary Dance Ensemble**

Curl Curl North Public School
Harbord Public School
Killarney Heights Public School
Mosman Public School
Newport Public School

**Sydney North Public Schools
Secondary Dance Ensemble**

Davidson High School
Mosman High School
Northern Beaches Secondary
College Mackellar Girls
Campus
Northern Beaches Secondary
College Manly Campus
Riverside Girls High School
The Forest High School
Willoughby Girls High School

**Southern Tablelands (Goulburn)
Primary Dance Ensemble**

Bradfordville Public School
Goulburn East Public School
Goulburn West Public School
Gunning Public School
Jerrabomberra Public School
Queanbeyan East Public School
Queanbeyan Public School
Queanbeyan West Public School

**Southern Tablelands (Goulburn)
Secondary Dance Ensemble**

Goulburn High School
Jerrabomberra High School
Karabar High School
Monaro High School
Mulwaree High School

**Western NSW Junior
Contemporary Ensemble**

Bletchington Public School
Buninyong Public School
Clergate Public School
Cowra Public School
Dubbo Public School
Dubbo South Public School
Forbes Public School

Mulyan Public School
Nashdale Public School
Orana Heights Public School
Orange Public School

**Western NSW Senior
Contemporary Ensemble**

Canowindra High School
Coonabarabran High School
Cowra High School
Denison College Bathurst
High Campus
Denison College Kelso
High Campus
Dubbo College Senior Campus
Dubbo College South Campus
Lithgow High School
Narromine High School
Orange High School

**Western NSW Senior Musical
Theatre Ensemble**

Cowra High School
Denison College Bathurst
High Campus
Denison College Kelso
High Campus
Dubbo College South Campus
Orange High School



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A photograph of two dancers performing on stage. The dancer on the left is a young man with dark hair, wearing a dark, patterned shirt. The dancer on the right is a young woman with dark hair, wearing a dark sleeveless top and a red skirt with a floral pattern. They are both looking down and to the side, with their bodies in a dynamic pose. The background is dark, and the stage floor is reflective.

The NSW Public Schools Dance Ensembles and Companies

The NSW Public Schools Dance Ensembles provide students with opportunities to extend their dance learning beyond their school, working alongside peers from across their region. Rehearsing locally and supported by specialist tutors, students strengthen their technique, develop their choreographic and performance skills, and build connections with a broader community of young dancers. These ensembles provide a high-quality performance experience in their own right, with opportunities to represent their region at dance festivals across NSW. For students seeking further extension, participation can also support pathways to opportunities such as the State Dance Companies.

NSW Public Schools State Dance Companies

The NSW Public Schools State Dance Companies are an initiative of The Arts Unit, designed to extend high potential and gifted dancers from across NSW. Students from Years 4-12 audition for a place in one of the companies: the State Junior Dance Company, the State Intermediate Dance Company, State Senior Dance Company and the State Boys Dance Company. These companies bring together talented students from regional, remote, and metropolitan areas of NSW who demonstrate exceptional

technical skill, creativity, and commitment to dance.

The inclusion of the State Boys Dance Company is a unique feature of the program, offering male identifying students a supportive and inspiring environment to challenge stereotypes, celebrate diversity, and explore their artistry alongside peers. Together with the Junior, Intermediate and Senior Companies, it ensures that talented students of all backgrounds have access to opportunities that extend their learning beyond the classroom.

Students participate in intensive workshops held throughout the year mentored by industry professionals, where they strengthen their technical and performance skills, enhance their choreographic abilities, and collaborate with peers who share their passion. The ensembles showcase their artistry at prestigious events including the State Dance Festival, the Schools Spectacular, and collaborations with high-profile industry partners.

By providing pathways for students to thrive beyond the classroom, the NSW Public Schools State Dance Companies foster excellence, build confidence, and inspire the next generation of performers and choreographers.

Schools represented in NSW public schools combined ensembles

NSW Public Schools State Junior Dance Company

Avoca Beach Public School
Beresford Road Public School
Bondi Public School
Brighton-Le-Sands Public School
Collaroy Plateau Public School
Connells Point Public School
Curl Curl North Public School
Engadine Public School
Faulconbridge Public School
Forster Public School
Glenbrook Public School
Harbord Public School
Kellyville Ridge Public School
Kurmond Public School
Mulyan Public School
Nashdale Public School
North Sydney Public School
Surveyors Creek Public School

NSW Public Schools State Intermediate Dance Company

Cammeraygal High School
Canterbury Girls High School
Collaroy Plateau Public School
Cowra High School
Curl Curl North Public School
Engadine High School
Forestville Public School
Great Lakes College Forster Campus
Harbord Public School
Hunter School of the Performing Arts
Kareela Public School
Kincumber High School

Kirrawee High School
Loftus Public School
Meadowbank Public School
Merewether High School
Mona Vale Public School
Moree East Public School
Northern Beaches Secondary College
Mackellar Girls Campus
Parkes High School
Point Clare Public School
Wade High School

NSW Public Schools State Senior Dance Company

Albury High School
Asquith High School
Camden High School
Campbelltown Performing Arts High School
Dulwich High School of Visual Arts and Design
Karabar High School
Lucas Heights Community School
Mudgee High School
Mulwaree High School
Nepean Creative and Performing Arts High School
Northern Beaches Secondary College Cromer Campus
Oxley High School
Riverside Girls High School
The Hills Sports High School
The Rivers Secondary College, Lismore High Campus
Toormina High School
Wollongong High School of the Performing Arts

NSW Public Schools State Boys Dance Company

Albury High School
Castlereagh Public School
Crestwood High School
Engadine High School
Forbes High School
Fort Street High School
Jerrabomberra High School
Karabar High School
Lucas Heights Community School
Macintyre High School
Murray High School
Newtown High School of the Performing Arts
Northmead Creative and Performing Arts High School
Rose Bay Secondary College

NSW Public Schools Aboriginal Dance Company

The Aboriginal Dance Company was formed in 2011 with the aim of developing the dance skills and cultural awareness of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students in the style of contemporary Indigenous dance. In 2026 over 800 students participated in workshops from across NSW. The Company is mentored by the world-renowned Bangarra Dance Theatre. This opportunity enables students to work with leading dancers and choreographers. The

2026 company features 29 students in years 7-12 from metropolitan, rural and remote NSW.

Bangarra Youth Program Team

Sidney Saltner
Youth Program Director
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Youth Program Coordinator
Holly Faulds and Amy Weatherall
Youth Programs team members

NSW Public Schools Aboriginal Dance Company

Armidale Secondary College
Bega High School
Dubbo Senior College
Elizabeth Macarthur High School
Great Lakes College Forster
Hunter School of the Performing Arts
Jamison High School
Karabar High School
Liverpool Girls High School
Nepean Creative and Performing Arts High School
Newtown High School of the Performing Arts
Northlakes High School
Nyngan High School
Orange High School
Oxley High School
Peak Hill Central School
Port Hacking High School
Trangie Central School





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The Arts Unit

The Arts Unit offers high-quality programs and experiences, available to all students in NSW public schools. These opportunities highlight the unique strengths of local communities and help create rich and vibrant school cultures. Engaging in the arts and co-curricular activities improves student wellbeing and boosts academic success by fostering self-expression, collaboration, critical thinking and a sense of belonging.

Students from Kindergarten to Year 12 participate in programs in dance, drama, music, visual arts, debating, public speaking, spelling, literary arts, film and zoo education. They can take part in performances, festivals, ensembles, exhibitions, workshops, competitions, camps and access digital resources.

The initiatives are created in collaboration with educators and industry professionals to provide genuine learning experiences and support meaningful post-school pathways. Additionally, The Arts Unit offers professional development to enhance teachers' skills and support high-quality arts education throughout NSW.

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