HEAD OF DEPARTMENT: Mrs Belinda Riles

SUBJECT OUTLINE:
Dance is a language of movement where the potential of the body as an instrument of communication is realised. It is a powerful and dynamic form of human expression. Dance encourages the holistic involvement of the individual. As students explore movement, responding to and making judgements about their experiences they develop their physical and sensory awareness and strengthen their personal aesthetic.

Dance education provides another mode of learning and a means of identifying and developing special interests and talents not emphasised in other educational areas. It provides a basis for post-secondary involvement in dance and related arts for employment and leisure. Students’ self-confidence and the necessary social skills to work effectively, individually and in teams are developed with dance education.

CONtributes TO OP:
Dance is a Senior Board Subject (OP eligible). Students will have their results for this subject recorded on their Senior Statement at the end of Year 12. Results of a Sound Achievement or higher in this subject will contribute to a possible Queensland Certificate of Education.

ASSESSMENT OUTLINE:
Students are assessed equally in the three general objectives of the course:

- Choreography, Performance & Appreciation

Assessment is continuous and involves choreographic and performance work individually and in small groups. Written assignment work is linked to the relevant work unit. There are three assessment pieces per semester.

CAREER PATHWAYS:
A small selection of career pathways includes the following: Dancer, Artistic Director, Producer, Audiovisual Technician, Stage Manager, Designer, Public Relations Officer, Teacher, Musical Critic, Wardrobe and Set Designer, Choreographer.

COSTS:
Costs include excursions, competition or costume/makeup costs. Students will be involved in live performances such as Dance Evenings and Arts Nights. Every effort will be made to supply costumes and props, but it is often necessary for students to purchase their own shoes, leotards etc. Fee is $50.

STUDENT REQUIREMENTS/PREREQUISITES:
Students do not need to have studied Dance previously, but it is recommended that they have completed Junior Secondary School level Dance.