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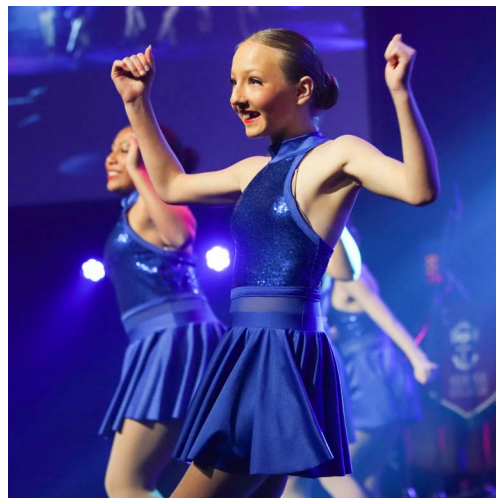
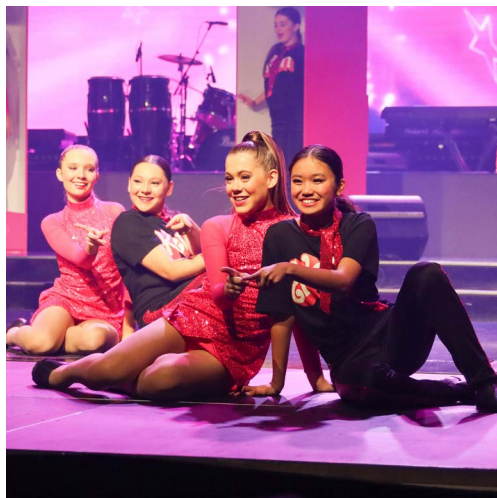
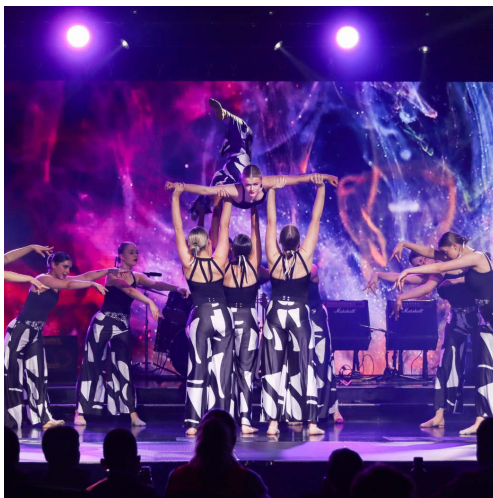
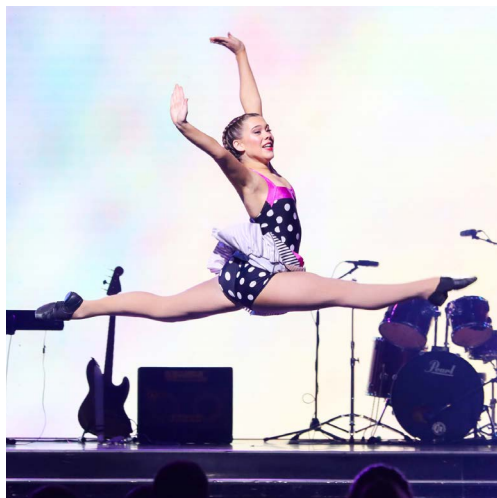
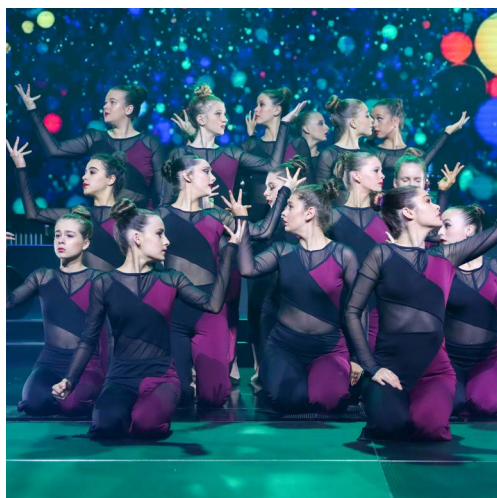
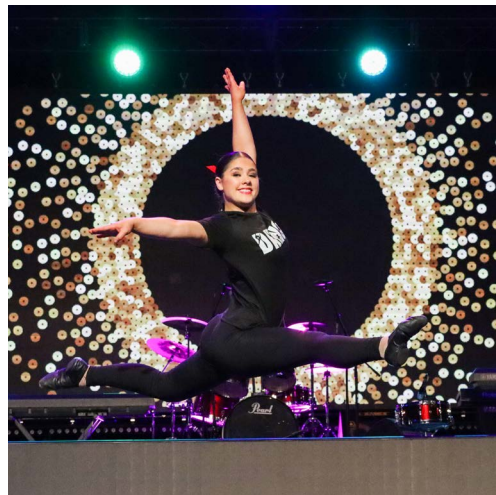
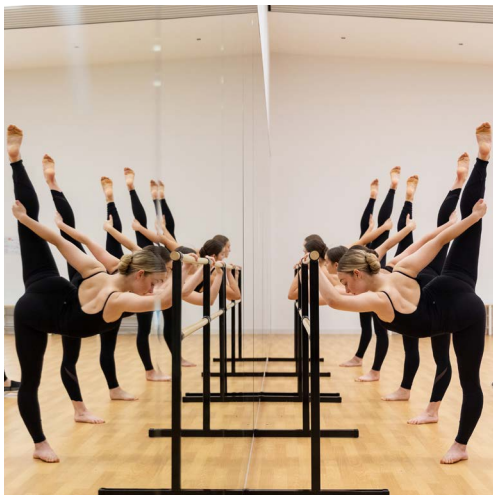
2026 Year 7 Special Entry Dance Program

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2026 Year 7 Special Entry Dance Program Program Information

Dear Families

Thank you for your interest in our Year 7 Special Entry Dance Program (SEDP) at Kildare College.

Below is some information about this exciting Dance Program.

- The Special Entry Dance Program is designed to meet the needs of students identified with high potential in the field of dance, offering unique educational opportunities in performance, creative endeavours and studies in technique and theory of dance.
- Students will be taught specialised dance training, including fitness disciplines such as pilates/yoga, nutrition, anatomy and technique associated with dance performance. They will study a range of dance styles including contemporary, jazz, lyrical, classical ballet, music theatre, tap, hip hop and cultural styles, and be exposed to alternative dance genres through visiting artists.
- Performance events will be an integral part of the course.
- In 2026, entry (via audition) to the program will be offered at Year 7 level only.
- Students who are interested in this program will be selected via application and audition. Students audition when they are in Year 6.
- Your daughter must be enrolled to commence at Kildare College in 2026, to be eligible to apply for this program.
- It is an expectation that students are undertaking dance training outside of school hours, have significant dance experience, or demonstrate a strong aptitude and interest. Additionally, they must commit to the program for a minimum of two years (Years 7 to 8).

If you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact the College on 8369 9999 or email info@kildare.catholic.edu.au.

Best wishes
Sue Nairn
Head of Dance



2024 Year 7 Special Entry Dance Class

2026 Year 7 Special Entry Dance Program

Audition Information

Audition Date:

Monday 4 August 2025 | Term 3, Week 3 | 9.30am - 12.00pm | Kildare College Dance Studio

There is no charge to audition.

Audition Process:

The first step in auditioning for the Special Entry Dance Program (SEDP) is to complete the Application to Audition form, available on the Kildare College website.

Please complete the form with as much information as possible so we have a clear picture of your daughter's previous dance experience. Having submitted the Application to Audition Form, you will then be contacted by the College to confirm receipt of your Application Form.

THE AUDITION

What to wear:

Normal dance attire. Please ensure that students feel comfortable, yet are still wearing tight-fitting, flattering clothes. Do not wear anything that could compromise their lines, shape or could restrict movement. Hair is to be tied back neatly, either in a pony-tail or bun. Jazz shoes are the preferred footwear but half soles/bare feet/foot thongs are also acceptable.

What can I expect at the audition?

- Plan to arrive at the audition 15 minutes early so that students have ample time to check-in, warm up and stretch.
- At the start of the audition, students will be addressed by the Kildare College dance teachers who will introduce staff and speak briefly about the Special Entry Dance Program and the audition process.
- Dancers will hit the dance floor and move through a series of technique exercises and stretches before commencing choreography and learning a phrase of dance (approx. 35 - 45 seconds long).
- Once the dance phrase has been taught, dancers will be divided into small groups for 'showings' - groups and dancers will be called in as requested by the selectors. Dancers will not be called on to perform solo (students will always present in small groups).
- All dancers will be referred to by their number, which should always be easily seen by selectors.
- Dancers are NOT required to prepare a dance sequence of their own for the audition.
- At the conclusion of the audition, students are asked to remove their number and return it to College staff.

Can my family and friends watch my audition?

To provide the best environment for the dancers and to enable them to perform without distractions, no one is allowed to observe auditions, except staff assisting with the session. After the audition, students will be escorted to the Mercedes Drive gate to be picked up by their family.

When will families be informed of the results of the audition?

- Dancers will be informed of the outcome of the audition via email within 5-7 days.
- Feedback will not be given after the audition.
- The competition for places can be high. The College will cap the SEDP class between 20-24 dancers.
- Selectors are looking for a very specific collection of attributes including: dance skills and technique; flexibility; coordination; ability to learn choreography at a reasonable speed; personality/demeanour; ability to take direction; ability to concentrate; styling of work and presence in the room. Dancers will be given ample opportunity to demonstrate their posture; placement; coordination; body control; musicality and their ability to learn and accurately perform movement phrases.

I cannot attend the audition - what can I do?

Unfortunately, there are no second-round auditions. If students cannot attend, they cannot be fairly assessed against the other dancers in the room. If we allow one student to skip an audition we set a precedence that results in the process becoming unmanageable.

At the discretion of the Principal a video submission for dancers may be considered under very special circumstances; however, this is not the preferred method of auditioning. Regrettably, if students cannot attend, they will not be considered for the SEDP.

2026 Year 7 Special Entry Dance Program Application to Audition Form



Once completed, please return to Front Reception at Kildare College or via email info@kildare.catholic.edu.au by Wednesday 23 July 2025.

Student Information

Surname _____
Given Name/s _____
Date of Birth _____
Address _____
Current School _____

Student to complete

In your own words, please explain why you would like to participate in the Special Entry Dance Program and what strengths you could bring to the class.

Parent/Caregiver Information

Surname _____
Given Names _____
Mobile Phone _____ Email _____
Student's signature _____ Date _____
Parent's signature _____ Date _____

Parent/Caregiver to complete

Student Name _____

Does your daughter suffer from any on-going illness(es) or allergy(ies)? YES / NO (please circle)

If YES, please explain _____

Does your daughter take any medication? YES / NO (please circle)

If YES, please list _____

Has your daughter sustained any physical injury(ies) in the last three years? YES / NO (please circle)

If YES, please explain _____

Are there any ongoing problems or restrictions? YES / NO (please circle)

A letter from your Doctor/Physiotherapist is required if the injury is likely to impact on your daughter's participation.

If YES, please explain _____

Dance school your daughter currently attends (if applicable) _____

List your daughter's dance training or experience: E.g. Tap - 5 years

State the forms of dance your daughter learns or has learnt (including form of classical ballet - e.g. RAD, Cecchetti)

1. _____ Age started _____ Grade/Level _____ Hours/Week _____

2. _____ Age started _____ Grade/Level _____ Hours/Week _____

3. _____ Age started _____ Grade/Level _____ Hours/Week _____

4. _____ Age started _____ Grade/Level _____ Hours/Week _____

Parent / Guardian Declaration

I acknowledge that I have read and understood the requirements of this application. I understand that upon offer of a place in the SEDP, I grant permission for photos and videos of my daughter to be taken. For more information, please visit: <https://www.kildare.catholic.edu.au/image-consent-form>. I have also attached required documentation including any copies of dance examination results or reports that are no older than 2021.

1. Parent signature _____ Date _____

2. Parent signature _____ Date _____