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Experience the Fusion is an evolved, dynamic dance initiative designed to inspire, empower, and connect. What began as a successful secondary school dance program now expands into a multi-tiered experience with offerings for students, educators, and the broader school community.











2026 AMBASSADOR

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ASHLEE SMALLFIELD

Ashlee has been immersed in the dance world for over 30 years, starting at just 2 years old when she took her first dance class and quickly developed a passion that would last a lifetime. She trained in a wide range of styles, including ballet, jazz, tap, lyrical, cabaret, contemporary, hip hop, and theatre.

At 18, Ashlee ventured to Paris to join the iconic Moulin Rouge, marking the beginning of her professional career as a showgirl and French Cancan dancer. This experience launched her into a decade-long career that saw her perform on cruise ships, in casino shows, as a backup dancer at award ceremonies, and at many corporate gigs. She also toured Australia with the revered Cabaret De Paris.

Ashlee's career extends beyond dancing, she also spent many years as a runway model, worked as an extra in movies and TV shows, and performed live on television across France, Italy, and Switzerland. In addition, she built an extensive career in the fitness industry, earning a Certificate III Pilates certification, and expertise in Strength & Conditioning. She also held roles in management and taught a wide range of fitness modalities.

After retiring from her professional dance career, Ashlee took time off to settle down and raise her son. Now, as a mother, she dedicates her energy to teaching and shaping the next generation of dancers. As a dance teacher and choreographer, Ashlee emphasizes strength, flexibility, musicality, and individuality. She is passionate about fostering confidence in her students and helping them reach their full potential.



"Experience the Fusion 2026 is more than an event, it's a movement. After witnessing the magic of the 2025 workshops firsthand, I'm thrilled to champion a day that empowers young dancers, celebrates our incredible educators, and brings the industry to life in the most inspiring way possible. Honestly, I wish something like this had existed when I was at school, it's the kind of opportunity that can truly shape a dancer's journey". - Ashlee -

2026 KEY DATES



TERM 1

Tuesday 31st March at Ormeau Woods SHS

TERM 2

Thursday 4th June at Helensvale SHS

TERM 3

Thursday 3rd September *Ripley Valley SSC*

TERM 4

Tuesday 13th October Pacific Pines SHS



TERM 3/4 Holidays

<u>Experience Day</u> Friday 2nd October at Ormeau Woods SHS

TERM 4

Gala Showcase Event Thursday 8th October at Ormeau Woods SHS



TERM 4

Thursday 26th November at Ormeau Woods SHS







Where Secondary Students Connect, Create, and Grow!

Returning for its second year, Fusion Dance is an exciting opportunity for upper primary and secondary school students to extend their knowledge of dance in a non-competitive environment. Across the year, students will take part in dynamic workshops each term, led by guest artists from the dance industry.

Fusion Dance is about more than just training, it's about experience, collaboration, and inspiration. Students will gain valuable industry knowledge, explore new styles, and push their creative boundaries while connecting with dancers from other schools.

Whether you're looking to sharpen your technique, spark your creativity, or simply share your love of dance, Fusion Dance offers a supportive space to grow as an artist and performer. Together, we'll celebrate the power of dance to build community and shape the next generation of performers!

EVENT SPEC

4 x workshops in varied styles 4 x industry artists 2 tiers of workshops catering for varied ages/abilities

\$10pp workshop ticket \$20pp Fusion Dance T-Shirt (1 off payment)

WORKSHOP ONE

Registrations open - 16th February Registrations close - 9th March

WORKSHOP TWO

Registrations open - 20th April Registrations close - 11th May

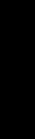
WORKSHOP THREE

Registrations open -20th July Registrations close - 10th August

WORKSHOP FOUR

Registrations open - 1st September Registrations close - 22nd September







FAQS

If a student attended a workshop in 2025 are they required to purchase another tshirt?

No, as long as they still obtain their t-shirt and can wear it to the event they are not required to purchase another. Our Fusion Dance t-shirt design will remain the same each year to enable us to keep the costs down for students. Once they have purchased their t-shirt they can wear it to all future events.

Are students required to participate in the allocated Grade level workshops?

At each event, the workshops will be split into 2 groups, Grades 5-9 and Grades 10-12. Guest artists are requested to adjust their workshop classes based on these age demographics. If you believe your student would benefit attending the alternate age workshop, this is at teacher discretion and of course fully supported by the Fusion team. This information must be provided and accurate when registering for the event to ensure numbers per workshop are accurate.

Is this event only open for Grades 7-12?

No, we are thrilled to announce that in 2026 this event will be open for Grades 5-12. Allowing senior primary school students to attend helps educate the students on what to expect when heading into dance in high school.

Is there worth in attending more than one event?

Absolutely! At each event varied artists and genres will be on offer, so no 2 workshop events will be the same. Each workshop not only offering the chance to engage in a multitude of classes but to also create and foster friendships and relationships across many schools.

How long does a workshop go for?

At each event there are 4×1 hour workshops provided with a small break in between each and a lunch break in the middle of the day. The timing of the event is worked out around the host schools timetable. We aim to keep each event running between the hours of 8.30AM - 3.00PM.

Does each school need to provide a supervising teacher?

Yes, each school should be accompanied by a supervising teacher. However in extenuating circumstances where a supervising teacher can not attend, please contact the team at Fusion so we can support you with this.







Where ambition meets the spotlight!

Fusion Collective is a high-energy audition experience created for passionate, motivated dancers who are ready to take their training to the next level. Aimed at upper-primary and secondary school students, this dynamic program offers a taste of what it's like to train and perform like an industry dancer.

From the audition process to live performance opportunities, Fusion Collective is more than just a stage, it's a launchpad. Dancers will gain valuable exposure, build their professional skillset, and collaborate with like-minded peers in an inspiring and challenging environment.

This is your moment to grow, perform, and shine. Step into the spotlight at Fusion Collective, where future stars are made.

EVENT SPECIFICS

Audition number worn at Fusion Dance Workshops
Audition round included in all workshop classes
Top 3 dancers selected from each workshop class by Guest Artist
Invitation sent to successful dancers for our 2026 Fusion Collective Group
Performance Experience in the 2026 Fusion Collective Gala Showcase

EVENT COSTS

\$10 for audition number (can be worn at multiple workshops in given year) \$20 for successful students to participate in Fusion Collective workshop day/gala performance

REGISTRATION DATES

Registrations open - 1st April Registrations close - 16th September







FAQS

How are successful students selected?

At the conclusion of each workshop class, students with audition numbers will be requested to perform the taught sequence. From this, the guest artist will select and announce their top 3 dancers. All audition numbers will receive written feedback post workshop day to help build their skills as a dancer/performer

What is involved in the Fusion Collective experience day?

Students will participate in a full day workshop where they will learn a combined routine by a current industry professional. As well as this, students will be presented with information about future pathways that can be taken post school, in the form of full time dance studios, talent management agencies and dance in education.

What is the Gala Evening?

The Gala evening will be an event that invites all schools who have representation in the Fusion Collective team to come together for 1 night of performance. At this showcase each school will be given the opportunity to perform their own work, with the show concluding with our 2026 Fusion Collective Team performance. This event will also involve key stakeholders that will deliver information to our students about pathways to be travelled post school and what supports are available to them now in nuturing their dance studies.

How does this experience align to curriculum?

Wearing an audition number at Fusion Dance simulates authentic industry audition conditions and supports students in meeting the requirements of **CUAPRF314 – Develop Audition Techniques.** This process develops professionalism, focus, and adaptability, aligning with the standards expected in Certificate III and IV in Dance. This opportunity also supports years **7–10 Dance curriculum** by encouraging students to demonstrate performance skills, apply safe dance practices, and reflect on their artistic choices in alignment with curriculum achievement standards.

Is a teaching staff member from each school required at the experience day?

No, students will be supervised by Fusion staff members. Permissions will be required prior to students attending this event.







Where great teachers evolve, empower, and inspire the next generation of dancers

Fusion Educator Lab is a dynamic professional development experience designed for passionate dance teachers who are ready to expand their craft, connect with peers, and elevate their impact in the classroom and beyond.

Through hands-on workshops, collaborative discussions, and practical resources, educators will explore innovative approaches to teaching, choreography, and student engagement.

Fusion Educator Lab isn't just about refining skills, it's about reigniting creativity and fostering excellence in dance education.

EVENT SPECIFICS

Full day professional development Varied presenters/presentations Hands on collaboration

\$60-\$100 depending on number of attendees

Registrations open - 7th September Registrations close -23rd October







Is this event only for public school secondary dance teachers?

Educator Lab is designed for ALL educators primary through to secondary, public and private. The event would be beneficial for any teacher currently teaching dance, wishing to teach dance in the future or is in a supporting role in some capacity. Anyone with a passion for movement would love what this workshop day has to offer.

Can those currently studying education attend this event?

Absolutely YES! With the decline of educational offerings in dance we hope to see Educator Lab fill some of those gaps to ensure that those entering a dance teacher role feel supported and well knowledgeable in the field.

Does this event offer opportunity for collaboration?

Yes, this event will not only be about learning from guest presenters in an array of fields but will also allow the time for dance educators to sit and share about their experiences and provide support for one another.



CONTACT US

If you wish to be part of the magic of Fusion then please get in touch. Whether you have questions about whats on offer, how you can get your students involved, or you wish to join our events team please do not hesitate to contact us.

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