

Dance 2009

A Festival of Dance for NSW Public Schools

15 - 19 September 2009

The State Dance Festival aims to:

- demonstrate the outcomes of dance curricula in NSW public schools
- encourage the pursuit of excellence in dance
- support the continuing development of dance education in schools
- provide an opportunity for talented dance students to engage in quality performance in a professional venue.
- provide access to schools from all regions to showcase their dance programs at a state level.

Application requirements

Schools wishing to take part in the State Dance Festival must adhere to the following:

- **Ensembles** must involve no less than 6 and no more than 30 students
- **Item choreographers** must be teachers or students who are on staff or enrolled at the school submitting the item
- **Choreography** must cater to the age/stage of development of all students in the ensemble, employ safe dance practice and be suitable for performance on a stage of 7m by 10m
- **Duration of items** must be appropriate to the performers' stage of development. Primary items must not exceed 5 minutes. Secondary items must not exceed 7 minutes
- **Music & Lyrics** must be relevant to the age of the performers and be suitable for public performance to a multi-aged audience
- **Copyright** for the use of sound tracks must be cleared with APRA prior to public performance at Regional Festivals in readiness for a possible State Dance Festival performance.

Note: As nominations far exceed positions available, schools should nominate only their strongest item/s for representation at state level.

Application Process

Fax the **Item Nomination** form/s to Sue Rix, Acting Dance Coordinator by

FRIDAY 8 MAY, 2009.

Fax: 9569 6878

Late applications will not be accepted.

Selection Process for Nominated Items

1. Nominations will be collated and filed at The Arts Unit and a copy sent to Regional Dance Festival Committees.
2. Regional Dance Festival Committees will meet and decide on items that they would like to recommend from their festival and then forward their list of recommended items to the Dance Coordinator.
3. Regional Dance Festival Committees will also provide a brief comment on items that are not recommended by their Regional Dance Festival Committee. These will also be considered by the State Dance Festival audition panel.
4. Regional Dance Festival committees are asked to pass on videos of **all** items that are nominated by **Friday 26 June, 2009**.
5. Each item will be viewed and assessed by the Dance Coordinator and the State Dance Festival audition panel. The panel will assess items based on choreography, technical skill, and performance quality, the overall cohesiveness of the piece in relation to style, the age group of performers and the relevance of the piece according to dance curriculum outcomes.
6. Schools will be notified of their acceptance on **Friday July 31, 2009**.
7. Successful schools will be required to download and complete a more detailed application form upon acceptance.

Variation to Applications

Some schools may find that the State Dance Festival application requirements do not suit their circumstances. Any variation to these requirements should be forwarded **in writing before** the closing date for applications.

Schools unable to be involved in their Festival may send a video of their item and an application form directly to Acting Dance Coordinator at The Arts Units by **Friday 26 June, 2009**.

**Sue Rix
Acting Dance Coordinator
The Arts Unit
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Return Fax

To: Sue Rix
Acting Dance Coordinator
Fax: 9569 6878



From: _____

School: _____ **Date:** _____

New South Wales Public Schools State Dance Festival 2009

Item Nomination Form

Closing date for Item applications: Friday 8 May, 2009

Name of School: _____

Name of Principal: _____
(First Name) (Surname)

Signature: _____

Name of Contact Teacher: _____
(First Name) (Surname)

Item Information

Title of Item: _____

Item Director: _____

Choreographer: _____

Duration of Item: _____ **Mins** _____ **Secs** **School Years:** _____

Intent of the item: _____

**Please note: This application must be received no later than Friday 8 May, 2009.
Late or incomplete applications will not be accepted.**