

Stage and Screen

Dance **M**

Dance is designed for students who have completed the Dance 7–10 Syllabus, for those with previous dance experience and for those who are studying dance for the first time. It caters for a broad range of students from varying social and cultural backgrounds. The subject acknowledges the cultural diversity within the Australian community and offers students opportunities to reflect on their own and others' life experiences as part of the course content.

In the Year 11 Preliminary Course, students study dance as an art form with core studies in the interrelated components of Performance, Composition and Appreciation. The knowledge that students gain in Year 11 provides the fundamentals of dance as an art form and is implicit in the content for Year 12.

The Stage 6 Dance course is made up of the following components and weightings:

The Preliminary Course		The HSC Course	
Core Performance	40%	Core Performance	20%
Core Composition	30%	Core Composition	20%
Core Appreciation	30%	Core Appreciation	20%
		Major Study	40%

It is acknowledged that students may enter the Year 11 Preliminary Course with a wide range of prior experiences. In order to accommodate the range of students in a single course, a higher percentage of weighting and time has been allocated to the performance component in the Preliminary course to provide for the necessary physical training and the understanding of how this training occurs.

In the Year 12 HSC Course, students continue their study of dance as an art form. Study of the three components - Performance, Composition and Appreciation - is also continued. Students also undertake an in-depth study of dance in one of four major components:

- Performance
- Composition
- Appreciation
- Dance and Technology.

The three core study components are each allocated 20%, and the major study is allocated 40%.

The final examination includes a performance that is assessed by external markers from NESAs.

For more information on Dance visit the NESAs website at:

<https://educationstandards.nsw.edu.au/wps/portal/nesa/11-12/stage-6-learning-areas/stage-6-creative-arts/dance-syllabus>