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Arts
Excellence
Program

2027 Prospectus

Our vision

Kawana Waters State College is committed to ensuring each child reaches their full potential.

The Arts Excellence Program provides students who have special interest and skills in the arts with rigorous lessons, tailored learning experiences and customised performance projects that support and enable students to excel in dance and drama.

Inspired by industry professionals, students will develop performance skills and explore a variety of styles beyond the curriculum.

Excellence

A standard exhibited by creative work or artistic product or practice that is characterised by such qualities as:

- Vitality
- Originality
- Relevance
- Creativity
- Innovation
- Experimentation
- Technical proficiency
- Professional expertise
- Integrity

Aims

The program aims to:

- Offer students who are skilful and artistic in the area of dance and drama an extended curriculum
- Nurture students' personal and artistic skill and attitudes, empowering them to achieve their fullest potential
- Make available opportunities to extend students' personal and performance development through a comprehensive assortment of workshops and performance activities
- Inspire and encourage links between the school, the community and the arts by accessing professionals within the industry and through performance-based projects
- Expedite the transition into arts-related secondary and later tertiary courses.

Details of the program

Successful applicants will elect to specialise in either dance or drama.

In addition to the standard timetables lessons per week, Art Excellence Program students are required to participate in some extension sessions.

These sessions are timetabled outside of normal school hours and are a compulsory part of the course.

It is during this time that students focus on project/performance work and participate in workshops with industry professionals.

Please note that the Arts Excellence Programs are ONLY available to students enrolling in Year 7, 8 or 9.

Cost

Students involved in the Arts Excellence Program will be charged a fee that will include the following expenses:

- Performing arts workshops
- Theatre and events excursions
- Arts Excellence Program shirt as part to their uniform (students to provide long black stretch pants)
- Various production projects (includes hiring professional artists from the entertainment/arts industry as well as equipment and production costs.)

The fee in 2027 will be \$360.00

The deposit of \$180.00 is required when accepting the letter of offer, payable BY THE END OF 2026.

The remainder of the fee, \$180.00 is due to be PAID IN FULL by the end of Term 1.

College policy is that fees are required to be kept up to date to participate in this program.

Application
for enrolment

Practical
workshop

Individual
audition

Interview

Offer of
enrolment

Application Requirements

While no prerequisite subjects are necessary, students must individually demonstrate:

- Intense interest in dance or drama
- Potential talent to excel in dance or drama (demonstration of potential in audition, interview and workshop)
- Skill in working effectively as part of a group/ensemble
- Preparedness to accept challenges and undertake tasks which are unfamiliar
- Age adequate literacy skills (ideally a minimum B grade in English in Year6-7)
- Leadership qualities
- Willingness to participate in after-school hours, performances, workshops and events

Selective entry process

As indicated by the diagram on the left, there are several steps to follow when applying for acceptance into the Arts Excellence Program at Kawana Waters State College:

- Return a completed application form by **Monday 3 August 2026**
- Undertake audition process at Kawana Waters State College. Students are required to:
 1. participate in workshops in dance or drama
 2. prepare an individual polished audition piece of approx. one minute in length in either drama or dance
 3. participate in an interview with Arts Excellence teachers.

Student auditions and interviews will be held at Kawana Waters State College on the following days:

Dance	Monday 24 August 2026
Drama	Monday 31 August 2026

Successful applicants will receive detailed information regarding this process.

Future Pathways

Having progressed from the Arts Excellence Program at Kawana Waters State College, students should find they are more equipped to further their study in senior dance and senior drama, preparing them for future arts pathways. Fundamental to our artistic excellence belief is the conviction that we provide students with a dynamic educational base in dance and drama.

Possible pathways include:

- Professional Actor, Dancer, Entertainer
- Choreographer, Designer, Stage Manager, Technician, Writer, Director, Performing Arts Teacher
- Bachelor of Creative Arts - Acting/Dance
- Bachelor of Fine Arts - Technical Production
- Advanced Diploma of Arts (Acting)
- Bachelor of Creative Industries - Dance and Drama OR Film and Media
- Bachelor of Education - Dance and Drama
- Diploma of Live Production, Theatre and Events
- Traineeship with state or national theatre/dance company
- Bursaries with local theatre companies
- Marketing
- Physical Therapist
- Music Therapist