

**DANCE TROUPE
MANUAL
2024**



**Tauranga
Girls' College**
The School of Choice



LET'S DANCE!

At Tauranga Girls' College we offer a range of extra-curricular Dance opportunities alongside our curriculum options. There is a culture of student leadership and collaboration in Dance. Senior students act as mentors to the younger students and life-long friendships are forged. Students of any year level and ability are encouraged to get involved!



Our Purpose

Dance is an expressive human movement, which forms an integral part of human life and culture. Through dance, students develop an understanding of its value in their own and other cultures and improving self-awareness.

At Tauranga Girls' College the following dance troupes are on offer:

- Jazz
- Lyrical/Contemporary
- Junior Dance Club

The purpose of our school dance troupes is to provide students with:

- The opportunity to be part of a team
- Opportunities to develop technique and self-expression
- Build a repertoire of dances to showcase at local community events and competitions
- To compete against other dance schools in several local and national competitions

Being a part of one of our school dance troupes is an honour and a privilege, not a right! Being a member of this team requires a positive attitude and significant commitment. Each dancer and leader are required to sign our contract that outlines the expectations.

Any student who does not uphold our values of respect, participation, and pride through their lack of commitment may be removed from the team.

Commitment & Expectations

Being a part of a team means being part of something much bigger than just yourself. In dance we develop soft skills such as:

- Cooperation
- Confidence
- Commitment
- Trust
- Reliability

It is important that if you are chosen for a troupe you commit to the scheduled practices, performances, and competitions:

- If you are unable to attend a practice due to sickness or another school activity, please communicate this to the teacher in charge or team captain ASAP. In the event a dancer does miss practice they may be repositioned in the dance in order to avoid further disruption to the progress of other team members.
- Missing more than 3 Scheduled Troupe practices per term may result in the dancer being removed from the team.
- Once a competition date is set, if something else comes up AFTER this time, we expect the competition to take priority. Failure to do so may, once again result in a dancer being removed from the team.
- All students will sign a contract to agree to the expectations outlined.

COMMITMENT IS SO SO IMPORTANT!!!

Troupe Fees

Our troupes are fully student funded and we aim to keep costs as low as we can. The non – refundable fee for our auditioned troupes is \$60 for the year. This cost covers competition entry fees and costumes (excluding Dance NZ Made workshops). Any accommodation, travel, make up costs, and shoes are covered at your own expense.

Fundraising opportunities may be organised in negotiation with the team and Teacher in Charge.



"Being involved in Dance troupes has helped me grow not only as a dancer but also as a person. I have made some lifelong friendships and been given the opportunity to work with some incredible student choreographers who have inspired me (Ajah Cameron, Year 13)

JAZZ TROUPE

This troupe is an auditioned troupe made up of year 9-13 students choreographed in a Jazz genre. Students practice weekly and work towards competitions and performances. NCEA credits available for students who may not take curriculum dance.

Students will need to commit to the following events:

TDI	Fri 19 - Sat 21 April	Tauranga Boys College
Diamond Dance	Fri 24 - Sun 26 May	Tauranga Boys College
TPACS	Mon 8th July	Baycourt Theatre
Dance NZ Made	Tue 6 Aug	Baycourt Theatre
DEC	Sat 17 - Sun 18 Aug	Tauranga Boys College
TGC Showcase	TBC	Tauranga Girls College

All dates are subject to change and more could be added.

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CONTEMPORARY TROUPE

This troupe is an auditioned troupe made up of year 9-13 students choreographed in a Lyrical/Contemporary genre. Students practice weekly and work towards competitions and performances. NCEA credits available for students who may not take curriculum dance.

Students will need to commit to the following events:

TDI	Fri 19 - Sat 21 April	Tauranga Boys College
Diamond Dance	Fri 24 - Sun 26 May	Tauranga Boys College
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All dates are subject to change and more could be added.
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JUNIOR DANCE CLUB

This is an open troupe for year 9 and 10 dancers who audition, but do not make it into our competition troupes. This troupe will have the opportunity to perform at Dance NZ Made as well as our school showcase. There may also be the opportunity to perform at various school events as invited.

Commitment expectations are the same as all of our other troupes and this is a fantastic opportunity for students to continue to work on their technique and performance skills. The performance piece will be a combination of jazz/contemporary/lyrical. Rehearsals will be on a Monday lunchtime.

Students will need to commit to the following events:

Dance NZ Made	Tuesday 6 August	Baycourt Theater
TGC Showcase	Date TBC	Tauranga Girls' College

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DANCER CONTRACT

Congratulations on being selected into one of our troupes. With this achievement, being a part of one of our school dance troupes is an honour and a privilege, not a right!

You are expected to uphold the school values both within rehearsals and when representing Tauranga Girls' College in the wider community at events and competitions by:

- Showing respect at all times to your team, student leaders, teacher in charge and other teams you meet in the community.
- Arriving on time for rehearsals and competitions. Missing more than 3 Scheduled practices per term may result in you being removed from the team. If you are unable to attend a practice due to sickness/ school activity, communicate this to the teacher in charge or senior coach ASAP. If you do not communicate you may be repositioned in the dance in order to avoid disruption to the progress of the team
- Coming appropriately dressed for each rehearsal (uniform is not acceptable).
- Committing to the events/competitions outlined for the year. Once a competition date is set, if something else comes up AFTER this time, we expect the competition to take priority. Failure to do so may, once again result in a dancer being removed from the team.
- Respect the rules of the Dance room.
- Pay the troupe cost of \$60 to cover costumes and entry fees.
- Display a positive attitude and significant commitment.

Any student who does not uphold our expectations and values of respect, participation, and pride through their lack of commitment may be removed from the team. Should you feel unable to agree to these conditions please discuss this with the Teacher in Charge of the troupe ASAP.

Please sign the Google Form on the dance troupe Google Classroom prior to your next training.

COACH CONTRACT

At Tauranga Girls' College we expect that all our Student Leaders will abide by our school rules and uphold the values. Being a leader of one of our extra curricular Dance Troupes is a privileged position. On top of the expectations outlines in the Dancer contract the following also apply:

- Be an advocate for Dance in the kura by encouraging participation of students in dance
- Be a positive role model to all students, staff and the wider community in the way you model the Colleges values (e.g. wearing appropriate gear for rehearsals, being punctual, and organised)
- Understand and model service by motivating and inspiring others
- Lead and facilitate weekly practices for your troupe and extra practices leading up to events and competitions
- Maintain a positive image and attitude and be inclusive of others
- Interact respectfully and influence others in a positive manner, digitally and in person
- Show commitment and perseverance
- Be collaborative and creative with your fellow coaches
- Meet with the Teacher in charge of your troupe once a fortnight to support you in setting personal goals and support your leadership development. This might include being open to and reflecting on feedback through the keeping of a reflective digital leadership log
- Commit to being better than before and thus supporting the College to be the School of Choice for Girls
- Writes regular articles for 'He Karere Tūi' (our kura pānui | newsletter) and the school year book

It is a privilege to be a leader at Tauranga Girls' College. Be aware that breaches of leadership expectations could result in a demotion. Should you feel unable to agree to these conditions please discuss this with the Teacher in Charge of the troupe ASAP.

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