



# Dance Academy

Peregian Beach College





# Welcome to our dance academy

Located on Queensland's Sunshine Coast, the elite dance academy is an exclusive training program that is carefully integrated into academic studies, providing an exceptional balance of vocational training alongside private academic tuition.

The elite dance academy offers an unrivalled opportunity for the most dedicated of dancers with specialist training in classical ballet, contemporary, lyrical, strength/conditioning and composition.

Students gain exposure to leading industry professionals through technique classes, performances, workshops, and events - offering pathways for a career in professional dance.

The elite training academy will combine dedicated and customised sports science to advance the dancer's facility and functionality. Together with unparalleled research and sports science support, the dancer gains a deeper understanding of the moving body and learns the tools to preserve and enhance their mindset and physical ability when working and training at a professional level.

A fresh and unique approach to the contemporary technique, derived from Graham and Horton methods combined with modern techniques from program director Michelle Bucci. This approach has been meticulously and exclusively designed for the program with a specific focus on improving the overall strength and versatility of the dancer.

# Meet our program director

## Michelle Bucci

Michelle Bucci has had the privilege of teaching, choreographing, and collaborating with the best of the best over the past 20 years. Michelle's choreography has been seen on *Its Dancing* for the ABC network, *The Australian Design Awards*, Virgin Australia, L'Oréal fashion show, *Morning Melodies* at the prestigious Hamer Hall Melbourne, the launch of Federation Square and Exhibition buildings Melbourne and many festivals throughout Australia.

With the diverse training Michelle offers, her past students have had success in many areas of the dance industry, gaining entry into The Australian Ballet School, as well as appearing in the musicals *Mary Poppins*, *Wicked*, *Anything Goes*, *Starlight Express*, *Cats* and TV show *So You Think You Can Dance*.

Michelle is a dance graduate from the Victorian College of the Arts.

In 2018, Michelle relocated to the Sunshine Coast and has founded the first youth contemporary dance company in this region. DANCELAB is an elite performance company providing the local community with complex performances that truly make an impact. Michelle is thrilled to be able to offer her wealth of knowledge in the dance sector to the dance academy students at Peregian Beach College.







# About Peregian Beach College

Peregian Beach College is a non-denominational, co-educational, independent school that caters for students from the Preparatory Years to Year 12. The quality reputation our school enjoys has been achieved through the hard work and diligence of our professional and experienced teaching staff and the innovative and forward thinking of our leadership team.

The College is situated on 21 acres of naturally landscaped grounds and sporting fields on Old Emu Mountain Road at Peregian Beach. The College's picturesque natural environment creates an ideal location to nurture the principles and values that guide the College: Reflective Practices, Inclusivity, Service to Others and Excellence.

As part of the dance academy, students will receive:

- full educational scholarships
- opportunities to train before and during school hours
- high quality education with passionate and caring staff
- sport science sessions to help students care for their bodies as dancers.

Peregian Beach College also engages an academy coordinator to support students to balance their academic pursuits with their training and wellbeing.

Acceptance into the elite dance academy is by audition only. The audition process will involve a physical evaluation and a critique of technical skills in ballet, pointe and contemporary dance.



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