

## SELECTION

### Recruit the sporty and well-respected boys first!

Once you have a group of well-respected boys on side, work on developing a simple routine and performing it for the School at a special event.

## EXPOSURE

Ensure the boys perform for the School and keep performing. Once the other boys see the group perform, more will follow.



## SMALL STEPS!

**We started with eight boys.**

**Ten years later we have over 200!**

We started with Senior School boys and one dance troupe. We now have six Dance Groups ranging from Year 1 to Year 12. We also offer solo's and duos. We compete in eisteddfods, take the boys on tour and perform regularly at corporate functions and for major school events.

We offer dance as part of the curriculum and have a part-time dance teacher.

Dance has been recognised as a sport and the School provides all the costuming and tuition at no extra cost to the parents.

**If you would like to make contact**

**we are happy to help:**

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## HOW DO YOU CHANGE A SCHOOL CULTURE?

### TRADITION AND HISTORY

The Hutchins School was established in 1846 and has a proud history as one of Australia's oldest independent schools for boys and is a founding member of the International Boys' Schools Coalition .

When established Hutchins was modelled on traditional British schools.



## SUPPORT

**You must have the support from your school.**

Your principal and the administration team need to support the development of the arts including Dance.

You need to get your school ready to make this change as it won't just happen over night



## RELATIONSHIPS

**Boys want to know you are a good person first and a good teacher second.**



Once your boys know and respect you as a person then they'll do anything for you in the classroom. They'll even step out of their comfort zone and dance!



## BUILD THE ARTS

**You can't just expect to build a strong and healthy dance program if you don't have a strong and healthy arts program as well.**

Prior to any dance groups starting at Hutchins we started a School of Performing Arts program where boys auditioned for a limited number of places in Music or Drama.

This has now been extended to offer places in Dance and Music Theatre.

We offer scholarships in all four areas.

