



Rangi Ruru  
Girls' School

# Year 9 Kanikani Course Outline 2024

Welcome to Year 9 Dance. Your course is planned to provide you with an opportunity to balance learning about whanaungatanga, whakawhanaungatanga, the choreographic tools, and performance skills. The course provides you with many opportunities to do your own choreography, work together as a class and do some research.

## What will I learn in Dance this year?

We will learn the importance of warming up when doing physical activity. We will use the choreographic tools to create our own performances and learn about Musical Theatre. We will also learn about Cheerleading and if we have time social dance. You will regularly perform in front of your peers in groups to assist you in becoming more confident with performing, as well as giving and taking useful feedback to improve your practise.

## What sorts of things will I do?

- Work as a class to learn a class warm up
- Work as a class and in small groups to learn about the choreographic tools
- Work in small groups to create a cheerleading routine
- Work in a small group to choreograph a Musical Theatre routine

### **How will my work be assessed?**

Assessment for learning is an ongoing process of self-reflection throughout the course. We encourage students to give ourselves positive and next-step feedback in order to improve our craft.

### **Whom do I ask if I have any questions about the course and/or assessment?**

Ask your classroom teacher, Ms. Bell or Ms. Cope first. They may suggest you speak to Mr Rutherford Director of Theatre Arts, who has responsibility for the Theatre Arts programmes.

Helpful tips:

- Be focused, attentive and involved in learning in class.
- Learn all dance moves you have for a performance as early as possible, as this will allow you to focus on your performance factor.
- Use class-time effectively to listen, discuss, and ask questions. Be organised, complete work within the allocated time frame. Maintain an organised digital and/or physical folder of work. Backup your digital materials regularly.
- Take every opportunity to practise and develop your skills.
- Take note of the feedback (oral and/or written) you receive about your skills and use it to try and improve your skills.
- Remember to ask your teacher if you are unsure about anything. We want you to succeed and are happy to help you.

**Belong. Be organised. Be your best.  
Enjoy your year!**

Term 1	Topic	Content	Learning	Assessment
Week 1	Unit 1 <b>Introduction and warm up</b>	Team work, confidence, Dance overview, expectations, Warm up	Learn about the expectations of Dance, Dance scavenger hunt, Learn class warm up	<b>No Assessment</b>
Weeks 2 - 4	Unit 2 <b>Choreography</b>	Managing Self, Team Work, the choreographic tools	To learn about the Choreographic tools and how to use them to create a dance with a group	Skills based throughout rehearsals.
Weeks 5 - 7	Unit 3 <b>Cheerleading</b>	Managing Self, Team Work, the cheerleading terminology and movement	To learn about the Cheerleading motions, jumps and stunts and how to use them to create a chant and cheer routine	Skills based throughout rehearsals.
Weeks 8 - 10	Unit 4 <b>Musical Theatre</b>	Managing Self, Team Work, what makes Musical Theatre unique and how to create a performance	To learn about what is Musical Theatre and how to use the basics to create a Musical Theatre performance	Skills based throughout rehearsals.