



Featured Dance Application package



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Applications are now open to students wanting to audition for a place in a featured dance ensemble for Star Struck 2026 – Out of The Ordinary. Students attending public schools within the region are eligible to audition, regardless of their schools involvement in Star Struck 2026. This will be subject to principal endorsement. Students who have a school involved may be supervised by their own school, while students without a school involved will be supervised by the Star Struck Featured Ensemble Coordinator.

Please note we are releasing information and opening applications earlier than usual to support students, families, and schools in planning ahead. This will allow audition dates to be locked in and a clear timeline communicated well in advance. Please take note of dates.

Audition Workshop Dates – 2026

Auditions for the Featured Dance Ensembles will be held on:

- Monday 9 February 2026
- Wednesday 11 February 2026
- Sunday 22 February 2026

Please refer to the Audition Workshop Schedule (attached/on the next page) for full genre-specific information, including times, venues, and attire requirements.

Available Genres in 2026

- Ballet (Year 7-12)
- Jazz (Years 5-7) and Jazz (Years 8-12)
- Contemporary (Years 5-7) and Contemporary (Years 8-12)
- Hip Hop (Years 7 - 12)
- Tap (Year 7-12)

Students may apply for up to two ensembles.

Please note: All year levels listed refer to the school year you will be in for 2026.

Application details

Students must complete the online application form by Wednesday 4th February 2026.

[Featured Dance Online Audition Application Form](#)

Your form must include your @education email address as this is the address results will be sent to.

Please ensure your 2026 school principal has been informed of your intention to audition as Star Struck will contact them for endorsement. If moving schools at the end of 2025 please seek endorsement once school starts in 2026.

There is no need to contact schools now.

Once applications close in 2026, schools will receive a list of students who have applied.

Audition information

- Auditions are part of a live audition workshop. You must attend in person to be considered.
- Students can only audition for and be accepted into two featured ensembles. Please select your two choices on the form. Please note – Star Struck may invite students to perform an additional item if a specific genre, partnership, or soloist is needed.
- Auditions will include a workshop, learning audition choreography and performing for a panel in small groups.
- There is no need to prepare a solo performance, students will not be asked to perform solo.
- Students may be asked to perform choreography designed for duos/partner work. They may be partnered with a younger or older student to perform movement at the audition.
- A panel of choreographers, industry professionals and Star Struck directors will make up the selection panel.
- Parents are unable to view the auditions. Parents are asked to drop students off and collect them at the end of their audition.
- Students will be supervised by Star Struck staff during the audition.
- Bring water and snacks. A canteen may be available to purchase food.
- Do not bring valuables.

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What to Wear

Students are expected to wear appropriate dance attire that reflects the professional, student-focused nature of Star Struck.

Please ensure:

- Adequate coverage of chest, midriff and bottoms
- No clothing specific to a school or private dance studio. A previous Star Struck t-shirt is acceptable
- Correct footwear for the genre.
- Hair is secured neatly off the face

Audition Workshop Fee

- \$40 audition workshop fee
- Payable via the student's school office in 2026. Do not make payment in 2025 as schools will not receive instructions or a list of students until early term 1 2026. You will be sent a reminder to pay once applications close.

If Successful: Participation Costs

- \$140 participation fee (this includes the Star Struck event t-shirt).
- Costume costs (varies by item)
- Optional merchandise

All costs will be communicated to successful applicants and coordinating teachers.

Commitment if successful

A featured dance rehearsal schedule will be available on acceptance. However, please note that rehearsals may occur during the week and / or on weekends. Some rehearsals may also occur in term 1 whilst others will be in term 2 2026.

If you cannot make any rehearsals, for any reasons, you will forfeit your position in the item being taught. If costumes have been ordered however, you will still be liable for any associated costs.

Combined rehearsal days are Thursday 21 and Friday 22 May. Attendance details will be available on acceptance.

Show week rehearsals and performances will be everyday from Tuesday 9 June until Saturday 13 June.

As a featured artist you are required to perform in all 4 shows.

Any questions please contact Casey Smith, Star Struck Operations Manager via starstruck@det.nsw.edu.au



Featured Dance Audition Schedule 2026

Monday 9th February 2026 Newcastle Basketball Stadium - 27 Young Rd Broadmeadow 2292			
Ballet (Year 7 – 12) <i>Ballet shoes are required. Please also bring pointe shoes if applicable.</i>		Hip Hop (Year 7 – 12) <i>Joggers are required or suitable footwear. No bare feet.</i>	
Main Court		Court 7	
8.00am - 8.30am	Registration and Warm-Up	8.00am - 8.30am	Registration and Warm-Up
8.30am - 9.15am	Practical Workshop	8.30am - 9.15am	Practical Workshop
9.15am - 10.15am	Learn Choreography	9.15am - 10.15am	Learn Choreography
10.15am - 11.15am	Perform Choreography	10.15am - 11.15am	Perform Choreography
<i>Pick up 11.15am unless auditioning for Jazz as 2nd genre.</i>			

Monday 9th February 2026 Newcastle Basketball Stadium - 27 Young Rd Broadmeadow 2292			
Combined Jazz (Yr 8 -12) <i>Jazz shoes or barefoot</i>		Combined Jazz (Yr 5 - 7) <i>Jazz shoes or barefoot</i>	
Main Court		Court 7	
10.45am – 11:15am	Registration and warm up	10.45am – 11:15am	Registration and warm up
11:15am-11:45pm	Practical Workshop	11:15am-11:45pm	Practical Workshop
11:45pm – 12:00pm	Fruit and Water Break	11:45pm – 12:00pm	Fruit and Water Break
12:00pm -1:15pm	Learn the Choreography	12:00pm -1:15pm	Learn the Choreography
1:15pm - 1:30pm	Fruit and Water Break	1:15pm - 1:30pm	Fruit and Water Break
1:30pm – 3:00pm All JAZZ Join to perform movement			
<i>3:00pm All students are picked up from the Venue</i>			

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Wednesday 11th February 2026 Newcastle Basketball Stadium - 27 Young Rd Broadmeadow 2292			
Combined Contemporary (Yr 5 - 7) <i>Barefoot</i>		Combined Contemporary (Yr 8 - 12) <i>Barefoot</i>	
Court 7		Main Court	
8:30am-9am	Registration and warm up	8:30am-9am	Registration and warm up
9am-9:45am	Practical Workshop	9am-9:45am	Practical Workshop
9:45amam - 10:00am	Recess (Morning Tea)	9:45amam - 10:00am	Recess (Morning Tea)
10:00am-11:15am	Learn & Perform Phrase 1	10:00am-11:15am	Learn & Perform Phrase 2
11:15am-11:30pm	Break	11:15am-11:30pm	Break
11:30pm-12:45pm	Learn & Perform Phrase 2	11:30pm-12:45pm	Learn & Perform Phrase 1
12.45pm – 3:00pm ALL CONTEMPORARY join to perform movement			
3:00pm All students are picked up from the Venue			

Sunday 22nd February 2026 Perry on Parry Studios 65 Parry St, Newcastle West, NSW, 2302	
Featured Tap - Year 5 - 12.	
8:30am-9am	Registration and warm up
9am-9:45am	Practical Workshop
9:45am -10am	Water & fruit break
10am-11:00am	Learn and rehearse the choreography
11am – 11:45am	Perform
11:45am All students are picked up from the Venue	