

What does dance mean to you?

"Our school and students LOVE participating in dance festival and I love that it is non competitive!"

"Dance is highly valued within our school community and as such, when preparing for performances like DanceFest, the whole school contributes to the success of each performance."

"You could imagine how important and many times difficult it is for my students to get the confidence and enjoy the creative process; I strongly appreciate your support and encouragement to experiment with my students at Black Mountain."

"We're the last school, or I guess one of the last schools to join in Canberra, and it feels really great starting out and seeing all the boys really enjoying themselves"

"Dancefest is great because it encourages participation, cooperation, gives a real performance opportunity and is non competitive, whilst encouraging students to perform as well as they can."

"I was actually quite surprised at how good a dancer my daughter was, I hadn't realised!"

"They [the students] all came up with such positive comments: increased our confidence, permission to be crazy and creative, new ideas for dance making, focus whilst performing, great way to build choreography and the common response was how quickly the time had flown - they were having so much fun and were so involved."

"At our school not many boys dance because they think it's not a manly thing to do, but after they see the way we move and see us at training they'd really like to have a go at it."

"It makes me happy that I can show that the world is dance for everyone, no gender specific, not for any race, just for everyone."

37 high schools and colleges in Dance Fest in 2013, 124 studios or groups teaching regular classes, more than 30 cultural dance groups, and more than 10,000 people of all ages dancing in the ACT.

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