Hampton is one of only two Gifted and Talented Dance programs in the state of Western Australia. It is a program of excellence and is designed to extend and develop talents and giftedness in students in the art form of dance. Students study a wide variety of dance styles as part of the dance program and are given many performance opportunities throughout each year.

WHO SHOULD APPLY
If your child is in Year 5 in 2014 or Year 6 in 2015 you can apply for entry into the Gifted and Talented Dance Program for Year 7 entry in 2016. If your child is currently in Year 7-9 in 2014 or Year 8-10 in 2015 you can apply for entry in 2015/2016.

Apply Online
Visit the Department of Education website and follow the links to the online application form.

http://www.det.wa.edu.au/curriculumsupport/giftedandtalented/detcms/portal/

APPLICATIONS OPEN IN OCTOBER FOR 2015/2016 INTAKE
October 2014 until Monday the 9th of February 2015
Please note: Late applications will not be accepted by the Department of Education
Please email either Kirra Maguire at kirra.maguire@education.wa.edu.au, Danielle Rock at danielle.rock@education.wa.edu.au or Renee Van Lieshout at renee.vanlieshout@education.wa.edu.au, or phone Hampton SHS on 92705791 for assistance with the application process.
Why is Gifted and Talented Dance at Hampton distinct?

Your child will be extended in this innovative and challenging course with highly qualified staff and visiting tutors. Students involved in the program will continually develop their technique, choreography and performance skills. Our specialty is contemporary dance though students will gain skills and understanding in other genres including contemporary ballet, jazz and hip hop.

The Gifted and Talented dance teachers are specially trained to deliver this innovative program. They collaboratively approach course review and ensure that all gifted and talented students achieve outcomes at the highest level. Technology is embedded in the program in a creative manner to enhance every students’ understanding and appreciation of dance. Students will learn to develop and interpret choreography, perform and reflect on dance. Students are expected to complete both performance and written assessments at the highest level so that the integrity of the program is maintained.

Gifted and Talented Dance is a program that will enrich, extend and accelerate your child’s natural abilities and learning.

Opportunities in Gifted & Talented Dance

Students in the program will be involved in a variety of performances at a district and school level, including some of the following:

- The annual Mid-Year Dance concert, which includes performing with students involved in specialist programs from other schools.
- The school’s Solo & Choreography Nights’, where students showcase their personally choreographed works.
- The Annual End of Year Dance Concert, where students perform solo and group performances.
- Celebrations at local council level
- School assemblies
- Year 12 Graduation
- Steps Youth Dance Company workshops
- Local Primary School Tours

Where are our past Gifted and Talented Dance students at now?

Many past students are working at or have gone on to achieve their goals in dance. This includes making the Top 20 on “So You Think You Can Dance“, performing and choreographing for Steps Youth Dance Company, acceptance into professional interstate dance companies and WAAPA certificate and diploma graduates.

“Life isn’t about waiting for the storm to be over, it’s about learning how to dance in the rain.”