



SHOWCASE AUSTRALIAN DANCE CHAMPIONSHIPS JANUARY 2027

As advised in our Rep Team update last year, we would like to enter our students in the Showcase Australian Dance Championships (January 2027 at The Star, Gold Coast).

Showcase is an exciting competition that draws entrants from all over Australia. It is always an inspirational experience for the students, the competition can be tough but students thrive from the challenge and it is a special experience of going away together to compete.

We have listed some information below to help families decide about whether they will be attending. We definitely want to support those who do want to attend however the final decision about entering our groups will depend on the interest we have.

There are some finer details we cannot confirm at present but we have listed some information in a FAQs format below that gives enough of a guideline. Families are then asked to confirm their interest via the google form link at the end of this document ([quick link here](#))

What dates should I set aside?

Showcase Finals (groups) runs from Wednesday 13 January until Sunday 17 January 2027. It is held at The Star, in the Gold Coast (Broadbeach).

How does the accommodation work?

Families will be responsible for booking their own accommodation. It is very convenient to stay at The Star as it means you are right in the middle of the action. However, families can stay anywhere nearby and just need to be ready at The Star for each performance. In the past most families have chosen other accommodation options.

If you would prefer to stay at The Star, there is an option to book accommodation through Showcase rather than directly through The Star. More details can be found in the link to follow. Showcase have stated that they accept bookings as of 25 April via their website in the "Book Your Nationals Accommodation" section. Currently when you click this button it takes you to a pdf regarding pre-blocking, we have been advised by Showcase that a new link will go live on their website in this section on 25 April. There is no code needed to book accommodation. This is all we know at the moment but we will update families if we receive any more information from Showcase.

You can currently book rooms directly through The Star if you prefer. Please do your own research into comparing prices with booking directly with the venue as well as checking all the terms, conditions and cancellation policies: www.showcasedance.com/finals-januarygoldcoast

Transport to and from the Gold Coast (and to and from the venue on performance days) is the responsibility of each family. Caper do not arrange flights, transfers, buses, etc.

Will there be extra rehearsals?

We will be holding additional rehearsals at the studio in December and January. An exact schedule for rehearsal and performance dates will become available later in the year. It is difficult to create a schedule right now as it will depend on teacher availability and participation numbers for each team to determine how many rehearsals are required. At this stage we do not anticipate any specific rehearsals to be compulsory.

What is the cost of attending Showcase?

Showcase charge a performer fee of approximately \$79 per dancer. This fee then usually allows free access to performances and workshops. Showcase do not usually charge any spectator fees to watch the performances (so family members can watch and do not need tickets to enter).

Showcase also charge a group entry of approximately \$140 per routine (which will then be divided by the number of students in each routine).

Are there any other costs involved?

Separate to what is charged by Showcase, there will be one all-inclusive fee per student to cover the cost of the additional rehearsals, a tour t-shirt, teacher time and expenses and potential fees such as transport of props etc. This will be confirmed later in the year as again in depends on participation numbers.

What can I expect from the Showcase experience?

Throughout the year, Showcase hold regional heats all around Australia. Groups need to qualify at the heats in order to be eligible to compete at Nationals. Two eisteddfods we have entered this year (Platinum and EBSDN) are both Showcase qualifying events. We feel confident that all our teams will qualify for finals however we will not be officially eligible until after we receive those results.

Nationals runs similarly to an eisteddfod where we receive a program and a performance time for each group. It is on a larger scale with multiple auditoriums/performances happening at once. There are several awards ceremonies throughout the day where the results are given and National Champions are announced. Groups are categorised by dance genre, size and age and at times, experience level.

Like the eisteddfods, students will be required to arrive with a lot of time to rehearse before going on stage. All the costumes are the same as what will be worn throughout this year.

We have copied the Showcase schedule of events below. We will not know the exact performance times for groups until later in the year (as Showcase needs to collate and schedule all the acts). **We ask families to keep all group dates available for now which include Wednesday 13 January through to Sunday 17 January.** Families may also want to keep Tuesday 12 January free as that is a day of dance workshops (optional). Once we have the exact program the schedule will change for each student/team. Students are not required to attend if they are not scheduled to perform, however in the meanwhile as we wait for the final dates, we do ask parents keep all dates available.



Date/ Day	Ballroom 1	Ballroom 2	Ballroom 3
Monday Jan 11th	Solos from approx 1pm	Solos from approx 1pm	Rehearsal League of Champions group act for Battle of the Stars
Tuesday Jan 12th	Solos/ Vocal/ singing Solos	Solos/ Duo Trios	Workshops
Wednesday Jan 13th	Solos Duo Trios	Dancer of the Year Groups (evening session)	League of Champions
Thursday Jan 14th	Solos/ Duo Trios	Groups	Solos
Friday Jan 15th	Solos	Groups	Solos
Saturday Jan 16th	Solos	Groups	Dance Mania (White Party)
Sunday Jan 17th	Battle of the Stars (Showroom)		

IMPORTANT NOTES

This is a proposed schedule. The final timetable will be confirmed once registrations have closed and a schedule is created based on the number of acts received. Solo age groups may be spread across multiple days. It is not possible to schedule one age group on a single day. Age group session times cannot be provided until the final zone is closed and the schedule is completed.

We are unable to accommodate scheduling requests or confirm specific age group performance times until all zones have closed and the final timetable has been released early December.

What is Battle of the Stars?

The finals culminate in the Battle of the Stars event on Sunday 17 January. All families attending must keep this date free in case your team qualifies.

Throughout the finals groups are selected to compete in the Battle of the Stars. This is a special event to conclude the competition where selected troupes compete for prizes and titles. We will not know which groups are selected until Saturday 16 January. For this reason, we ask that families make plans so that they expect to remain at the competition to attend Battle of the Stars. Of course, once we find out which teams are invited to the event, students who are not part of a team invited to Battle of the Stars are not required to attend the event. Battle of the Stars is a ticketed event so families will need to purchase spectator tickets if they wish to watch. Entry to Battle of the Stars is restricted so most groups will not qualify. In the past we have had approximately three teams qualify each time.

What else happens at Showcase?

Showcase has non-competitive experiences such as the workshops, the White Party and a range of stalls and shops. To get the full experience we encourage students to attend these events. Outside of Showcase, we will also try to encourage teams to arrange some bonding events such as a beach day, bowling, team dinners, etc.

Will all of the Caper Rep routines be entered into the Showcase Finals?

At this stage we invite students from all Caper Rep Team routines to participate in the Showcase Finals. We can only enter a routine if we have a sufficient number of students going up to the finals so we will have to wait for RSVPs from each group before finalising the routine.

How do I RSVP?

We have created a survey form below to gain an understanding about the interest to perform at Showcase. We ask families to please RSVP before Term 2 starts so we can start planning and seeing whether we can get a Nationals team together. We are aware that since announcing the Gold Coast trip in January that there has been an impact on the economy so we do not want anyone to feel that they are obliged to attend. It will be an added expense for families so if the timing is not right for your family, we are sure there will be other opportunities again in the future.

Survey Link: <https://forms.gle/QdaXPftqtYLJgWV28>

Where can I find more information about the Showcase event?

Please visit the website below:

<https://www.showcasedance.com/>