



S T A R

PROGRAMME

Student **T**eacher **A**ssistant & **R**épétiteur
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What is the STAR programme?

- The student assistant teacher & répétiteur (STAR) programme is designed to provide leadership skill development, CV-worthy experience, hands-on teacher training, and a behind the scenes look at how a dance studio runs.
- STAR students will be assigned a weekly preschool or junior class they will assist with while progressing through six levels of the DanceStep assistant teacher training programme.
- In Year 13, participants may apply for a paid Assistant Teacher role at the studio. This gives our STAR leaders official work experience to set them up for their tertiary years and beyond.





Who can apply?

- Any WDA ballet or jazz student in Senior Foundation or higher (Years 8 - 13)
- Students should show an interest in teaching and student leadership and be able to commit to assisting 0.5-2 hours per week to fulfil the practical component.

**Students currently in Grade 4 will be Senior Foundation next year and can also apply.*





What is DanceStep?

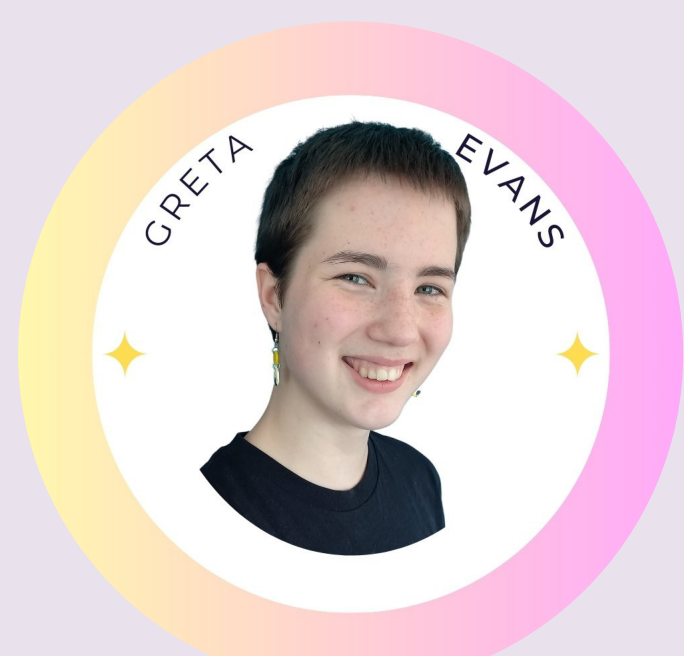
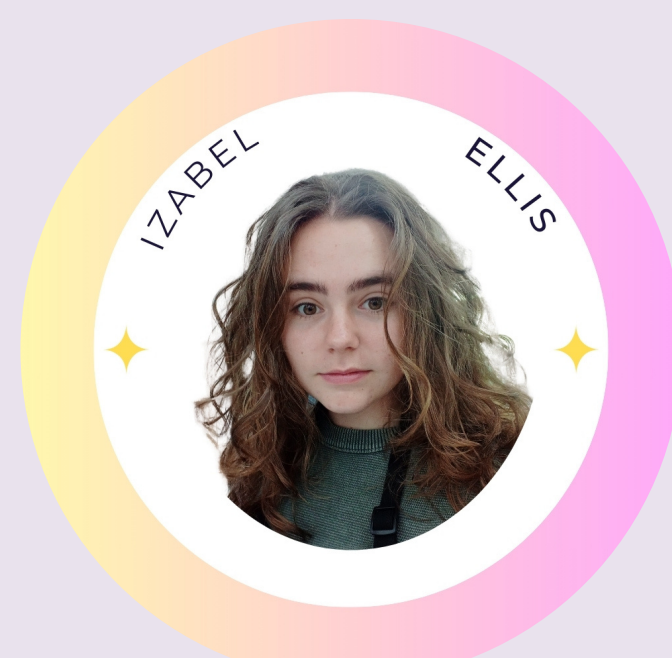
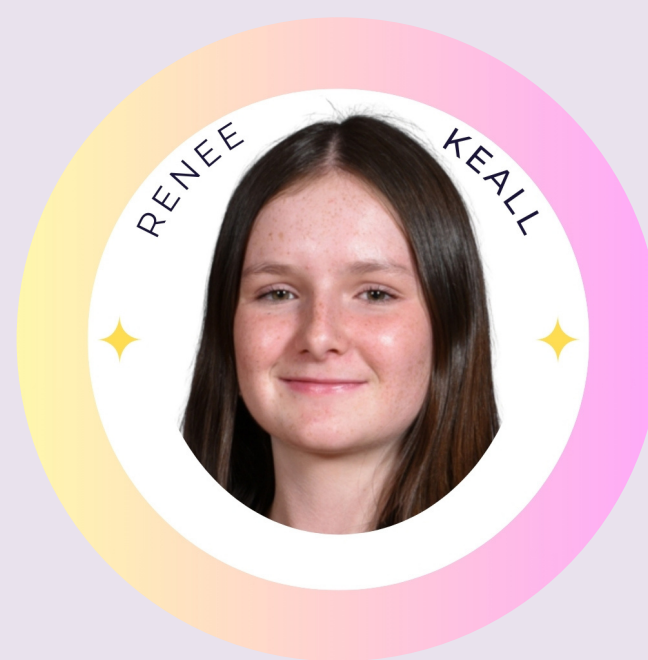
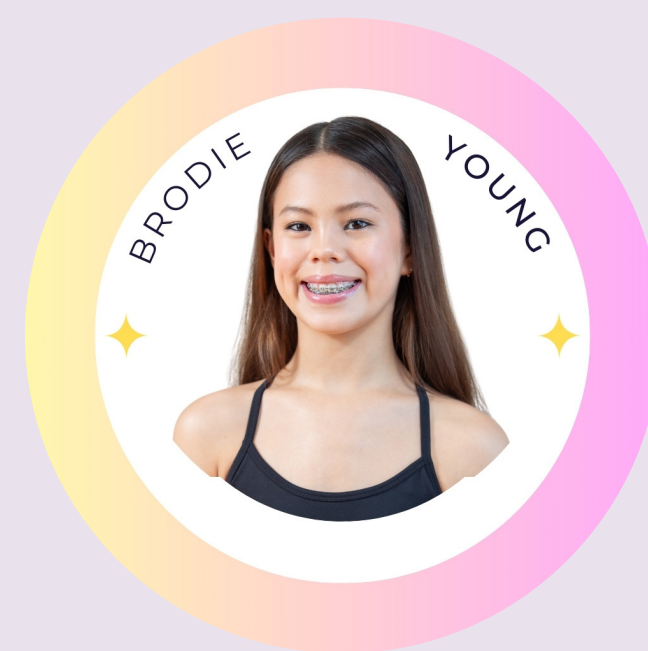
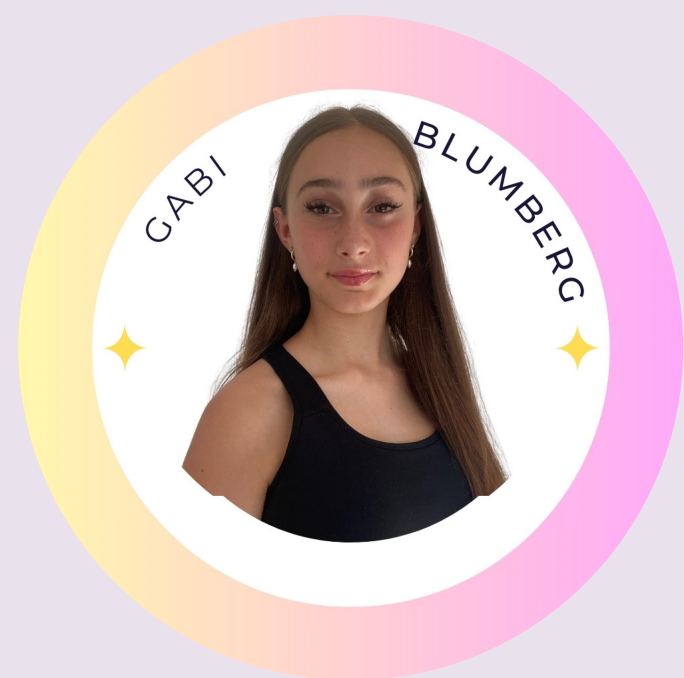
- Wellington Dance is a registered affiliate studio & member of the **DanceStep dance student teacher education program**.
- The programme is split into six levels covering topics like:
 - Anatomy,
 - Safe Dance Principles,
 - Self-Leadership,
 - Planning for Performances,
 - Behaviour Management,
 - Teaching Strategies,
 - Learning Styles,
 - Communication.
- Each Level requires a minimum of 20 practical hours of assisting. During this time skills such as patience, empathy, taking initiative and feedback and communication strategies are further developed.
- Whether students are considering a career in dance teaching or otherwise, the DanceStep program is a great preparation for many aspects of life.



Expectations of STAR students

- Successful STAR applicants are role models and leaders within WDA. They must:
 - Be committed to attending their weekly assigned class(es)
 - Wear full dance uniform and WDA STAR top (supplied)
 - Attend all their own dance classes regularly
 - Be positive role model at all times - not just while in class!
 - Assist the teacher with in-class duties - such as:
 - Stopping & starting the music,
 - Handing out props,
 - Helping dancers with uniform and shoe changes,
 - Demonstrating dance steps,
 - 1x1 assisting,
 - Bathroom runs,
 - Entering and exiting the studio

Meet some of our 2024 STAR students





What is included in the STAR programme?

- The programme fee is \$35 per student per term. This will be added to your term statement. This fee includes:
 - Mentoring with Miss Suzanne. Check-ins and coaching as they progress through their STAR journey and DanceStep Levels 1-6, as well as occasional special topics.
 - DanceStep workbook for completion. A certificate is awarded at the completion of each level.
 - Teacher mentor (teacher of the class they are assisting) validating DanceStep requirements and providing specific useful feedback to the student and/or Suzanne.
 - An annual reference detailing their programme and contribution, for use in school leadership applications or later, your CV.
 - Welcome bag which includes a welcome booklet, WDA assistant t-shirt and WDA students assistant name badge.

2025 Applications will open in October.