



## TROUPE DANCERS COMPETE AT THE PLATINUM DANCE COMPETITION

**On Saturday 10 August, both of our troupes competed at the Platinum Dance Competition at Pacific Hills Christian School.** They were up against other dance groups performing in the educational showcase jazz sections. This was the very first time our Junior School Troupe has competed on the stage and they were absolutely brilliant, overcoming nerves and excitement to perform for a large audience (including our wonderful parents) and professional adjudicators. The Senior troupe came out strong, delivering a high energy routine that the adjudicators loved. They placed 2nd and received an outstanding costume award.

The most exciting part of the competition was when both the troupes were given a golden ticket to advance to the finals. Only two schools per section were chosen and we are so proud of our girls for achieving this success.



Sunday 11 August, we headed off to Shore School to compete at finals. This was a very high standard competition against dance studios and performing arts schools. While our troupes didn't place the adjudicator feedback was excellent and it was a new and encouraging experience for our dancers.

A big thank you Emma Isakka and Ellie Bull, our incredible dance coaches. They choreograph, teach and strengthen our dancers to get them to competition level. Thank you for the time and effort you put into these troupes. They have gone from strength to strength under your guidance and expertise.

We look forward to our next competition - In the Spotlight Eisteddfod at Bonnyrigg in September.

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