

Dancers take the stage in annual Moe eisteddfod

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A week of dance kicks off tomorrow as students from across Gippsland come together for the 21st Moe Dance Eisteddfod. Dancers ranging from five to 18 years will battle it out in the competition across a range of styles including contemporary, classical, jazz, hip-hop, character and tap.

The public is encouraged to go along and support the local dancers, who will perform with vibrant costumes to entertaining music. Event treasurer and entries coordinator Pat Dargan said the Moe Eisteddfod was a friendly and welcoming event where dance schools interacted with each other.

"Everyone mixes in together, the dance schools aren't segregated and everyone is very supportive of one another," Ms Dargan said. "We'd love people to come and watch." The popular event has expanded over the years, outgrowing its former home of the town hall to its current base at Lowanna College.



This year's highlights include the popular jazz championships, as well as a performance by Warragul ballet dancer Heidi Freeman, who will compete in the Youth America Grand Prix Finals to be held in New York in April. There, she will compete for a scholarship to one of the leading international dance schools.

Curtain call for the Moe Eisteddfod is 1pm on Tuesday at Lowanna College, 72 Newark Avenue, Newborough. A season pass is \$30 per person or \$25 for concession, day passes are \$12 each or \$10 for concession and session passes are \$5 or \$3 for concession. Tickets are available at the door. For more information visit www.moedanceeisteddfod.org.au