



# Quakers Hill High School In the Media 2011



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## Schoolyard dancers a YouTube hit



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WHEN a group of Quakers Hill High students decided to dance in front of a video camera in the schoolyard, they never dreamed it would rack up more than 5600 hits on YouTube.

The Quakers Hill High School boys have mastered various forms of hip-hop dancing, including freestyle, jerk and the C-walk.

“Just don’t call it shuffling,” year 8 student Kyle Elizalde said.

“It’s much harder than shuffling, and it looks way better.”

Kyle can be seen in the video with fellow year 8 student Ives Boncato, 13, and year 10 students Ashton Booyesen, 16, Liam Bayode, 16, and Argyl Mula, 15.

But any early comparisons with the Justice Crew or Capree were quickly quashed.

“We just do it to have fun,” Ashton said. “Dancing makes me happy. When I’m in a bad mood, I dance and it brings me happiness.”

Liam prefers the jerk, a style he’s taken to dance competitions, and says, “... I prefer the friendly street battles with other crews.”

### WHAT IS THE C-WALK?

The C-Walk originated in the early 1970s in Compton, US, where it was adopted by members of the Crip Gang. It went mainstream when rappers used it on stage and in video clips and its popularity has exploded since the birth of YouTube.

HAPPY FEET: Kyle Elizalde, front, Ashton Booyesen, rear left, Ives Boncato, Liam Bayode and Argyl Mula

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