



Quakers Hill High School In the Media 2009



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All the right moves



Dressed for success: Dance teachers Launcelot Roma and Kim Rhodes flank Dance Off performers from Quakers Hill High and Parramatta West Public schools. **Picture:** Gene Ramirez

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ASPIRING western Sydney dancers have greater opportunities to pursue their craft than in previous years, the organisers of Dance Off said recently.

Dance teachers Launcelot Roma, of Quakers Hill High School, and Kim Rhodes, assistant principal of Parramatta West Public School, will lead Dance Off's performers in Kurrajong this Thursday.

Mrs Rhodes founded Dance Off last year.

Mr Roma got involved because high school students often wanted to dance but rarely got the opportunity.

The group takes up to three dancers from each school in western Sydney.

"Quakers Hill High School is privileged to be organising such an amazing event," he said.

"Kids are interested and asking a lot about it. I've even got kids dancing in the playground."

Mrs Rhodes said being a dancer herself, she wanted to

help other interested performers.

"I recognised there wasn't much in western Sydney for kids gifted in dance," she said.

"So I applied for a grant through the Department of Education to set this up."

She said the students spend time in workshops and come into regular contact with professional dancers.

Dance Off will take place this Thursday, April 9, at 2pm at Merroo Christian Conference Centre, 182 Mill Road, Kurrajong.