

Performing Arts

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'When I left Whitireia, I felt fully equipped to step foot into the industry.'

Eddie

 Dance

 Performer

Performing in front of an audience is where Eddie feels most alive. Dance is her passion and after studying, she turned it into a fulfilling career that has taken her all over the globe.

Eddie struggled through a few different avenues of study and styles of dance before she landed at Whitireia. But from day one, the passionate people and supportive environment made her feel right home.

"There are so many benefits of full-time study. You meet amazing people who are heading into the industry at the same time as you, which is especially helpful as you navigate your dance career," she says.

Eddie's tutors stood by her every step of the way, and provided her with the skills, industry knowledge and techniques to step right into the industry.

After graduating, Eddie spent six months in India working on Bollywood films, followed by a stint in Germany as a showgirl. She was then offered an incredible opportunity to work on a cruise ship, allowing her to travel the world whilst dancing for a living.

Eddie's dance journey has led her to some incredible places, and she credit the advice of her tutors for guiding her career; "At Whitireia I was taught if someone asks you to do something, say yes! You never know where it could lead and what opportunities it could open."

To read Eddie's full story, follow the QR code below.



Bachelor of Creativity (Performing Arts)

📖	Level 7
🕒	1 year, full-time
💰	\$7,650 per year (indicative for 2023 intake)
🌐	\$24,824* per year (indicative for 2023 intake)

Stand out from the crowd and let your style shine with the final year of this programme. Build on the knowledge and skills you have acquired to create an original body of work for your industry-ready portfolio. Learn from industry professionals who will teach you the skills to be work-ready.

Programme outline

Commercial Dance

On successful completion of the New Zealand Diploma in Dance, students may apply to enrol in year three of the Bachelor of Creativity (Performing Arts) and create a body of work in their discipline.

Drama

On successful completion of the New Zealand Diploma in Drama, students may apply to enrol in year three of the Bachelor of Creativity (Performing Arts) and create a body of work in their discipline.

Māori and Pacific Dance

In the first two years you'll develop a strong base in Māori, Samoa, Cook Islands and New Zealand contemporary dance performance, and build strengths in technique, performance and choreography. In the third year, you build on the knowledge they have acquired to create and perform an original body of work.

You'll do core courses as well as the following topics:

- Samoa dance performance
- Māori dance performance
- Cook Islands dance performance
- New Zealand contemporary dance performance
- Costuming for performance
- Audition technique

Musical Theatre

On successful completion of year two of the Diploma in Performing Arts, students may apply to pathway into year three of the Bachelor of Creativity (Performing Arts) and create a body of work in their discipline.

More detail about this qualification

Performing Arts Auditions

Auditions for our performing arts programmes are held towards the end of the year. They usually involve workshops or group classes as well as some individual demonstrations.

Entry requirements

Domestic

To enrol in this programme you must have completed the level 5 and 6 Diploma in Creativity level 6 Diploma in Dance, Drama or Musical Theatre or have evidence of prior learning.

International students

Proven equivalence to domestic entry requirements and IELTS 6.0 (no band lower than 5.5)

Find your country's [equivalent academic entry requirements here](#)

**International fee displayed is for 1 year of study (equivalent to 120 credits) and does not include insurance, administration and student service fees. For more details, please email: international@wandw.ac.nz.*

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