

Secondary students in Wakakirri can earn Certificate II in Dance

The *Wakakirri Challenge* is the national search for the best *Story Dance* created by Australian Primary and Secondary schools. This year is the first time that Secondary schools from every state and territory have been invited to participate, resulting in numbers for the Secondary School Challenge almost doubling year on year.

Wakakirri believe that participation in the arts is essential if students are to develop confidence in expressing themselves. Through such participation students experience the freedom, satisfaction and sense of achievement which comes from knowing that one can create something significant.

Through the creation of their stories, each student develops and strengthens invaluable life skills in collaboration, creative thinking, problem solving, self-confidence and teamwork which culminates in a fabulous series of performances in professional theatres across the country.

In 2017, *Wakakirri* is celebrating 25 years and is launching an opportunity for Secondary students to gain accreditation in collaboration with *Dance Factory* – one of the country's leading providers of Dance Education.

"This new initiative, in which participating students can earn credits that will be recognised within their future tertiary studies, is not only a



great opportunity, but a validation of the work and effort that goes into the students and the schools' artistic creations."

Commencing in Victoria, each registered student, on fulfilling the required hours, will receive a *Statement of Attainment* for each unit

completed that can grant them credits in their further studies, either towards a *Certificate II in Dance* or similar qualification.

Information about *Wakakirri*, the *Secondary School Challenge* and the *Certificate II in Dance* at www.wakakirri.com

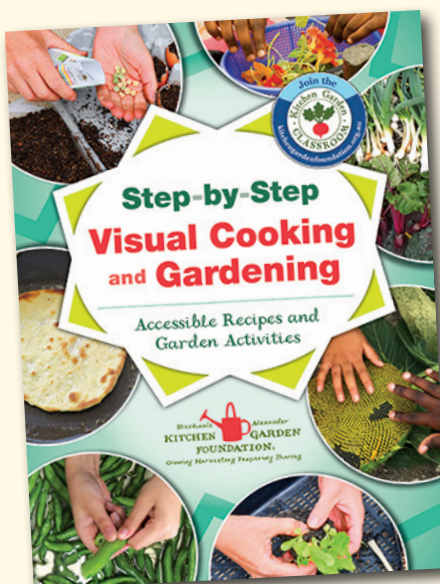
New Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden recipes and activities book

The Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden Foundation has launched a new educational resource – *Step-by-Step Visual Cooking and Gardening: Accessible Recipes and Garden Activities*.

Designed to be accessible to every student, no matter their background, experience, level of literacy or level of ability, this publication makes it easy for students of different ages and skill levels to visualise the steps involved in each activity.

By setting out how to grow, harvest, prepare and share fresh, seasonal, delicious produce, *Step-by-Step Visual Cooking and Gardening* encourages students to develop life skills and make positive choices about what to cook and eat.

It aims to increase student wellbeing



and self-esteem, and provides a hands-on understanding of literacy, numeracy, science, and so much more. Using easy-to-follow language displayed in a big font and illustrated with clear full-colour photographs, the publication provides simple step-by-step instructions for 12 recipes and 12 garden activities.

The recipes and garden activities have been carefully chosen for their practical application and are accompanied by identifying photos of ingredients and equipment, as well as tips handy hints throughout. The publication comes with a free PDF edition that is designed for use with digital text-to-speech readers, making it suitable for supporting students with visual impairment as well as those from culturally and linguistically diverse backgrounds.

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