



A CELEBRATION OF DANCE

This year's inaugural Dance Showcase was a stunning success, says Nicole Eichstaedt, Dance and Drama Teacher.

The 2018 Dance Showcase was held on 21 June – a new celebration at Baradene College dedicated to dance. This was Baradene's first public dance event which focussed wholeheartedly on displaying the talent, skills, and passion of our best dancers and choreographers. The evening was an outstanding exhibition of high-quality dance performances, with girls from Year 7 right up to Year 13 taking part. The audience were treated to performances from a range of different styles including Contemporary, Bollywood, Hip Hop, Jazz, Highland, Irish, and Chinese Fan Dance. It was a great opportunity to showcase some of the hard work that NCEA Dance classes have been doing at Baradene College, as well as celebrate our students who pursue dance as an extracurricular activity. From over 40 entries in the "Showcase Heats", 21 items were selected for the Dance Showcase evening. Congratulations to all of the performers and choreographers, who put in endless hours of work at rehearsals to perfect their items for the show. A special thank you to Gianna Fava and Georgia Bakalich for hosting the event.

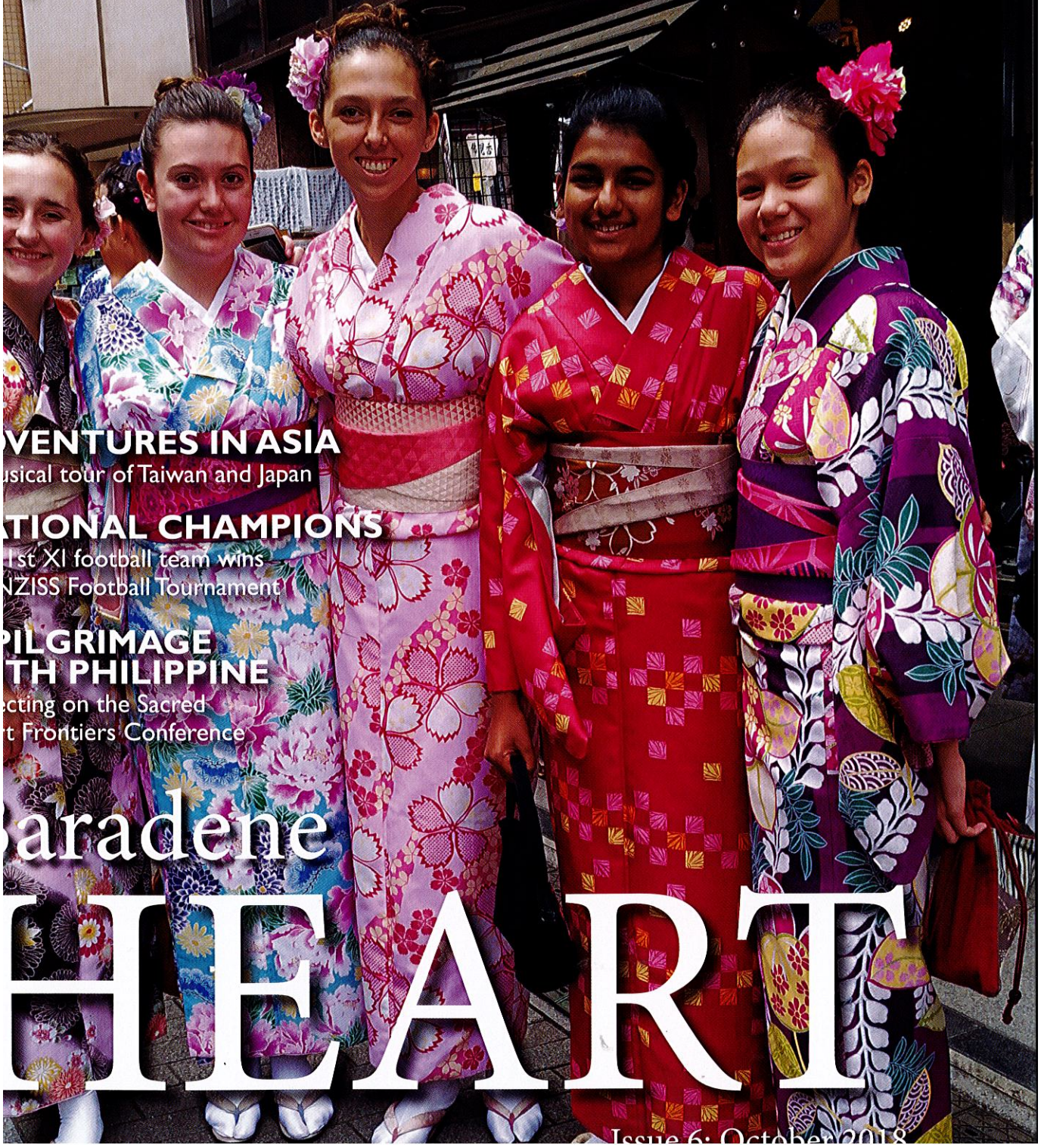
Year 11 student Jadyn Bagayas reports on the Bolshoi Ballet Summer Intensive in New York City, which she attended from June to August.

Getting accepted into the Bolshoi Ballet Academy Summer Intensive in New York was an absolute surprise for me! The Summer Intensive was six weeks long, and not only consisted of five full days of ballet each week, but we also had the option of taking Russian language classes. An average day at the Summer Intensive started at 9:45am and ended at 5pm. We started the day with technique class and then pointe class. After that, we had a long lunch, giving us the opportunity to explore a bit of New York City each day. Our first class after lunch rotated between repertoire classes (learning different dances from different ballets) or character classes (learning different national dances from countries all over Europe). Our last class of the day, my favourite, was partnering. In this class, we would pair up with the boys – and no, it wasn't my favourite because we were with boys, but because it was so fun learning all the different lifts and tricks that you see professional ballet dancers do on stage. The teachers from the Bolshoi Ballet Academy in Russia were fantastic! I learned so much from them and felt that my dancing was improving. The classes were taught in Russian, which was hard at first, but since we had a translator, it became easier to understand as the Intensive went on. I met so many amazing dancers from all over the world. They made me feel welcome straightaway, and I know that we will be lifelong friends. This has been the most incredible experience for me, and I will never forget any second of it!



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