

Five TDCPS dancers in five years chosen by Australian Ballet School— By Debra Bambrook

Elizabeth Troon is the fifth student in five years from The Dance Centre Peregrine Springs (TDCPS) to have been selected for The Australian Ballet School (ABS) Interstate Programme.

To be invited into the ABS is an outstanding achievement for this dedicated 12 year old dancer, and an outstanding achievement for The Dance Centre. Only handful of gifted dancers from across Australia are selected to be in the ABS Interstate Programme each year.

The ABS is Australia's national centre for elite vocational dance and is the school for The Australian Ballet.

Elizabeth is following in the footsteps of her role model, Dayna Booth, 15, who now attends the ABS full time programme in Melbourne after 4 years dancing training at The Dance Centre.

Elizabeth joins Mei Mei Tan, 12, Alfie Shacklock, 11, and April Stephens, also 11, who are already in the ABS Interstate Programme. All trained for 4-5 years at The Dance Centre before being selected by the ABS.

Teachers Deborah Preece-Brooksom and Richard Leader are very proud of Elizabeth's achievements.

Deborah commented "Richard and I never stop enjoying our students' success. Together we have taught students who are now dancing professionally in The Australian Ballet, Hamburg Ballet, English National Ballet and Scottish Ballet. Elizabeth is a pleasure to teach and has all the qualities required to become a professional dancer. She combines natural talent with dedication and focus."

Elizabeth began ballet classes at the Royal Academy of Dance in Dubai when she was 5. She moved to Noosa 4 years ago with her parents who chose The Dance Centre Peregrine Springs to further develop their daughter's talents.

The Dance Centre Peregrine Springs is holding a FREE Dance Workshop on Wednesday April 8, 3-4.30pm for any child wishing to attend - on a first come, first served basis.

For more information about The Dance Centre Peregrine Springs please call: 0400029198 or 5442 8128.

