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**CONNECT TO CULTURE, COUNTRY AND DANCE  
NAISDA AUDITIONS: 5 – 9 December 2016**

NAISDA Dance College is inviting young Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people from around Australia to register their interest to audition for NAISDA's 2017 intake.

For 40 years, NAISDA has been training the next generation of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander performers. Many of NAISDA's alumni go on to enjoy successful careers in the performing arts industry including dance artists at Bangarra Dance Theatre, as well as roles in the independent dance and theatre industries.

This year's auditions will be held from Monday 5 December to Friday 9 December 2016 and are open to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander aspiring artists aged between 16 and 26.

NAISDA Dance College encourages anyone who is inspired by culture, dance and the arts to come and experience NAISDA and see if this is for you.

"Whether you're into hip-hop, ballet, drama or even musical theatre, we want to hear from you," said Chair of NAISDA Dance College, Sean Gordon.

"Training at NAISDA is an opportunity to learn from some of the best Indigenous and Non Indigenous teachers and choreographers from around Australia and the world, challenge yourself and expand your skills to prepare for a professional career in the arts.

"NAISDA's cultural residency program is unique in Australia and gives you the opportunity to travel the country and learn from our cultural tutors in remote communities and at NAISDA.

"NAISDA also travels both domestically and internationally to perform in front of audiences and learn from a diverse range of communities and cultures," Mr Gorodon added.

All are strongly encouraged to attend the auditions at NAISDA's base in Kariong on the Central Coast of New South Wales. NAISDA can provide eligible auditionees with advice as to how to apply to cover the costs of transport to and from the auditions.

If you are unable to attend, prospective auditionees can audition via DVD and phone interview. For this process to take place, prior arrangements must be made through the College.

**Registrations for auditions close on 1 November 2016. If you would like to audition for NAISDA, please contact Michelle Wollaston at [m.wollaston@naisda.com.au](mailto:m.wollaston@naisda.com.au), phone 1800 117 116 or visit [www.naisda.com.au](http://www.naisda.com.au).**

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