All the right moves

Dressed for success: Dance teachers Lorraine Roma and Kim Rhodes flank Dance Off performers from Quakers Hill High and Parramatta West Public schools.

By Frederick Shaw

Aspiring western Sydney dancers have greater opportunities to pursue their craft than in previous years, the organisers of Dance Off said recently.

Dance teachers Lorraine Roma, of Quakers Hill High School, and Kim Rhodes, assistant principal of Parramatta West Public School, will lead Dance Off's performers in Kuringi this Thursday.

Mrs Rhodes founded Dance Off last year.

Mr Roma got involved because high school students often wanted to dance but rarely got the opportunity.

The group takes up to three dancers from each school in western Sydney.

"Quakers Hill High School is privileged to be organizing such an amazing event," he said.

"Kids are interested and asking a lot about it. I've even got kids dancing in the playground."

Mrs Rhodes said being a dancer herself, she wanted to help other interested performers.

"I recognised there wasn't much in western Sydney for kids gifted in dance," she said.

"So I applied for a grant through the Department of Education to set this up."

She said the students spend time in workshops and come into regular contact with professional dancers.

Dance Off will take place this Thursday, April 9, at 2pm at Berriroo Christian Conference Centre, 182 Mill Road, Kurrang.