

TARANTELLA DUO



YEAR 7 AND 8 MUSIC – CURRICULUM GUIDES

AUSTRALIAN CURRICULUM

- Rehearse and perform focusing on expressive skills appropriate to style and/or choreographic intent.
- General Capability: Intercultural Understanding.
- Intercultural understanding develops students' abilities to communicate and empathise with others and to analyse intercultural experiences critically.

INTERNATIONAL BACCALAUREATE

- MYP Performing Arts key and related concepts genre and interpretation p5.

OBJECTIVE

Learn to dance the Tarantella.

RESOURCES

- Laptop connected to interactive display screen.
- Open space for students to learn dance steps.
- Red, white and green ribbons.

DANCING THE TARANTELLA - ⌚ 10 min

Use the video below to teach students the traditional Italian Tarantella dance. The Tarantella is an ancient dance that goes back to the Middle Ages and was seen as a cure and antidote to the bite of the Tarantula (hence its name). It was danced in the church during services until it was banned.

[Tarantella](#)

EXTENSIONS - ⌚ 20 min

- Research other Italian dances. Give students 15 minutes to research online and then share findings/have a class discussion
- Ask students if they know of other traditional dances that they can share with the class
- Have a dance off! This rubric could be used by the audience to judge dancers and the winners could perform at an assembly or choose a short class

game to play in the next lesson.

1. Choose a section of the dance that looks easy to begin with, or divide different sections up between groups of students.
2. Use the video for rehearsals and for the performance music.
3. If red, white and green ribbons can be found, sashes could be awarded to the winning dancers!

Dance Off Judges Criteria – The Tarantella				
	Good Start	Getting There	Mostly Great	Amazing
Style				
Co-ordination				
Rhythmic expression				
Focus				