

Expressive Arts—Dance—Motif Development

An introduction into Dance at Lees Brook, developing creativity, performance and appreciation.

Exploring Contemporary Dance Motif Development.

Vocab	Definition
Motif	A movement phrase that encapsulates an idea that is repeated and developed throughout the dance..
Motif Development	Motif development refers to the ways in which a movement phrase can be varied.
Accumulation	When a dancer performs a series of movements and others join in at different times until all perform in unison.
Formations	Shapes or patterns created in space by dancers.
Levels	Distance from the ground: low, medium or high.

Vocab	Definition
Dynamics	the qualities of movement based upon variations in speed, strength and flow.
Pathways	Designs traced in space (on the floor or in the air).
Contrast	Movements or shapes that have nothing in common.
Counterpoint	When dancers perform different phrases simultaneously.
Fragmentation	Use of parts of a phrase or motif

