

National Cultural Policy Submission

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Queensland families deserve equal access to support for ALL children — not just those involved in traditional sports.

Right now, the QLD FairPlay/Go Sport voucher system excludes many dance and creative arts providers, leaving thousands of children without support to participate in activities they love.

Meanwhile, states like New South Wales recognise that children thrive in different ways — offering support for both sport AND creative arts participation through programs that include dance and performing arts providers.

Creative children matter too.

Dance, acting, music, circus arts and performing arts build, confidence, discipline, teamwork, resilience, fitness, social connection, emotional wellbeing

Yet creatively inclined children — particularly girls, who statistically participate in dance and arts programs in high numbers — are being left at a disadvantage.

Not every child connects with football, rugby or traditional sport. Some children find their passion, identity and belonging through the arts.

Queensland needs to do better by recognising creative arts education as a valuable extracurricular pathway worthy of equal support and accessibility for families.

Every child deserves the opportunity to shine — whether on the sporting field or on the stage.