A student dance troupe from a Bray Park school will head to Sydney later this month to compete in the finals of a nationwide performance competition.

Members of Genesis Dance Company, based at Genesis Christian College, will compete in the DanceLife Unite National Grand Final, to be held at Sydney’s iconic Luna Park from 24-28 September.

High-achieving dance troupes, crews and school dance groups from around Australia qualified to contest the national final following preliminary competitions held in Brisbane, Newcastle, Gold Coast, Hobart, Sydney, Perth, Melbourne and the Central Coast area of New South Wales.

Dancers from New Zealand will also compete in Sydney following success in a lead-up event held in Auckland.

A group of Genesis College dancers has placed at each of the four dance competitions they have entered across Brisbane and the Sunshine Coast this year.

The latest success was third and fourth placings at the DanceLife Unite Brisbane regional final in July, after contesting the Jazz, Hip-Hop, Contemporary, Lyrical and Entertainment categories of the competition.

Emily Bridgock, Head of Dance and Drama at Genesis Christian College and director of the Genesis Dance Company, says the accomplishment is particularly pleasing given some of the competitions feature professional dance schools.

She said the 18 “amazing” dancers “give their time outside of school hours to practice and perform for the love of dance”.

“They are a very close and caring group and I think this is evident in their dance,” Ms Bridgock said.

“They are full of passion and excitement and I’m so privileged to be able to work with them.”