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Alana Giaccio with cheer students and siblings Joshua Mason, 9, and Charlie, 5, at The Heights School Gym, Modbury Heights.

# CHEERS FOR SCHOOL DANCING TO INCLUSIVE BEAT

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GROWING up with two brothers living with autism, Alana Giaccio noticed a gap in opportunities for people with a disability in the dancing sector.

A dancer herself, Miss Giaccio, 26, of Bowden, decided to open Adelaide's first cheer and dance school to offer inclusive, all-ages dance classes for people with all types

of disabilities and additional needs. Her 60-student strong school, All Abilities Cheer and Dance, opened in late July and runs classes in Hawthorn, Henley Beach and Modbury Heights to service people across Adelaide looking to dance in an inclusive space.

"I have two brothers with a disability, so I kind of saw the gap in the market, and just decided to fill it

myself," Miss Giaccio said. She said her brothers Tony, 25, and Ben, 22 - who both live with autism - would have benefited from the confidence dance classes provide.

"Now more so than ever, there's quite a demand for people with a disability to participate in any kind of activity. They (participants) come along to interact with other people just like them ... and build those

relationships and friendships, but also learn dance skills that improve their confidence," she said.

The dance school offers seven classes a week, taught by Miss Giaccio, with the help of volunteers.

Students range from ages 4-39, and accept all ages of people with intellectual and physical disabilities, as well as people who suffer with mental health.