

BALLET EXAMS & CLASS AWARDS 2020

Please read and enter online by **MONDAY 3rd AUGUST**

It's been an 'unusual' dance year so far, but students have persevered and done remarkably well with their online ballet learning and settling back into studio classes.

In light of this year's start we would still like to offer students the opportunity to sit a ballet exam, class award or solo performance award, but **ONLY** if they feel comfortable and want to do so. Our teaching team has the goal of every student being able to progress confidently to the next level in 2021, whether they sit an exam this year or not.

What are Class Awards & Exams?

Learning and presenting a set of ballet exercises and dances helps students focus and progress. Royal Academy of Dance (RAD) Class Awards & Exams give students a goal to reach for and a sense of achievement throughout the year and on the day. Entering for a class award or exam is optional this year.

Class Award: Their teacher guides the class on the exam day. Students (in groups of up to 8) perform their exercises and one dance for the examiner. The marking is on an *Occasionally-Generally-Frequently* scale and a certificate and badge are awarded.

Exam: Students (in groups of 4) present exercises and two dances (classical ballet and character), without their teacher present. They receive a mark out of 100. A certificate and badge are awarded.

Solo Performance Award: Students perform three solos (e.g. classical, demi-character, character). There is a larger focus on performance and musicality.

What should my child enter?

Pre-Primary & Primary: We would like to offer you the opportunity to sit a Class Award.

Grades 1-5: Your teacher will recommend either a class award or exam, depending on grade level, age and preparedness. Their recommendation will be noted in an email sent to you.

Grades 2-5 Extension: We would like you to also enter the Solo Performance Award.

Vocational: We would like you to enter the Vocational Exam.

Grade 6 and 8: We would like you to enter the Grade 6 or Grade 8 Exam.

Repertoire Level 2: We would like you to enter the Variation module of the Repertoire syllabus.

Who are the examiners?

Our studio is registered with the Royal Academy of Dance for ballet. Examiners are qualified professionals, trained to put dancers at ease and encourage them to dance to the best of their ability on the day.

Preparation:

- ☆ Students will have access to a password-protected 'practice page' with learning lists for each grade.
- ☆ Work hard in class and attend the extra practices. Ask your teacher if you need help with particular steps.



**ENTER BY MONDAY 3RD AUGUST AT [WELLINGTONDANCE.CO.NZ/EXAMS](https://www.wellingtondance.co.nz/exams)
YOU WILL BE SENT A TEACHER RECOMMENDATION & ENTRY LINK IN EARLY TERM 3**

Parent key points:

- ☆ Tentative dates for exams, tests and extra practices are below. Extra practices (at Thorndon) are required if entering. Exact dates and times of exams and class awards will be confirmed as soon as we are notified by the RAD.
- ☆ Exams and class awards mostly take place during school time on weekdays, or sometimes on weekends.
- ☆ Uniform is as for class – please see wellingtondance.co.nz. Hair will be done for you by studio staff on exam day.
- ☆ Your class & private lesson tuition must be up to date before exam entries are accepted.
- ☆ Exams and tests are optional, but progression to the next level, if not sitting an exam, is at the studio's discretion.

PRACTICES

WHERE: All at THORNDON STUDIO (182 Thorndon Quay). ALL PRACTICES ARE COMPULSORY IF ENTERING

WHEN: Dates and times are below. These are tentative times and will be confirmed once we have final group numbers.

BALLET 'BUN DAY SUNDAY' (Pre-Primary - Grade 3):

This is a fun day to learn/polish dances, watch demonstrations for bun and make-up and appearances by special guest performers. All dancers are encouraged to attend whether or not entering for a Class Award/Exam! There will also be spot prizes given away!



'Bun Day Sunday': <u>Sunday 16th August</u>	
Ballet Pre-Primary	9.00am - 10.00am
Ballet Primary	9.30am - 10.30am
Ballet Grade 1	12.15pm - 1.45pm
Ballet Grade 2	11.15am - 12.15pm
Ballet Grade 3	10.15am - 11.45am

PRE-PRIMARY & PRIMARY CLASS AWARD PRACTICES:

These practices are compulsory if students wish to enter the Class Award.

Pre-Primary and Primary: <u>Saturday 10th and Sunday 11th October</u> (final weekend of school holidays)	
9.30am	Pre-Primary (Miss Mary & Miss Suzanne's students)
10.15am	Primary (Miss Mary & Miss Suzanne's students)
11.00am	Pre-Primary (Miss Georgia's, Miss Mary's, Miss Nikita's & Miss Emily's students)
11.45am	Primary (Miss Georgia's students)
12.30pm	<i>Finish</i>

‘GRADE SCHOOL’ SECOND WEEK OF OCTOBER HOLIDAYS: 5x practices: Mon 5th - Fri 9th Oct

STUDIO 1	STUDIO 2	HOLIDAY PROGRAMME
9.00am Grade 1		School Holiday Programme - Grade School wraparound!! Like last year, we are proposing an optional extra wrap-around school holiday programme option. Children will enjoy outdoor and indoor activities and games. We will walk them to and from the studio ready for their practices and drop-off/pickup. Per child +\$35 per full day (from 9am to 4.00pm) or +\$20 per half day (9am to 12.30pm or 12.30pm to 4.00pm)
10.15am Grade 2		
12.15pm Grade 3	12.15pm Extension Grade 2*	
2.15pm <i>Break</i>	2.00pm Extension Grade 4*	
2.30pm Grade 4	2.30pm Extension Grade 3*	
4.00pm Grade 5	3.30pm Extension Grade 5*	
5.30pm <i>Finish</i>	* For 30 minutes on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday	

Grade 6 and Grade 8: <u>Wednesday 30th September, Thursday 1st and Friday 2nd October</u>	
10.00am	Ballet Grade 8
11.00am	Ballet Grade 6
12.15pm	<i>Finish</i>

TENTATIVE EXAM DATES

During Monday 1st October to Thursday 5th November: Dates will be confirmed mid-September.

ENTRY FEES

Class	Class Award	Exam	Solo Performance Award	Practices
	(incl. admin / exam day)			(as per practice timetable)
Pre-Primary	\$64			\$30
Primary	\$69			\$30
Grade 1	\$74	\$93		\$87.50
Grade 2	\$84	\$106	\$75	\$87.50
Grade 3	\$95	\$118	\$83	\$87.50
Grade 4	\$102	\$127	\$91	\$87.50
Grade 5	\$111	\$136	\$97	\$87.50
Grade 6		\$142		\$52.50

Grade 8		\$153		\$52.50
Intermediate Foundation		\$188		TBC
Intermediate		\$201		TBC
Advanced 1		\$207/ \$340		TBC
Repertoire 2		\$71		TBC

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