

# Ballet Exams & Class Awards

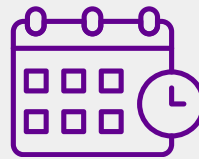
Royal Academy of Dance (RAD) Exams & Class Awards give students a goal to reach for and a sense of achievement throughout the year and on the day. Entering is *optional*, but highly recommended.

### IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO SIT AN EXAM or CLASS AWARD, READ ON...

- Tentative dates for exams and extra practices are overleaf. Extra practices (at Thorndon) are **compulsory** if entering. Exact dates and times of exams will be confirmed after entries close.
- Exams mostly take place during school time on a weekday.



**Entries Due**  
Thurs 27th June



**Exam Dates**  
**14th Oct - 11th**  
**Nov**  
(Exact dates TBC)

### 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 a weekday.
- Uniform is as for class – please see [wellingtondance.co.nz/dance-uniform](http://wellingtondance.co.nz/dance-uniform).
- Hair will be done for you by studio staff on exam day. Please bring \$5 on the day and your own hairbrush.
- Your class & private lesson tuition must be up to date before exam entries are accepted.
- Exam entries are optional, but progression to the next level, if not entering, is at the studio's discretion.



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# Entry Information

## What are Class Awards and Exams?

**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. This is a newer option introduced by the RAD and we offer it to our younger dancers and those dancers in their first year of ballet.

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

## What should my child enter?

**Ballet Pre Grades:** You are recommended to enter the RAD Primary Class Award.

**Grades 1-4:** 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.

**Senior Levels:** Your teacher recommendation will be noted in an email sent to you.

## 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

- Candidates will have access to the online studio, which has been updated with learning lists and practice videos.
- Work hard in class and attend the extra practices (see below).



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# Practice Dates

## PRACTICE REQUIREMENTS:

Grade School is run each day during the second week of the October School holidays. These are **compulsory** for dancers entering exams and class awards.

### **‘GRADE SCHOOL’ SECOND WEEK OF OCTOBER HOLIDAYS: 5x practices: Mon 7th - Fri 11th Oct**

Thorndon Studio 1		Holiday Programme
9.30am	Ballet Pre Grades	<b>School Holiday Programme - Grade School wraparound!!</b>  Like previous years, 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. <b>Per child +\$50 per full day</b> (from 8.30am to 4.30pm) <b>or +\$30 per half day</b> (8.30am to 1.00pm or 1.00pm to 4.30pm)
10.45am	Grade 1	
12.15pm	Break	
12.45pm	Grade 2	
2.15pm	Grade 3	
3.45pm	Grade 4	
5.15pm	Finish	

## Senior Practices

<b>Intermediate Foundation &amp; Intermediate</b>	<b>x2-3 practices TBC</b> These will be during the second week of school holidays. Dates and times TBC once entries have closed.
<b>Repertoire Level 3</b>	<b>x2-3 practices TBC</b> These will be during the second week of school holidays. Dates and times TBC once entries have closed.



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# Entry Fees

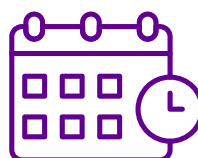
## Please Note:

- Please note - **no refunds** will be available unless a medical certificate is provided to the RAD. In which case the RAD will provide a 50% refund under medical grounds.
- The Royal Academy of Dance **does not** accept late entries.
- Split payment option available. You can choose to pay the full amount (entry and practices) upon completed entry form, or split the entry and practice payments. The split payment option allows for delayed payment of practices due 21st August.

Class	Exam Entry	Class Award Entry	Practices
	(Incl admin, dance day & exam fee) Payable upon entry		(Grade school practices) Payable upon entry or Weds 21st August
<b>Ballet Pre Grades</b> ( <i>RAD Primary</i> )		\$103	\$130
<b>Ballet Grade 1</b>	\$127	\$108	\$160
<b>Ballet Grade 2</b>	\$140	\$118	\$160
<b>Ballet Grade 3</b>	\$152	\$129	\$160
<b>Ballet Grade 4</b>	\$161	\$136	\$160
<b>Ballet Senior Foundation</b> ( <i>Intermediate Foundation</i> )	\$209		Practices TBC
<b>Ballet Senior 1 &amp; 2</b> ( <i>Intermediate</i> )	\$222		Practices TBC
<b>Ballet Senior 3-5</b> ( <i>Repertoire Level 3</i> )	\$105		Practices TBC



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