

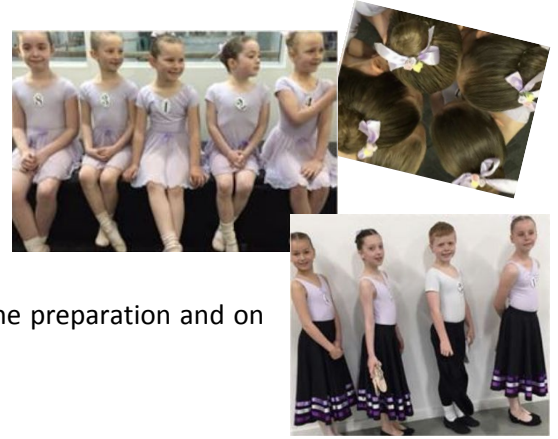
# BALLET EXAMS & CLASS AWARDS 2019

Please read and enter online by **MONDAY 12 AUGUST**

## 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 preparation and on the day.

Entering for a class award or exam is optional but highly recommended.



**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. Pass (40-54), Merit (55-74), Distinction (75-100). 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 students:** We would like you all to sit a Class Award. This is recommended but completely optional.

**Grades 1-5 students:** 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. To prepare, please attend class consistently.

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

**Repertoire 2 & 3 students:** We would like you to enter the Variation module of the Repertoire syllabus.

## Who are the examiners?

Our studio is registered with 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.

## Parent key points:

- ☆ Tentative dates for exams, tests and extra practices are overleaf. 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 medal tests mostly take place during school time on weekdays, or sometimes on weekends.
- ☆ Uniform is as for class – please see [wellingtondance.co.nz](http://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.

**TO ENTER, GO TO [WELLINGTONDANCE.CO.NZ/EXAMS](http://WELLINGTONDANCE.CO.NZ/EXAMS)**

## PRACTICE TIMETABLE

- All at THORNDON STUDIO (182 Thorndon Quay)
- ALL PRACTICES ARE COMPULSORY IF ENTERING
- These are tentative times and will be confirmed once we have final group numbers.

### PRE-PRIMARY & PRIMARY: 2x practices: Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> October **AND** Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> October

9.30am:	Pre-Primary (Miss Demi & Miss Emily's students)
10.15am:	Primary (Miss Demi & Miss Emily's students)
11.00am:	Pre-Primary (Miss Georgia's & Miss Nikita's students)
11.45am:	Primary (Miss Georgia's students)
12.30pm:	Pre-Primary (Miss Suzanne's students - Group A)
1.15pm:	Pre-Primary (Miss Suzanne's students - Group B)
2.00pm:	Primary (Miss Suzanne's students) - (finish 2.45pm)

### 'GRADE SCHOOL' SECOND WEEK OF OCTOBER HOLIDAYS: 5x practices: Mon 7<sup>th</sup> - Fri 11<sup>th</sup> Oct

9.15am:	Grade 4 - ALL	9.15am: Grade 1 - GROUP A* (finish 10.45am)
10.30am:	Grade 1 - GROUP B*	*Groups will be confirmed once entries close
12.00pm:	Break	<b>School Holiday Programme - Grade School wraparound!!</b>  This year we are proposing an optional extra wrap-around school holiday programme option. Children will be based at 'the pavilion' at Wellington Girl's College and 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 +\$35 per full day</b> (from 9am to 4.00pm) <b>or +\$20 per half day</b> (9am to 12.30pm or 12.30pm to 4.00pm)
12.15pm:	Grade 2 - ALL (finish 2.15pm)	
2.15pm:	Grade 3 - ALL (finish 4.15pm)	
4.30pm:	Grade 5 - ALL (finish 6.30pm)	
6.30pm:	Finish	

### TENTATIVE EXAM DATES

Mon 14<sup>th</sup> - Friday 19<sup>th</sup> October at Thorndon (first week of Term 4). To be confirmed to us by the Royal Academy of Dance mid-Sept.

### ENTRY FEES

Class	Class Award	Exam	Solo Performance Award	Practices
	(incl. admin / exam day)			(as per practice timetable)
Pre-Primary	\$63			\$30
Primary	\$67			\$30
Grade 1	\$72	\$91		\$82.50
Grade 2	\$82	\$104	\$73	\$82.50
Grade 3	\$93	\$115	\$81	\$82.50
Grade 4	\$100	\$124	\$89	\$82.50
Grade 5	\$109	\$133	\$95	\$82.50
Repertoire 2		\$70		In class
Repertoire 3		\$77		In class

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