

BALLET EXAM NOTICE 2023

PLEASE READ THE FOLLOWING IN FULL

We look forward to guiding your dancer through their exam/class award journey this year.

Graded and Vocational exams can be entered online through Google forms. Please click here to fill in the <https://forms.gle/Tdun49q8xTxuJ5vw8>. These forms need to be completed with payment before 11th May.

Graded Level	Exam Fee	Class Award Fee	Vocational Level	Non-Member	Member
Pre-Primary	-	71	Intermediate Foundation	227	227
Primary	91	76	Intermediate	240	240
Grade 1	100	81	Advanced Foundation	440	243
Grade 2	113	91	Advanced 1	443	246
Grade 3	125	102	Advanced 2	448	251
Grade 4	134	109			
Grade 5	143	118			
Grade 6	149	120			
Grade 8	160	130			

GRADED BALLET EXAMS - ROYAL ACADEMY OF DANCE

Graded Exams are expected to be sometime between **Monday 7th August - Tuesday 15th August**.

We understand exams are a big undertaking with extra practise and cost, but believe they are a very beneficial part of dance, giving the student a goal to strive towards. They also ensure the student is ready to move up to their next level.

We will continue to offer the Class Award option for students. If we believe this option is best for your dancer we will be in contact. More information about 'Class Awards' can be found on the last page of this notice.

Google forms and Entries **are due on Thursday 11th May**. Please mark this date on your calendar. The amount charged includes a \$15 administration fee, this balance goes to The Royal Academy of Dance.

If paying by cash, please fill out a payment slip overleaf and hand to teacher with payment and fill in the google form.
Direct Credit to the following bank account 060225 0424218 00. Please include students' name & "exam fee" as a reference.

IMPORTANT:

These Exam Intensives are compulsory for all Exam & Class Awards candidates - no exceptions.

- * These will be held on Sunday 9th July - Thursday 13th July. Times will be confirmed once numbers of entries are known and will be emailed out.
- * Extra Sunday's for Pre-Primary, Primary, Grade 1 - Sunday 11th June, Sunday 18th June and Sunday 25th June.
- * Please make sure you can attend these dates before entering exam/class award.

* Exam intensives are charged separately at \$13.00 per hour as well as an exam day levy of \$35.00. This will be charged out separately to normal term fees and exam entry fees.

Please turn over for vocational information

VOCATIONAL EXAMS - ROYAL ACADEMY OF DANCE

Vocational Exams are expected to be sometime between Wednesday 16th August - Monday 21st August. Google forms and fees are due Tuesday 30th May. Please mark this date on your calendar. The amount charged includes a \$15 administration fee, the balance goes to The Royal Academy of Dance.

If paying by cash, please fill out a payment slip below and hand to teacher with payment and fill in the Google form.
Direct Credit to the following bank account 060225 0424218 00. Please include students' name & "exam fee" as a reference.

Exam Intensive: Please pencil in **Sunday 23rd July, Sunday 30th July, Sunday 6th August, and Sunday 13th August** we will have lessons on 3 of these dates, and will confirm once exam dates are confirmed. Students are also highly encouraged to attend the vocational workshops in either Auckland or Wellington over the July winter holidays. There is a strong connection between attendance to these and fair exam marks. It is also the only chance to perform with a pianist before exams. If this is not feasible please consider booking some private lessons as an alternative via our online booking system found through the website under the 'Classes' tab.

Advanced Foundation and above please ensure RAD membership is current if you want to receive the exam discount. You should have had the membership information given to you with your Intermediate results or posted to you by the RAD. Or check out the RAD website for more information.

BAND APP

During Term 1 we set up Bands for each level within the studio. If you haven't already, please follow the link on the email sent out to you. We are finding this a very good tool to connect with our dancers and caregivers, and a great tool to enable practise. If you are unable to find your email, please email the office and we can get you sorted. If you are new to the studio, we will send new links out soon.

ROYAL ACADEMY OF DANCE APP

We encourage families from all levels to purchase the RAD syllabus app. You can download the app for free and purchase a video of the set syllabus work. This be used as a refresher, as well as using the music to practise. **However, we ask students not to learn work ahead of class as teachers do break exercises down and create training exercises to build good technique.** Please note that the format of some exercises in each level, i.e. Transfer of Weight & Grand Allegro may differ slightly to the video. Try to avoid using "YouTube" for exercises as you may pick up bad habits from these videos.

If you have any questions on any of the above please contact the office via email.

We look forward to receiving your child's entry, and working towards a common goal. It is always so satisfying to see how far they come in the build up to exams and the confidence they gain.

Many Thanks,
Kerry Mills and the team

PAYMENT SLIP (IF PAYING BY CASH): YOU WILL STILL NEED TO FILL IN AN ONLINE ENTRY FORM

Student's Name:

Grade/Level:

Payment Type: *Cash* *Date of Payment:* ____ / ____ / 2023

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CLASS AWARD INFORMATION

See below for more information on what a Class Award is:

A Class Award allows students to progress through the grades with less pressure of a full examination. These were introduced to LDA in 2020 and we felt they created a positive and rewarding exam experience for students, so we have kept them as an option!

Class Awards are still a recognised award and require the same amount of preparation time and effort. Below are a few points that explain how they differ from a full examination:

Teachers can be in the examination room which adds support to those who are a little more nervous

Teacher's choice to shorten the exam by omitting predetermined exercises by the RAD.

The result includes a broad explanation of how well they presented the grade. A medal and certificate are achieved and although this exam is still marked against aspects of the same examination criteria, the wording differs on the mark sheet and students do not receive a grade (Pass, Merit or Distinction) as such.

A reason for choosing the Class Award as the most appropriate exam route could be, but is not limited to, taking into account a student's level of confidence, recovering from an injury, opportunity to perform and achieve without additional pressure of a full examination, and/or cost.

Teachers will be considering both options for every student and will choose the best suited exam type to gain great results, positive experiences and provide individual achievement. We will be in touch if we believe it is the best way forward for your dancer. This option is open to everyone of all graded levels and if you want this to be your exam route even without us contacting you please email us with the subject "Class Award".