

ACADEMY OF DANCE VICTORIA 2024 RAD BALLET EXAMS

Dear Parents of our Royal Academy of Dance ballet exam students,

Please see below information regarding RAD ballet exams at ADV this year.

EXAM DATES AND DETAILS

Our exams for students in Grade 1 RAD through to Grade 7 will take place in late July during school hours. We will not receive exact exam dates until all Australian exams have been allocated by the Royal Academy of Dance. We usually find out our exam dates towards the end of this term (Term 2).

WHY TAKE EXAMS?

RAD exams provide a structured framework for learning ballet, with graded levels that progressively develop a dancer's skills, technique, and artistry. Exams offer clear goals for students to work towards, providing motivation and a sense of achievement upon completion.

Exams involve a formal assessment by RAD examiners, with students receiving a certificate acknowledging their result, as well as a level badge.

RAD qualifications are internationally recognised and can enhance a dancer's credentials when pursuing further dance education or professional opportunities. ADV also celebrates exam students at the end of the year at our awards presentation night and each exam student receives a medal. Our examination students consistently demonstrate a significantly higher rate of development and improvement compared to non-examination students.

REQUIREMENT FOR EXAM PARTICIPATION

A reminder that to be eligible to undertake the exam all RAD students must attend exam preparation classes during the second week of the July school holidays.

All ballet exam students, starting from Pre-Primary, in both RAD and BC (Ballet Conservatoire) classes, as well as Classical Academy exam students, are required to attend preparation classes during the second week of the winter school holidays. These classes will run Monday to Friday, July 8-13. Most students will be required for three or four days. A holiday timetable will be sent out early Term 2.

Please note that students are not able to enter the exam if they cannot attend the holiday classes.

EXAM TYPES FOR STUDENTS

Students enter either a Graded Exam or a Class Award, based on teacher feedback at the end of Term 1. The two types of assessment cover the same work however the format of the assessment is different. Students undertaking the Graded Exam receive a formal assessment and a graded mark, and Class Award students receive a written feedback sheet. All students receive a badge and certificate. Teachers carefully consider the type of exam each student will undertake to nurture their self-confidence and ensure a positive experience.

We ask parents to trust and support teachers' decisions, as they are qualified to determine the best exam style for each dancer and what the dancer is ready to achieve. Different students learn and progress at different rates, so while a student may do a Class Award one year, they may do a Graded Exam the next.

GRADED EXAM

Students participate in groups of up to four, without a teacher present in the room. They are required to perform the entire exam from memory, demonstrating the technique required in each exercise to meet the CCLSD marking scheme (Control, Co-ordination, Line, Spatial Awareness, Dynamics). Each student performs the exam dances individually. Their exam result is graded out of 100, and the exam can be failed if a child receives under 50%. Students receive a results sheet, exam certificate, badge, and medal at the awards night ceremony. They then progress to the next level.

CLASS AWARD

Students participate in groups, with a teacher present in the room. The teacher conducts the exam and can prompt students through the exam, if required. Students must still show technique at a good level and should know the work well. Exam dances can be performed in small groups. Students receive a results sheet, exam badge and a medal on awards night, and progress to the next level.

EXAM FEES

The exam fees are set by the RAD and sent to ADV by the RAD. The cost to ADV families includes an additional \$15 administration fee to cover our exam day staff wages, character skirt hire, examiner transport and examiners food over four days, (ADV is responsible for covering all examiner costs).

Grade 1 Exam \$113

Grade 1 Class award \$101

Grade 2 Exam \$126

Grade 2 Class Award \$115

Grade 3 Exam \$134

Grade 3 Class Award \$118

Grade 4 Exam \$142

Grade 4 Class Award \$123

Grade 5 Exam \$147

Grade 5 Class Award \$129

Grade 7 Exam \$165

EXAM PAYMENT

The Exam fee will be added to the account on your customer portal and families must pay via the customer portal once you receive your account notification email.

STUDENTS INVITED TO UNDERTAKE RAD BALLET EXAMS 2024

GRADE 1 EXAM

Hannah Chen, Molin (Stella) Cao, Riva Cao, Summer Leong.

GRADE 1 CLASS AWARD

Annie Chian, Olive Jordan.

GRADE 2 EXAM

Audrina Kow, Ava Santamaria, Chiara Rowe, Ivy Naughton, Kaeley Chan, Lucas Sherrin, Lucy Becker, Mikayla Lio, Olivia Zhang, Prisha Sodhani, Scarlett Sin, Yaya Sun.

GRADE 2 CLASS AWARD

Celine Khazaie, Charis Yuen, Isabelle Lipa, Mia Jin, Mia Hezekiah.

GRADE 3 EXAM

Alina Lee, Anneliese Schultz, Elsa Chen, Hana Kam, Kacey He, Matilda Lin, Rachel Ong.

GRADE 3 CLASS AWARD

Angie Kock, Ellie Kim, Evelyn Kho, Kiara Lam, Olivia Yang.

GRADE 4 EXAM

Addison Williamson, Carina (Yuet Yin) Chan, Chantel Sheng, Giselle Azzopardi, Siyuan (Sissi) Qiu.

GRADE 5 EXAM

Annabelle Rewell, Chenk Yan (Leanne) Li, Evangeline Koh, Hannah Lei, Hannah Yin, Harper Luong, Katie Oo, Ke Xu, Liz Jiang, Wing Sum Meredith Chow, Wynn He.

GRADE 5 CLASS AWARD

Caitlyn Stephens, Claire Liu, Hazel Hills.

GRADE 7 EXAM

Adaliah, Smith, Johanna Ferdinand, Melody Nick, Sophie Newbury, Zara Diamente, Amelia Tobias.