

RAD BALLET INFORMATION 2022

What is RAD Ballet

The Royal Academy of Dance Ballet has over 13,000 members' worldwide. RAD is one of the largest and most influential dance education and training organisations in the world. "The RAD offers an internationally recognised graded syllabi consisting of age appropriate levels for students 3yrs to professional. RAD contains a portfolio of examinations and assessments designed to encourage, motivate and reward students of all ages and abilities, outlining a progressive structure for learning and achievement".

RAD EXAMINATIONS

The benefit of the exams is that it demonstrates that the student knows the syllabus and can perform it well and it also demonstrates that the teacher is upholding the standards for teaching Ballet that the RAD has set. It is also extremely helpful for parents to see that their child is advancing with not only their knowledge of technique but also their level of performance.

There are 2 types of examination processes:

RAD Solo Examinations – Students present the exercises and routines to an external examiner under exam conditions. Students must be assessed by our RAD qualified teacher to be RAD exam ready before they can be registered for RAD solo examinations. Successful candidates receive an Assessment Report, Certificate and Medal.

Minimum class requirement is 2 classes per week.

Students are recommended to have completed 12 months of Ballet classes prior to registering for examinations.

It will be at the discretion of our RAD teacher to determine a student's readiness for examinations. RAD examinations are offered in May and November.

RAD Class Award - Students are also examined by an external examiner but are allowed to participate as a group and have the teacher support them through the process. Students doing the Presentation Class Award will be marked and presented with an Assessment Report, Class Award Certificate and medal on passing the examination. The Class Award is not recognised as the formal RAD exam accreditation.

Students can elect to participate in the Class Awards from Pre-Primary to Grade 5 level.

Minimum class requirement is 1 class per week.

RAD CLASS REQUIREMENTS

Students who will be doing formal RAD solo examinations in 2022 must do the minimum 2 classes per week RAD requirement. This is to ensure they engage fully with the RAD Ballet examination preparation experience/ requirements.

Students participating in RAD examinations are required to attend minimum class hours per year. If Students do not meet the minimum requirements they will be required to take additional private classes at their own expense to make up the hours required.

Students do not need to take an examination to advance to the following Grade the next year. However Grade 5 students must pass the Grade 5 exam to proceed to Grade 6 on Pointe.

RAD Grades	Min Age	Examination	Minimum # classes per week
Pre Primary – Grade 5	Kindergarten +	Class Award	1
Grade 1 - 8	7yrs +	RAD Examination	2
Intermediate Foundation	12yrs +	RAD Examination	2
Intermediate	13yrs+	RAD Exam	2
Advanced Foundation	14yrs +	RAD Exam	2

EXPENSES

RAD Exam and Class Awards incur additional expenses.

Examination costs range from between \$100 - \$250 per student in addition to normal class fees. The amount is set by the RAD Board at the beginning of each year. There may also be additional expenses to cover Examiner costs but these are unknown at this stage.

If a candidate withdraws or is absent from their exam and applies for a refund, evidence including a medical certificate or doctor's letter must be sent to the appropriate RAD office no later than four weeks after the exam date.

“The RAD will review the evidence, and where agreed, will process a 50% refund within eight weeks of the exam tour being completed. Where, after a refund is requested, there is no response to correspondence from the RAD after four weeks, the RAD reserves the right to terminate the refund process. Where an exam has been partially completed, no award will be given where a credit note or refund is applied for and given.”

EXAMINATION UNIFORMS

The RAD has specific uniform requirements for examinations.

Students will be required to purchase their own RAD examination uniforms from Ballet supply outlets or Footloose Performance Studios can order uniforms from suppliers if required. Minimum bulk order required. Associated costs will be added to the students' account.

Students must provide their own footwear including RAD approved ballet/ pointe shoes and character shoes if required for examinations.

Examination uniform requirements will be sent out prior to examination enrolments.

Class uniform will be the Footloose uniform.

PRE-EXAMINATION WORKSHOPS

All students participating in RAD Ballet Solo examinations will be required to attend additional workshops in the weeks leading up to the examination to ensure they are "exam ready". The additional workshops will have additional charges. These classes may fall on a weekend or within the school holiday period immediately prior to the examination date.

There is also a mock examination workshop held at the RAD offices in the city where students can attend and become familiar with the space and process to ensure a positive experience/ outcome for the examination.