

## 2017 GRADED EXAMINATIONS/CLASS AWARD PRESENTATIONS

The RAD (Royal Academy of Dance) examinations or class Award Presentation are an opportunity for your child to work towards a goal at dancing and it also provides you valuable feedback about their progress. Exams/Class Awards are not compulsory but we encourage students to participate – it does give them a goal to work for, and improves their confidence. The examiners are always very pleasant, and the girls always seem to enjoy the experience. For Exams, Class Awards or only steps practised at class times are demonstrated

Judy and Wendy will advise if your child should sit the Exam, or Class Award depending on their progress. If you would like to discuss any matters regarding the exams feel free to contact Judy (0419 670 906) or Wendy (0407675230)

### When are the Exams and Where are they held?

Exams are usually held Thursday-Saturday in late July. The exact date will be confirmed by the RAD after the entries are lodged. It is not possible to adjust the exam times, once they have been confirmed by the RAD. All exams will be held at St. Paul's Hall, Jubilee Terrace. The dancers will be accompanied by a pianist, and rehearsals will be arranged closer to the exam date.

### Class Requirements

Students sitting for either the Class Award or Exam should attend 2 lessons per week regularly. 1 class per week is not sufficient to cover the syllabus fully and give students the opportunity of doing their best in the exams. Also some dances are performed with a partner, and it is important that they can be practiced together. The groups of 8 also have group dances to perform, so they need to all be there at the same time.

### How much are the Exams?

We have split the amount payable into RAD (Royal Academy of Dance) Charges and Hall/Pianist Charges. The RAD Charge must be paid by 22 April. The balance should be paid NOT LATER THAN the end of the second term.

Grade	RAD Charges	Hall/Pianist
Pre Primary	\$58.00	\$25.00
Primary	\$73.00	\$25.00
Grade 1	\$80.00	\$30.00
Grade 2	\$90.00	\$30.00
Grade 3	\$97.00	\$30.00
Grade 4	\$104.00	\$30.00
Grade 5	\$109.00	\$30.00
Grade 6	\$115.00	\$35.00
Grade 7	\$121.00	\$35.00
Grade 8	\$125.00	\$35.00

These fees include GST. Pianist fees allow for one practice and the exam day.

Payments can be made at [www.ashgrovedance.com.au](http://www.ashgrovedance.com.au) through Portal>Store or at the studio via Eftpos, Cheque or Cash.

Please submit your entry by making the appropriate **PAYMENT NO LATER THAN SATURDAY 22 APRIL**

## RAD GRADE EXAM ENTRY 2017

Please complete and return to your teacher to confirm your daughter's participation or please advise if you do not wish to sit for the exams this year.

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PHONE NUMBER \_\_\_\_\_ PLEASE ADVISE PAYMENT METHOD \_\_\_\_\_

### **Exam Ballet Wear – ALL CLASSES**

Special leotards, skirt (where appropriate), pink tights and new or as new well-fitting ballet shoes are worn for all exams. Leotards will be ordered in bulk as usual. Other items will be available from our Ballet Wear Supplies. Props required for dances (Scarves, Ribbons etc. will be provided) Grades 1 – 8 also require Character skirts (yearly hire fee \$30.00 Grades 1 – 5) and Character Shoes.

### **Vacation School – 26 June – 1 July (to be confirmed) Some Grades may be held 3 – 8 July (to be confirmed)**

We also encourage students from Gr 1 – Gr 5 to attend the RAD vacation school in the June\July school holiday. The vacation school is always popular so early registration is a must to secure a spot. Last year the school was run as 2 three day session and we expect a similar timetable this year. Details will be advised as soon as they become available.

### **Mock exams**

A practice will be held with the Pianist for each grade. We also run one or two extra practices for the candidates to become familiar with the exam procedure. Each group will have an individual practice.

### **Private Lessons**

We encourage each of our Gr 1 – Gr 5 students to have a private lesson prior to the exam. Private lessons are \$25 per student, or \$18.00 each for 2 students. Private lessons are a great opportunity for your child to receive one on one feedback. Most private lessons will be held during the June/July school holidays.

**Pre Primary Class Award** This is an introduction to exams for Pre Primary students. A Class award does not hold a pass or fail mark but provides an Assessment report, a certificate and a Medal issued by the RAD. The Class is taken in groups of up to 8 students accompanied by one of our teachers

Students must attend 2 lessons per week regularly and once the groups are arranged lesson times may be adjusted to ensure the groups can attend together. Please contact Wendy or Judy asap to advise if your child will be participating.

### **Primary – Grade 3 Examinations**

Exams are held in groups of 4 without a teacher present. Candidates sitting the exams will receive a Examination Result Form, Certificate & Medal (Gold, Silver or Bronze depending on the mark received) from the RAD.

Class Award is also available for Primary – Grade 3 held in groups of up to 8 taken and by one of our teachers. Candidates would receive a Certificate of Participation and Medal but no numerical assessment.

Wendy or Judy will confirm whether your daughter will be sitting for an Examination or Class Award depending on her progress. As in previous years we assume most students will be sitting for the Examination.

### **Grade 4 – 5 Examinations**

Exams are held in groups of 4 without a teacher present. Candidates sitting the exams will receive an Examination Result Form, Certificate from the RAD and a Medal

Class Awards are also an option for Grade 4 & 5. Your teacher will confirm whether your daughter will be sitting for an Examination or the Class award depending on her progress. As in previous years we assume most students will be sitting for the Examination. Exam results will be posted according to the addresses on our website. If you address has changed recently please check you have updated it on the website. Thanks

I hope this covers most queries, but if you have any questions please ask. These details will also be available on our Portal under Notice Archive. Thanks Wendy & Judy