

ACADEMY OF DANCE VICTORIA 2025 RAD BALLET EXAMS

Dear Parents of our Royal Academy of Dance (RAD) ballet exam students,

Your dancers have been working very hard over Term 1 and Term 2 to prepare for their 2026 RAD exams. Please read all the information below regarding their 2026 ballet exams

EXAM DATES AND DETAILS

Our exams for students in Primary through to Discovering Repertoire will take place in August 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 Term 2 and will send final details through to parents at that time.

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 all exam & class award students at the end of the year at our awards presentation night in December and each student receives a medal. Our examination and class award students consistently demonstrate a significantly higher rate of development and improvement compared to students who choose not to participate.

REQUIREMENT FOR EXAM PARTICIPATION

As previously advised, to be eligible to undertake the exam & class awards, all students must attend exam preparation classes during the second week of the Term 2 school holidays.

The RAD preparation classes will run Monday 6th July & Tuesday 7th July & Wednesday 8th July. Students are required for all 3 days and will attend around 3 hours each day. A holiday timetable will be sent out in the coming weeks. ***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 in Term 2 having taken into account the students development over Term 1 and 2. The two types of assessment cover the same work however the format of the assessment is different.

Students undertaking the Graded Exam receive a numerical assessment and a graded mark. Students undertaking the Class Award Exam students, receive a written feedback sheet.

All students receive an official RAD badge and certificate and feedback sheet. T

ADV 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 and vice versa.

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, Coordination, 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 administration fee to cover our exam day staff, character skirt hire, examiner food over four days, and examiner travel over four days (ADV is responsible for covering all examiner costs).

Primary Exam \$121	Grade 1 Class Award \$112
Grade 1 Exam \$136	Grade 1 Class award \$123
Grade 2 Exam \$152	Grade 2 Class Award \$138
Grade 3 Exam \$160	Grade 3 Class Award \$141
Grade 4 Exam \$173	Grade 4 Class Award \$146
Grade 5 Exam \$154	Grade 5 Class Award \$154
Grade 6 Exam \$183	Grade 6 Class Award \$159
Grade 7 Exam \$193	Grade 7 Class Award \$167
Grade 8 Exam \$197	Grade 8 Class Award \$173
Discovering Repertoire Level 2 \$178	
Discovering Repertoire Level 3 \$192	
Discovering Repertoire Level 4 \$220	

EXAM PAYMENT

The Exam fee has been added to the account on your customer portal and families must pay via the customer portal for your dancer to be entered into the exam.

INDIVIDUAL DANCER FEEDBACK REPORT

Your ADV ballet teacher has provided the following feedback for your dancer this year.