



2025 RAD Exam Registration and Information Pack

Grade 1 to Grade 5



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Dear NCD Parents

We're excited to share the important details for your child's upcoming Royal Academy of Dance (RAD) Examination or Class Award in 2025. Please find all the relevant information in this pack to help guide you through the process.

What Is An RAD Exam?

At NCD, we proudly deliver the Royal Academy of Dance (RAD) syllabus — an internationally recognised training method that provides high quality structure, progression, and excellence. This approach supports our dancers to build strong technique as they work toward the exciting goal of presenting their work to an official RAD examiner.

Completing an examination or class award not only marks a dancer's progress but also celebrates their dedication and development. It gives students a clear sense of achievement as they prepare to move into their next grade.

Understanding the RAD Exam Process

In their exam each student is assessed on their technique, artistry, and performance by a visiting RAD examiner. The feedback received is incredibly valuable as it highlights their strengths and offers guidance on areas to focus on as they continue to grow in their ballet journey.

While each dancer is individually assessed, the examinations and class awards are conducted in small groups. This format allows students to experience the day alongside their peers, creating a supportive environment that eases nerves and adds a lovely social element to the occasion.

We encourage all students who consistently attend their full ballet training to work towards the goal of an Examination. However, for those who are newer to RAD or may need a little more time to build their readiness, the Class Award offers a wonderful alternative.

What is an RAD Class Award?

The Class Award follows the same syllabus as the full exam, but with the added support of their teacher in the exam room. While it's not formally assessed in the same way, students will receive general feedback from the examiner to help them prepare for a future examination when they're ready.

Whether your child completes an Examination or a Class Award, both experiences are incredibly enriching. They support not only technical and artistic growth but also help students stay motivated and aligned with the goals set at the beginning of the year.

Student Eligibility

To be eligible for the RAD Exam:

- Students must be enrolled in the full ballet package for their grade
- Attend the 3-Day Winter Workshop
- Participate in the Mock Exam

Primary Students:

Must attend a minimum of 2 classes per week to qualify for the full Exam.

Students enrolled in only one class per week may take the Class Award.

Pre-Primary & Primary Class Awards:

Ideal for those new to ballet or need more time building their skills. Your child will be accompanied by their teacher, creating a supportive and joyful introduction to performing for an examiner.

What's Included in Your RAD Exam Investment

There's so much more to a ballet exam than just the performance on the day. At NCD, we're passionate about nurturing your dancer's journey from classroom to confident candidate. Each element of the exam package is thoughtfully designed to give your child the very best preparation and experience.

1. RAD Exam Registration Fee

 **Due: 12th May 2025 (Strictly no late entries are accepted)**

This is the official examination fee set by the Royal Academy of Dance (RAD) Head Office. This fee covers your child's formal registration with the RAD and is forwarded directly to them. Please note: The RAD does not offer refunds unless they approve a formal refund request (e.g., for injury or exceptional circumstances).

2. Winter Workshop – RAD Exam Coaching

Led by our Associate Director Miss Frawley (who is also an RAD Examiner), along with our experienced RAD Ballet team, this intensive workshop is where confidence meets polish. This focused coaching gives dancers the extra edge—ensuring they step into their exam with confidence, clarity, and joy. At the 3-Day workshop your child will cover:

- ◆ Finalising their exam format
- ◆ Refine technique and musicality
- ◆ Practice Dance Studies (solos) in our large exam studio under mock exam conditions

3. Mock Exam with Live RAD Pianist

A highlight of our program! Students experience a full exam rehearsal with Mr Grant Kennedy, the RAD's own resident pianist. Very few children get the chance to rehearse with a live pianist and NCD is one of only a few studios in the state who offer this experience. This is a rare and valuable opportunity to bring their training to life in the most authentic way. Their mock exam:

- ◆ Replicates the full exam structure
- ◆ Builds confidence dancing with live music
- ◆ Eases nerves and builds familiarity with the process

4. Pianist / Music Fee

This covers the cost of having Mr Kennedy perform live during both the Mock Exam and Exam Day for all students from Primary and above. Live accompaniment for our dancers elevates the exam experience and supports your child's musicality and timing - key elements the RAD assessment.

5. Exam Day Warm-Up Rehearsal

A dedicated 30–45 minute warm-up with Miss Frawley or your child's ballet teacher, held just before they enter their exam. This essential warm-up ensures every dancer walks into their exam feeling centred, confident, and ready to shine.

6. RAD Ballet Uniform & Prop Rental

NCD provides your child with the required, RAD-approved exam uniform for their grade. These items which are hired from The Rose Fund Costume Dept include their ballet leotard, character skirt and any dance props required. Presentation really does count and wearing the correct uniform instils pride and helps your child feel like a true ballerina on exam day.

7. Admin Fees

This covers all the behind-the-scenes work required to make our exam season smooth and successful. Such as RAD registration and communications, documentation preparation, Exam timetabling and coordination, Studio setup, rehearsals, and examiner and pianist support and co-ordination.



The True Value of the RAD Exam Experience

The RAD Exam experience is a powerful and worthwhile investment in your child's personal development. When they complete an exam under the guidance of NCD it helps them to:

- ✨ Build real confidence by learning to perform under pressure and feel proud of their progress
- ✉️ Work towards and achieve a goal through discipline, persistence and support
- 🌟 Gain lifelong skills such as presenting themselves professionally and managing nerves — skills that help with things like job interviews, presentations, and leadership in the future

RAD exams create a foundation of resilience and achievement that extends far beyond the studio. Participating in this journey builds stronger dancers and even stronger young people.

Your Commitment

In order for your child to take part in the 2025 RAD Examination or Class Award, two payments are required:

1. RAD Registration Fee (set by the Royal Academy of Dance)

 **Due by: 12 May 2025**

This is the fee charged by the Royal Academy of Dance head office and is a requirement for all participants to take part in the exam. You will make this first payment when registering via the link today. Please Note: The RAD do not accept late registration.

2. NCD Exam Training & Workshop Fees

 **Due by: 30 June 2025**

This is your NCD Exam fees which cover additional music fees, winter workshop training, extra rehearsals and admin costs associated with preparing for dancers for their exam. This fee can be paid in full upon invoice, or paid down over Term 2 with a payment plan.

A full breakdown of exam fees as well as training and workshop dates are listed below.

Exam Registration Fees

	RAD Registration Fee (includes GST)	NCD Exam Prep Fees
	DUE 12TH MAY	DUE 30TH JUNE
GRADE 1	\$ 103.00	\$346.00 + GST
GRADE 2	\$117.00	\$346.00 + GST
GRADE 3	\$125.00	\$377.00 + GST
GRADE 4	\$133.00	\$377.00 + GST
GRADE 5	\$139.00	\$387.00 + GST

NCD Exam Prep Fees breakdown of costs per grade:

3-Day Winter Workshop

Pre Primary & Primary	\$89.00
Grade 1 & Grade 2	\$175.00
Grade 3 & Grade 4	\$189.00
Grade 5	\$199.00

Mock Exam / Pianist & Music Fees

Pre Primary	\$50.00
Primary to Grade 2	\$66.00
Grade 3 to Grade 5	\$83.00

Rose Fund Uniform and Prop Hire

Pre Primary to Grade 5	\$40.00
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Warm Rehearsal Fee \$25.00

Admin Fee \$40.00



Key Dates At-a-Glance

12th May

RAD Registration Due

(NO LATE ENTRIES ACCEPTED)

30th June

NCD Exam Prep Fees Due

5th or 6th July

Mock Exams

July 2025

14th to 16th July

17th to 19th July

15th, 16th & 18th July

14th, 17th & 19th July

3-Day Winter Workshop (School holidays)

Pre-Primary / Primary / Grade 1 / Grade 5 / Inter-Found

Grade 2 / Grade 3 / Grade 4 / Intermediate

Advanced 1

Advanced 2 Boys

Early Term 3


RAD Exams

Exact dates to be advised by RAD Head Office. We anticipate our exams to be held the first few weeks of term)

How to Register

Registration is now open! To secure your child's place. Simply lick the link for your child's Ballet Grade below to register and pay your RAD Registration Fee.

NOTE: This must be submitted BEFORE 12th May 2025 to secure their spot.

BALLET GRADE	CLICK LINK TO REGISTER 
GRADE 1	https://bit.ly/Grade-1-RAD
GRADE 2	https://bit.ly/Grade-2-RAD
GRADE 3	https://bit.ly/Grade-3-RAD
GRADE 4	https://bit.ly/Grade-4-RAD
GRADE 5	https://bit.ly/Grade-5-RAD



How To Register Step-by-Step

1. Click on the Exam Link above for your grade to be taken to the registration page
2. Click "Continue"
3. Enter your Customer Details (ie; parent/carer details) and click "Next"
4. Enter Student Details and click "Save" (NB: If you do not know your RAD ID number leave this blank).

Note: Only add a 2nd student if they are registering for the same grade. You must repeat this process for a 2nd child with the correct link for their grade.

5. Click "Next"
6. Check your details correct
7. Read the Terms and Tick box to accept.
8. Sign the digital form.
9. Click "Yes" to receive emails
10. Click "Submit All Details"
11. Check details correct and Click "Pay"
12. Enter your Card details and Click "Pay"

NB: You will receive a confirmation email with your receipt.

RAD Mock Exams 2025

When registering with the link for the exam, your child will also be booked to attend their Mock Exam and 3 Day Winter Workshop. Please save the following dates on your calendar.

Saturday 5th July

GRADE	TIME
PRE PRIMARY (Set 1*)	9:00am- 9:30am
PRE PRIMARY (Set 2*)	9:30am- 10:00am
ADVANCED 1 **	10:00am - 11:15am
ADVANCED 2 - GIRLS	11:15am - 12:30pm
GRADE 1	1:00pm - 2:15pm
GRADE 3	2:15pm - 3:15pm
GRADE 4	3:15pm - 4:15pm
ADVANCED 2 - BOYS	4:15pm - 5:30pm

***Dancers in Pre-Primary and Primary will rehearse in the exam sets. If you are unsure if your dancer is Set 1 or 2, please contact NCD office.**

RAD Mock Exams 2025

When registering with the link for the exam, your child will also be booked to attend their Mock Exam and 3 Day Winter Workshop. Please save the following dates on your calendar.

Sunday 6th July

GRADE	TIME
PRIMARY CLASS AWARD	9:00am- 9:30am
PRIMARY (Set 1*)	9:30am - 10:00am
PRIMARY (Set 2*)	10:00am - 10:30am
GRADE 2	10:30am - 11:30am
GRADE 5	11:30am - 12:30pm
INTERMEDIATE FOUNDATION	1:00pm - 2:45pm
INTERMEDIATE	2:45pm - 4:30pm

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3-Day Winter Workshop 2025

Please take note of the days and times for your dancer's grade to attend their pre-exam 3-Day Winter Workshop.

Mon 14th, Tues 15th & Wed 16th July

GRADE	TIME
PRE PRIMARY (Set 1*)	9:00am- 9:30am
PRE PRIMARY (Set 2*)	9:30am - 10:00am
PRIMARY (Set 1*)	10:00am - 10:30am
PRIMARY (Set 2*)	10:30am - 11:00am
PRIMARY CLASS AWARD	11:00am - 11:30am
GRADE 1	12:00pm - 1:15pm
GRADE 5	1:15pm - 2:45pm
INTER-FOUNDATION	3:00pm - 4:45pm

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3-Day Winter Workshop 2025

Please take note of the days and times for your dancer's grade to attend their pre-exam 3-Day Winter Workshop.

Thurs 17th, Fri 18th & Sat 19th July

GRADE	TIME
GRADE 2	9:00am - 10:15am
GRADE 3	10:15am - 11:30am
GRADE 4	11:30am - 1:00pm
INTERMEDIATE	1:30pm - 3:15pm

ADVANCED 1

Tue 15 th & Wed 16 th July	5:00pm - 6:45pm
Friday 18 th July	3:15pm - 5:00pm

ADVANCED 2 BOYS

Monday 14 th July	5:00pm - 6:45pm
Thurs 17 th & Sat 19 th July	3:15pm - 5:00pm

ADVANCED 2 GIRLS

To Be Confirmed

What To Bring On Exam Day

BALLET UNIFORM

Our Junior Academy have a specific exam uniform which you hire from the Rose Fund costume room. This will be provided to your child on the exam day.

Students will need to bring and wear:

- Brand new ballet tights - Theatrical Pink
- High cut flesh coloured underwear
- Clean shoes - All students are to wear the MDM Brand.
 - Pre-Primary to Grade 4 - MDM brand with crossed elastics
 - Grade 5 - MDM brand with ribbons
- Character Shoes (from Grade 1 – Grade 5)
 - Low heel style for Grade 1 and 2
 - Higher heel style for Grade 3, 4 and 5
- Own Hairbrush, bobby pins and hair nets
- Water bottle (this can be taken inside the exam room)

Boys: Please check with your ballet teacher to confirm your ballet uniform requirements for your grade.

BALLET HAIR

Girls: Sleek straight back and bun on the crown. Boys: Neatly styled

Please arrive on time to your exam with hair already done. We have a team of volunteers who can assist students with hair on the morning of the exam if required.

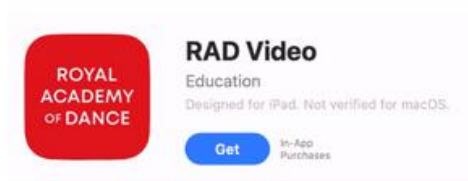
No Jewellery Policy

Please Note: No makeup or jewellery can be worn for RAD exams. Please also ensure your child does not have stickers and/or fake tattoos on their skin.

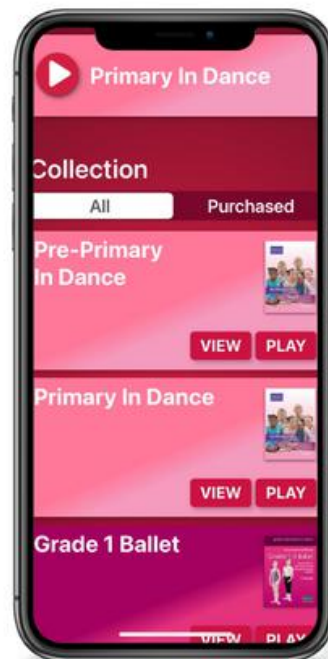
RAD Video App

We encourage all students to further enhance their confidence by practising their RAD class work at home. To do this, go to the App Store search for "RAD Video" and download the RAD app. From there you can purchase your dancer's current grade of study. The RAD app is an excellent and affordable resource.

Get the Royal Academy of Dance App!





1. Download from your App Store!
2. Purchase your dancer's RAD grade



Have Any Questions?

We're here to help! Contact our admin team anytime to discuss your child's readiness, payment options, or the registration process.

 Email: admin@nationalcollegeofdance.com

 Phone: 02 4952 9294

Final Thoughts from NCD

Choosing to invest in your child's ballet exam is an incredible gift. It's about more than dancing — it's about teaching your child to work towards something meaningful, overcome challenges, and feel proud of their efforts.

We know the exam journey becomes one of the most memorable and defining moments in a dancer's childhood.

We can't wait to celebrate this next step with you!

The NCD Team