

SHOREDANCE

BIRKENHEAD DANCE STUDIO

PRIMARY BALLET EXAMS 2017

All Shore Dance Primary ballet students have the opportunity to enter in a Royal Academy of Dance Primary Ballet exam. This is where the students perform their exercises from class in front of an examiner and receive a certificate and a medal. The Primary exams are a lot of fun and a great experience for the children. It also gives them something to work towards during the year. While this is not compulsory, we do highly recommend them for all students! Please note that students must be at least 6 years old to sit the Primary exam.

What happens during an examination?

Students who participate in the Primary in Dance examination will enter the exam room with up to three other students. The examiner will then ask them to perform each of their Primary exercises as they have learnt during their classes. The examiner will assess their performance and they will receive marks for each section, with an overall mark out of 100.

When and where will they be held?

They will be held in our Shore Dance studio where the students have class every week. They could be any date between the 26th of July and the 29th of August (scheduled by Royal Academy of Dance). Please note that exams are often scheduled on week days, and may require students to be taken out of school for a few hours on the day of their exam.

What will students receive after they have passed their exam?

Each student will receive an assessment report, a certificate, and a medal (bronze for pass, silver for merit, gold for distinction).



How much are the exam fees?

The RAD Primary exam fee is \$80.00. Please note that this fee is non-refundable (see further details on entry form). This exam fee includes a \$10.00 administrative charge to help towards the costs of running the exams.

What preparation is required for the exam?

It is important that all students entering in the ballet exam attend ballet class every week (unless they are sick). If they are unable to attend a class, please contact Miss Whitney to arrange a make-up class.

Holidays Classes and Mock Exam:

During the second week of the school holidays (July 17th – 21st) there will be a special exam practice class. This class will be compulsory so if you are planning on going away in the July school holidays, please schedule this for the first week so they will be available to attend their special class. The timetable of the holiday classes will be finalised once the exam entries are in. The students will also have a "mock exam" closer to the time of

the exam to practice the exact procedure of the day. The total cost for the special exam practice classes in the holidays and the mock exam is \$20.00.

Practicing at Home:

It is important for the students to practice their ballet at home. Unfortunately, due to copyright reasons, we are unable to duplicate the music for students. However the Pre-primary and Primary music CD is available to purchase from RAD for \$38.00. There is also a DVD available from the RAD which has both pre-primary and primary levels for \$66.00. Please contact us if you would like to order one.

What are the uniform requirements?

All students entering the Primary ballet exam must wear the following uniform items (all available from the Shore Dance shop).

- Regulation lilac Chloe leotard
- Regulation lilac RAD Wrap Skirt
- Leather ballet shoes (full sole)
- Pink ballet socks (ballet tights are not allowed for the exam day)
- Hair in a classical ballet bun (requires hair tie, nylon bun net (matching hair colour), and hair pins – please note teachers will be available on the exam day to help with buns)

It is also very important that all students come to class with their hair in a ballet bun (we have bun nets available to buy at our shop, and there is also a video tutorial on our website (uniform page) to demonstrate how to do a classical ballet bun).



When are the fees and entry form due?

Entry forms and exam fees must be submitted and paid by the 13th of May. Entry forms may be submitted electronically by completing the online entry form on our website www.shoredance.co.nz. Please note, if you do not return your entry form or pay the fee by the correct date, your child will not be entered in the exam. No late entries can be accepted.

If you have any further queries about the Primary Ballet exam, please do not hesitate to contact me: contact@shoredance.co.nz. I really do encourage all students to take this wonderful opportunity, as it is a lot of fun and a great experience for them!