

2022 Ballet Exam and Syllabus Information

Dear Parents and Students,

Steppes, students enrolled in ballet are currently studying the Australian Dance Vision (ADV) syllabus and working towards their annual examinations. In the past, Steppes' students have received very high achievements, with excellent results. We encourage all students to undergo their exams; however, we need to reiterate that they are not compulsory, although progression to the next level without assessment will be at the teacher's discretion if not formally examined.

On completion, students will receive a certificate together with a mark; however, if a student does not wish to have a mark and only wants a written report, they should advise their teacher prior to examination day.

What is an assessment / examination?

An assessment/examination is assessed in a group of 4 – 6 children (from the same class) students show their dance work to an external assessor. The assessment takes place at Steppes studios, the teacher or principal is present throughout the class to provide support but does not teach the class. The examiner will take notes and later provide a report and mark for each student. The ADV assessments are designed to be a warm and friendly experience.

Assessments are offered to all classical students who dance at Steppes School of Dance and attending regular ballet. If parents are unsure if a student is ready then we are happy to discuss. We encourage all junior levels from Primary to do an exam. We will notify you if we think your child is not ready.

What are the benefits of an assessment / examination?

An assessment provides external feedback on each student's ability and skill. It also helps each student work towards a goal and pushes them to work harder in class. The goal inevitably leads to stronger focus towards developing and improving strength and ability. Such goals also teach students commitment and dedication with the reward of the confidence that achievement brings, often lifting a child to their true potential.

What is involved in taking an assessment / examination?

Students in Primary – Preparatory Ballet need to attend their weekly class as regularly as possible. Students from Level 1 upwards are encouraged to attend 2 classical ballet classes a week for option 1.

Option 1 - Examination and receive a report and grade.

Students are marked on their technique, musicality, and presentation.

Option 2 - Examination and receive a report and comment (no grade)

Ability Mark - Students are given an ability mark out of 10.



Attitude Mark - Students will also receive an attitude mark out of 100 from their class teacher based on the following below. This is worth 10% in the overall exam result. If a student is given a high mark for their attitude in class, this can lift their overall result from a year of working hard.

Teachers weekly assessment.

- Concentration 20
- Effort 30
- Classroom Etiquette 20
- Correct Uniform 10
- Hair correct 10
- Shoes 10

Examiner's assessment criteria:

- Technique
- Knowledge of syllabus
- Performance
- Strength
- Presentation
- Musicality

Grading levels

- Honours with Distinction 90%
- Honours 80%
- Highly Commended 70%
- Commended 60%
- Pass + 55%
- Pass 50%

Additional Exam Classes

Students can attend additional exam classes with practice run through of their exam in their smaller exam groups. Talk to your teacher or Steppes reception for more information

Examinations

Our examinations for all ballet levels will be held at the Steppes studios, with a qualified ADV examiner assessing all students over 2 days.

The 2022 Exams will be held on Friday 12th and Saturday 13th August.



ADV Ballet Exam Fees

<u>Ballet Levels</u>	<u>Full Fee</u>
Beginners	\$90
Primary	\$95
Preparatory	\$100
Level 1	\$115
Level 2	\$125
Level 3	\$130
Level 4	\$135
Level 5 / Prelude	\$140
Level 6 / Transition	\$150
Major 1*	\$250
Major 2*	\$255
Major 3*	\$270
Major 4*	\$290
Major 5*	\$305

*All Major students are to become member of ADV, before undertaking examinations, included in the fee. This allows ADV Major Students to some great benefits.

ADV have a non-refundable policy of the assessment fee should a student not do the assessment due to injury, absence or student changing their mind.

If any parents have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me on 0413 522 245 or by emailing emily@steppeschoolofdance.com.au

Kind Regards,

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