



*Pymble Ladies' College*

# Royal Academy of Dance Ballet Grades

## Information

### 2018



## Royal Academy of Dance

This Information booklet will provide you with all of the necessary information about what we offer in our Ballet program at the College. Our RAD Ballet Grades are a part of our Dance Program and come under the Ballet Stream category. In 2018 we will again be offering the Royal Academy of Dance (RAD) Syllabus from 'Pre-Primary in Dance' to 'Intermediate'.

*Royal Academy of Dance:*

*With over 13,000 members' spread across 83 countries, The Royal Academy of Dance (RAD) is one of the largest and most influential dance education and training organisations in the world. The RAD offers an internationally recognised portfolio of examinations and assessments designed to encourage, motivate and reward students of all ages and abilities, outlining a progressive structure for learning and achievement.*

The graded syllabi provides a broad practical dance education developing the technical, musical and performance skills of the student. All classes will incorporate Classical Ballet with the addition of Character Dance for Grades 1 – 7.

The vocational grades build on the elements covered in the Graded syllabus, focusing on the performance of Ballet to an advanced standard and is intended for dedicated, exceptionally skilled and passionate students.

The **Graded Examination in Dance** syllabus:

- focuses on Ballet and Character
- is appropriate for candidates from the age of 5 years

The **Vocational Graded Examination in Dance** syllabus:

- builds on the elements covered in the Graded syllabus, focusing on the performance of Ballet to an advanced standard, and is intended for students who wish to pursue a career in Dance
- comprises examinations at six levels from Intermediate Foundation to Solo Seal Award (The College currently offers up to Intermediate)
- is suitable for candidates from the age of 11 years

Included in this document is a table of the 2018 structure of Ballet at *Pymble*. Each year we review the program and make any necessary changes to cater for our current students and RAD requirements.

Please use all information in this booklet to assist with planning where your daughter is in her Ballet grades.

Royal Academy of Dance Grades offered at *Pymble Ladies' College* 2018

<b>Preparatory School Ballet</b>			
<b>Royal Academy of Dance Grades</b>	<b>Year at School</b>	<b>Mode of Examination Available</b>	<b>Number of Classes Required a Week</b>
Pre-Primary in Dance	Kindergarten	Class Award	1
Primary in Dance	Year 1	Class Award	1
Grade 1	Year 2	Class Award	1

<b>Junior School Ballet</b>			
<b>Royal Academy of Dance Grades</b>	<b>Year at School</b>	<b>Mode of Examination Available</b>	<b>Number of Classes Required a Week</b>
Grade 2	Year 3	Examination	1 (non-exam) / 2(Examination)
Grade 3	Year 4	Examination	1 (non-exam) / 2(Examination)
Grade 4	Year 5	Examination	1 (non-exam) / 2(Examination)
Grade 5	Year 6	Examination	1 (non-exam) / 2(Examination)

<b>Secondary School Ballet</b>			
<b>Royal Academy of Dance Grades</b>	<b>Year at School</b>	<b>Mode of Examination Available</b>	<b>Number of Classes Required a Week</b>
Grade 7	Year 7 +	Examination	2
Grade 8	Not offered in 2018		

<b>Secondary School RAD Ballet - VOCATIONAL GRADES</b>			
<b>*By Invitation Only</b>			
<b>Royal Academy of Dance Grades</b>	<b>Year at School</b>	<b>Mode of Examination Available *</b>	<b>Number of Classes Required a Week</b>
Intermediate	Year 7 +	Examination	2

## Ballet in the Preparatory School



All of our Preparatory Ballet Grades complete the Class Award for a participation certificate. This fosters the girls' confidence and celebrates their achievements, rather than the formal examination modes which create unnecessary pressure for this age group.

All Preparatory Ballet students are required to participate in the annual Dance Showcase. We value both the learning and assessment of the Royal Academy of Dance syllabi and the preparation and performance of the Dance Showcase routine equally.

All Preparatory School Ballet classes only do one class a week.

### Preparatory Ballet

Royal Academy of Dance Grades	Year at School	Mode of Examination Available	Number of Classes Required a Week	Class Day and Time
Pre-Primary in Dance	Kindergarten	Class Award	1	Wednesday or Friday 3.00pm to 3.45pm
Primary in Dance	Year 1	Class Award	1	Thursday 3.00pm to 4.00pm
Grade 1	Year 2	Class Award	1	Monday 3.00pm to 4.00pm



## Ballet in the Junior School

In the Junior School students have the option to take one or two Ballet classes a week.

All Ballet students are required to participate in the annual Dance Showcase. We value both the learning and assessment of the Royal Academy of Dance syllabi and the preparation and performance of the Dance Showcase routine equally. Due to this, each grade has allocated days for Syllabus Focus and Showcase Content.



There are certain College and RAD requirements for specific grades. Please see below:

### **Grade 2, 3, 4, 5 - Examination Requirements:**

- Any student wishing to be considered for the examination at the end of the year **must register for, and consistently attend, the two classes a week.**
- Any student only registered for one class a week **will still perform in Dance Showcase.**

<b>Junior School Ballet</b>				
<b>Royal Academy of Dance Grades</b>	<b>Year at School</b>	<b>Number of Classes Required a Week</b>	<b>Day and Time (Once a week) SHOWCASE AND SYLLABUS</b>	<b>Day and Time (Twice a Week) SYLLABUS</b>
Grade 2	Year 3	1 (non-exam) 2(Examination)	Tuesday 3.15pm to 4.15pm	Tuesday 3.15pm to 4.15pm Wednesday 3.45pm to 4.45pm
Grade 3	Year 4	1 (non-exam) 2(Examination)	Tuesday 4.15pm to 5.15pm	Tuesday 4.15pm to 5.15pm Thursday 3.15pm to 4.15pm
Grade 4	Year 5	1 (non-exam) 2(Examination)	Thursday 4.15pm to 5.15pm	Monday 4.00pm to 5.00pm Thursday 4.15pm to 5.15pm
Grade 5	Year 6	1 (non-exam) 2(Examination)	Monday 5.00pm to 6.00pm	Monday 5.00pm to 6.00pm Thursday 7.00am to 8.00am



## Ballet in the Secondary School

In the Secondary School students are invited to either take the Vocational Grade pathway, or the Grade pathway. Students may move from the Graded pathway to the Vocational Graded pathway at an appropriate moment when advised by the College.

All Ballet students are required to participate in the annual Dance Showcase. We value both the learning and assessment of the Royal Academy of Dance syllabi and the preparation and performance of the Dance Showcase routine equally.



There are certain College and RAD requirements for specific grades. Please see below:

### *The Graded Pathway*

#### *Grade 7 only in 2018*

The College is offering Grade 7 in 2018. **These grades do not do Pointe Work**, but provide a beautifully crafted syllabi incorporating challenging exercises to still continue and develop the dancer's classical technique.

Secondary School Ballet - Graded Pathway				
Royal Academy of Dance Grades	Year at School	Number of Classes Required a Week	Day and Time SHOWCASE AND SYLLABUS	Day and Time SYLLABUS
Grade 7	Year 7 +	2	Wednesday 4.45pm to 6.00pm	Friday 5.00pm to 6.15pm

## ***The Vocational Pathway (\*By Invitation Only)***

### ***Intermediate***

The vocational grades build on the elements covered in the Graded syllabus, focusing on the performance of Ballet to an advanced standard and is intended for dedicated, skilled and passionate students.

Students will only complete their examination if they have met all requirements below and have accomplished the syllabus work. The College will determine each student's entry for examination on an individual basis and will advise parents accordingly. Students are not guaranteed to complete their examination in the year they commence the grade. In some cases it may take 2 years for a student to accomplish all vocational work.



The RAD Examinations for Vocational Grades are exceptionally difficult. Students are examined under the expectation of their future as a professional dancer.

All students wishing to be considered for the RAD Vocational Examinations must:

- Commit to attending the two scheduled weekly classes all year
- Have passed the Pre-Pointe Assessment with our Dance Physiotherapist
- Commit to private lessons.
- Register and agree to all Sport and Activities requirements online, including the registration and examination fees.
- Commit to attending a Mock Examination.
- Uphold the College values while participating in the Examinations.
- Communicate with the Dance Co-ordinator about any issues that may arise during the year.
- To ensure safe dance practice, candidates must have reached the following minimum age by **1 September** (for exam sessions taking place between September and December) Intermediate Age 12 +.



### ***Vocational Grade Appraisals***

We offer an Appraisal system for Vocational Grades. This is for students that have demonstrated considerable improvement, knowledge and attainment of the syllabus work but have not yet consolidated it for a formal RAD examination. This appraisal will acknowledge their achievements and will provide them with a report. The appraisal will also assist staff with guiding each student on their future Ballet registration. The appraisal is conducted under exam conditions, but it will not be assessed by an RAD examiner.

<b>Secondary School Ballet Vocational Grades</b>			
<b>Royal Academy of Dance Grades 2018</b>	<b>Year at School</b>	<b>Class Name</b>	<b>Day and Time</b>
Intermediate	Year 8 +	Sapphires	Tuesday 5.20pm to 6.50pm Wednesday 6.00pm to 7.30pm





## Holiday Workshops and Mock Examinations

Dates for Holiday Workshops and Mock Examinations will be communicated during Semester 1.

The Holiday Workshops will be optional and at an additional cost. The workshops will be 3 days long and will be held during the September School Holidays.










## Ballet Costs






Description	Optional	Amount	Grades	Notes
Class Award Fee	✓	\$65.00 - \$100.00	Pre-Primary in Dance – Grade 1	
Examination Fee	✓	\$90.00 - \$250.00	Grade 2 – Intermediate	Subject to College approval
Formal Appraisal	✓	\$50.00 - \$80.00	Intermediate Appraisal	
Holiday Workshops	✓	\$135.00 - \$150.00	Grade 2 – Intermediate	
Private Lessons	Compulsory for all examination students	\$45.00 per half an hour	Grade 2 – Intermediate	
Body Assessment	✓	\$150.00 (first appointment) \$80.00 (follow-up)	Vocational Grades & Eisteddfod Students	Please note if you have had a Pre-Pointe Assessment you do not need a Body Assessment.
Showcase Costume	Compulsory for all Ballet Students	\$80.00 - \$100.00		

The yearly Ballet registration charges are listed on the online registration information. Classes are charged yearly.

- All students that do 2 x Ballet classes a week receive 20% off the second class. This is built into the total cost.
- Eisteddfod students may use their 50% off Technique discount on their Ballet fees. The discount applicable is capped at \$378.50 per student per year.

## Uniform

Uniform Item	Grade Required
 <p><b>Navy Leotard LR5005G</b> – Bloch Rad Rani Girls Examination Leotard</p>	Pre-Primary Ballet (Kindergarten) Primary Ballet (Year 1) Grade 1 Ballet (Year 2) Grade 2 Ballet (Year 3) Grade 3 Ballet (Year 4) Grade 4 Ballet (Year 5) Grade 5 Ballet (Year 6)
 <p><b>Navy Crossover Z0658G</b> – Bloch Xenia Girls Cross-Over  (For Winter months)</p>	Pre-Primary Ballet (Kindergarten) Primary Ballet (Year 1) Grade 1 Ballet (Year 2) Grade 2 Ballet (Year 3) Grade 3 Ballet (Year 4) Grade 4 Ballet (Year 5) Grade 5 Ballet (Year 6)
<p><i>Please note that in 2018 there will be no wrap skirts worn to class. They will be worn on the Class Award and Examination day only and will be provided for Pre-Primary and Primary students.</i></p>	
 <p>Bloch Clara Women's <b>Black Leotard L3454</b></p>	Vocational Students – Intermediate
 <p>Bloch Charlyn <b>Full Circle Chiffon Womens Skirt</b> – AO320L - Deep Purple  Bloch Clara Womens <b>leotard Deep Purple</b> – L3454</p>	Grade 7 Ballet (Year 7 +)
 <p><b>Black Character skirt</b> – A0404G - Bloch Ribbon (pink) Character Girls Skirt</p>	Grade 1 Ballet (Year 2) Grade 2 Ballet (Year 3) Grade 3 Ballet (Year 4) Grade 4 Ballet (Year 5) Grade 5 Ballet (Year 6) Grade 7 Ballet (Year 7 +)
 <p>Pink <b>DANSOFT Leather Ballet Shoes</b> with Elastics attached - S0205G  (pre-sewn elastic for immediate use)</p>	Pre-Primary Ballet (Kindergarten) Primary Ballet (Year 1) Grade 1 Ballet (Year 2) Grade 2 Ballet (Year 3) Grade 3 Ballet (Year 4) Grade 4 Ballet (Year 5) Grade 5 Ballet (Year 6) Grade 7 Ballet (Year 7 +)
 <p><b>Black Character Shoes</b> – S0326G – Bloch Accent Girls Canvas Character Shoe (Low Heel)</p>	Grade 1 Ballet (Year 2) Grade 2 Ballet (Year 3) Grade 3 Ballet (Year 4) (Please note: Students in Grade 3 have the option of wearing the low Cuban heel or the full Cuban heel depending on the fitting)
	Grade 4 Ballet (Year 5) Grade 5 Ballet (Year 6)

	<p><b>Black Character Shoes –</b> S0325G – Bloch Tempo Cuban Girls Canvas Shoe</p>	<p>Grade 7 Ballet (Year 7 +)</p>
	<p><b>Soft Sole Demi Pointe Ballet Shoes –</b> 30134 with Narrow Satin Ribbons</p>	<p>Vocational Students – Intermediate</p>
	<p><b>Satin Pointe Shoes</b> Required (Students are to be fitted accordingly at Bloch stores)</p>	<p>Vocational Students – Intermediate</p>
	<p>Bloch embrace footed girls tights flesh colour</p>	<p>All classes</p>
	<p>Bloch Ballet Socks</p>	<p>Pre-Primary Ballet (Kindergarten) Primary ballet (Year 1) Grade 1 Ballet (Year 2) Grade 2 Ballet (Year 3) Grade 3 Ballet (Year 4) Grade 4 Ballet (Year 5) Grade 5 Ballet (Year 6)</p>

## Frequently Asked Questions:

### *What is a Class Award?*

A Class Award is where the students perform the Grade Syllabus to a Royal Academy of Dance Examiner in a small group. The teacher is present and assists the students with verbal directions. Each student receives a Certificate and a badge for participating. No mark is awarded.

### *What is an Examination?*

An Examination is where a student performs the Grade Syllabus or Vocational Syllabus to a Royal Academy of Dance Examiner. The student receives a report, a certificate and an individual mark out of 100. Students may receive a *Fail, Pass, Merit* or *Distinction*.

### *What is an Appraisal?*

An Appraisal is where the student performs the Vocational Syllabus under exam conditions but will not be assessed by an RAD Examiner. The Appraisal will acknowledge their achievements and the student will receive a report.

### *Does my daughter have to participate in a Class Award or an Examination?*

No.

### *What is a Vocational Grade?*

Vocational Grades include Intermediate Foundation, Intermediate, Advanced Foundation and Advanced 1 and 2. They are designed for students who want to study classical Ballet in greater depth. A pointe work component is included for the exam students.

### *Will my daughter progress to the next level if she does not participate in a Class Award or an Examination the year before?*

This is assessed and discussed on an individual basis and is at the teacher's and Dance Co-ordinator's discretion.

### *Will my daughter progress to the next level if she does not pass the Examination the year before?*

This is assessed and discussed on an individual basis and is at the teacher's and Dance Co-ordinator's discretion.

### *Does my daughter have to do pointe work?*

No – Only if she is in the Vocational Pathway

Yes - If your daughter wishes to be considered as an Exam candidate for a Vocational Grade, she must have passed her Pre-Pointe Assessment with the Dance Physiotherapist or show relevant pointe training history.

### *Will my daughter perform in the Dance Showcase in 2018?*

Yes. Every student has the opportunity to perform in the annual Dance Showcase.



