

2026 EXAM INFORMATION BOOKLET



Dance classes for everyone!

EXAM

INFORMATION BOOKLET 2025

Dear Parents/Caregivers and Students,

This booklet has all your need to know information regarding RAD ballet class awards/exams, APDA jazz, contemporary, tap, musical theatre and hip hop exams/assessments and DSOD performance awards (includes all ballet, jazz, contemporary, tap, hip hop, lyrical, acro and musical theatre classes 5yrs+) for 2026. **Please take note of all important dates.**

Exams/class awards/assessments and performance awards are a wonderful way to reward students for their efforts in dance throughout the year. While they are not compulsory, they are highly encouraged! Working towards an exam/assessment/class award or performance award is a great goal for students to set themselves. It encourages accountability, teaches them determination and allows the chance for their hard work to be recognised further.

Teachers will advise if it would be appropriate for a student to sit an exam or class award/assessment based on their class attendance, evidence of home practice and progress/focus during classes in during Term 1. Everyone is encouraged to enter a performance award.

Entering an exam/assessment/performance award is a commitment so please make sure you read through all the information, terms and conditions and refund policies in this booklet and on the exam entry forms before entering.

Please don't hesitate to contact me at emily@devonportschoolofdance.com if you have any queries.



Principal Devonport School of Dance

BDance, RAD R.T.S, PBT Certified Teacher, Silver Swans Licensee



IMPORTANT DATES

BE SURE TO MARK THESE DATES IN YOUR CALENDAR!

EXAM ENTRY & PAYMENT DUE

Sunday 5th April 2026 (Exams/Class Awards/Assessments)

Sunday 5th July 2026 (Performance Awards)

- Enter via the website
www.devonportschoolofdance.com/examentryform
- Payment to be made to Devonport School of Dance account: 02-0888-0125761-000 using your child's name, grade and "exam" as the reference.
- Late exam entry fee of \$20.00 (per exam/class award/assessment or performance award) applies if entering after the dates listed above.

PRIVATE LESSONS

Monday 6th - Sunday 19th July 2026

- July School Holidays (with the exception of Matariki on Friday 10th July)
- Subject to teacher and studio availability
- Can be booked via Class Manager Portal towards the end of Term 2.
- \$44.00 per half hour.
- Private lessons can be shared between students with the cost split.
- Additional private lessons may be available during weekends in Term 3 leading up to exams depending on studio and teacher availability
- As teachers travel to Devonport, a minimum of 3 hours booked is needed for lessons to go ahead on any given day.

MOCK EXAMS

RAD BALLETT

- Graded Ballet Mock Exams: Saturday 1st & Sunday 2nd August
- Vocational Ballet Mock Exams will be held during class time 2 weeks prior to exam date.

APDA JAZZ, CONTEMPORARY, TAP, HIP HOP & MUSICAL THEATRE

- APDA 2022 Mock Exam Dates: Saturday 15th, Sunday 16th, Saturday 22nd and Sunday 23rd August

MOCK EXAM TIMETABLES WILL BE SET AFTER ENTRIES HAVE BEEN RECEIVED AND EXAM DATES CONFIRMED BY THE RAD AND APDA. SLIGHT CHANGES TO THESE DATES MIGHT BE NEEDED DEPENDING ON CONFIRMED EXAM DATES. NO CHANGES TO THE TIMETABLE CAN BE REQUESTED

APPROX EXAM DATES

RAD BALLETT

- Graded Ballet Approximate Exam Dates: 4th August - 10th September
- Vocational Ballet Approximate Exam Dates: 11th - 16th May

APDA JAZZ, CONTEMPORARY, TAP, HIP HOP & MUSICAL THEATRE

- APDA Approximate Exam Dates: 31st August - 25th September (we request the first week of September but these dates can not be guaranteed).

DSOD PERFORMANCE AWARDS 2026

- Friday 18th September

EXAM & PERFORMANCE AWARDS TIMETABLES WILL BE SET BY THE RAD & APDA AFTER ENTRIES HAVE BEEN RECEIVED AND EXAM DATES CONFIRMED. NO CHANGES TO THE TIMETABLE CAN BE REQUESTED.



PRE-PRIMARY & PRIMARY BALLET CLASS AWARD



All Devonport School of Dance Pre-Primary and Primary ballet students who have been learning Pre-Primary and Primary from the beginning of Term 1 have the opportunity to enter in a Royal Academy of Dance Class Award.

This is where the students perform their class work in front of an examiner with their teacher present and receive a certificate and a medal. The class awards are a lot of fun and a great experience for the children and gets them familiar with exams for Grade 1 upwards. 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 5 years old to sit the Pre-Primary and Primary Class Award.

WHAT HAPPENS DURING THE CLASS AWARD?

Students who participate in a class award will enter the exam room with up to 7 fellow students and their teacher. Their teacher will then conduct the class and students will perform select exercises to an examiner who will assess their performance. The teacher is there to help guide students through the award and give reminders where needed.

WHEN AND WHERE WILL THEY BE HELD?

They will be held in Studio 1 at our Devonport School of Dance studios. They could be any date between the 4th August - 10th September 2026 (scheduled by RAD). Please note that class awards are often scheduled on weekdays, and may require students to be taken out of school for a few hours on the day of their exam. Please consider this when entering.

WHAT WILL STUDENTS RECEIVE?

Each student will receive an assessment report, a certificate and a medal.

HOW MUCH ARE THE ENTRY FEES?

Pre-Primary Ballet: \$89.00 Primary Ballet: \$95.00

The fees include a \$30.00 administration fee to help towards the cost of running the class award. Please note that this fee is non-refundable. If a student is unable to attend or complete a class award due to circumstances beyond their control, including illness, compassionate reasons eg. family bereavement, serious adverse weather conditions, etc., compensation may be sought. Evidence must be submitted to the appropriate RAD Office no later than 4 weeks after the class award date.

WHEN ARE THE FEES AND ENTRY FORMS DUE?

Entry forms and fees must be submitted and paid by **SUNDAY 5TH APRIL 2026**. Payment can be made to the Devonport School of Dance Account:

02-0888-0125761-000 with your child's name, grade and "exam" as the reference.

Entry forms are to be submitted online via the website:

www.devonportschoolofdance.com/examentryform

Please note late entries are accepted at the discretion of the RAD.

WHAT PREPARATION IS REQUIRED FOR THE CLASS AWARD?

It is important that all students entering the class award attend ballet every week (unless they are sick - please still attend if injured!) and for students to be practicing their ballet at home. This can be done using video's, notes and music posted in their Band class group. Make sure you have downloaded and are signed up to Band and have joined your 2026 class group(s) using the link:

<https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1kD5gQkgKWUyVrptQmAEMjteYbEc3ael-tF2Krpfu50/edit?usp=sharing>

Each class award group will have a mock exam either on a Saturday or Sunday in the weeks leading up to the exam so students can practice dancing in their exam groups. The date and time will be finalised once exam dates are allocated. The mock exam will be compulsory so please try your best to be available. The cost of the mock exam is included in the \$30.00 admin entry fee.

Holiday private lessons will be offered throughout the July school holidays 6th - 19th July and will be dependent on teacher availability. The cost is \$44.00 per 30 minutes and lessons may be shared between a number of students with the cost split. You will be advised in Term 2 when bookings open for private lessons via your Class Manager portal. Private lessons may be available in the weekends leading up to exams as well and will be dependant on teacher and studio availability.

WHAT ARE THE UNIFORM REQUIREMENTS?

All students participating in the class award must wear the following uniform items (all available from the uniform shop). www.devonportschoolofdance.com/uniform

- Lilac Chloe Leotard (t-shirt style)
- Lilac Wrap Skirt
- Leather Full-Soled Ballet Shoes
- Pink Ballet Tights
- Hair in a classical ballet bun (requires hair tie, bun net and bun pins matching the hair colour).
- Please note teachers will be available on exam day to style buns.

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GRADE 1 - 8 BALLET

CLASS AWARD



All Devonport School of Dance Grade 1 -8 ballet students who have been attending 2x lessons per week from Term 3 August in 2025 have the opportunity to enter in a Royal Academy of Dance Graded Ballet Class Award.

This is where the students perform select exercises from class with their teacher present in front of an examiner. They receive a certificate, an assessment report and a medal. Ballet class awards are a great experience for students and it also gives them something to work towards during the year. Please note that students must be aged 7 years and over to sit RAD graded ballet class awards.

WHAT HAPPENS DURING THE CLASS AWARD?

Students who participate in a class award will enter the exam room with up to 7 fellow students and their teacher. Their teacher will then conduct the class and students will perform select exercises to an examiner who will assess their performance. The teacher is there to help guide students through the award and give reminders where needed.

WHEN AND WHERE WILL THEY BE HELD?

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WHAT WILL STUDENTS RECEIVE?

Each student will receive an assessment report, a certificate and a medal.

HOW MUCH ARE THE ENTRY FEES?

Grade 1 Ballet: \$100.00	Grade 4 Ballet: \$129.00
Grade 2 Ballet: \$111.00	Grade 5 Ballet: \$138.00
Grade 3 Ballet: \$122.00	Grade 6 Ballet: \$140.00
	Grade 8 Ballet: \$150.00

The fees include a \$30.00 administration fee to help towards the cost of running the class award. Please note that this fee is non-refundable. If a student is unable to attend or complete a class award due to circumstances beyond their control, including illness, compassionate reasons eg. family bereavement, serious adverse weather conditions, etc, compensation may be sought. Evidence must be submitted to the appropriate RAD Office no later than 4 weeks after the class award date.

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WHAT PREPARATION IS REQUIRED FOR THE CLASS AWARD?

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Each class award group will have a mock exam either on a Saturday or Sunday in the weeks leading up to the exam so students can practice dancing in their exam groups. The date and time will be finalised once exam dates are allocated. The mock exam will be compulsory so please try your best to be available. The cost of the mock exam is included in the \$30.00 admin entry fee.

Holiday private lessons will be offered throughout the July school holidays 6th - 19th July and will be dependent on teacher availability. The cost is \$44.00 per 30 minutes and lessons may be shared between a number of students with the cost split. You will be advised in Term 2 when bookings open for private lessons via your Class Manager portal. Private lessons may be available in the weekends leading up to exams as well and will be dependant on teacher and studio availability.

WHAT ARE THE UNIFORM REQUIREMENTS?

All students participating in the exam must wear the following uniform requirements as found on the website: www.devonportschoolofdance.com/uniform

(This includes the correct type of ballet shoes).

All uniform items are available from the uniform shop 15 Wynyard St. Hair in a classical ballet bun (requires hair tie, bun net and bun pins matching the hair colour).

Please note teachers will be available on exam day to help style buns. Character skirts with purple ribbons can be hired for a \$20.00 hire fee and long black chiffon skirts for Grade 6, 7 and 8 will be provided on exam day.

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GRADE 1 - 8 BALLET EXAM



All Devonport School of Dance Grade 1 -8 ballet students who have been attending 2x lessons per week from Term 3 August in 2025 have the opportunity to enter in a Royal Academy of Dance Graded Ballet exam.

This is where the students perform their exercises from class in front of an examiner and receive a certificate, an assessment report and a medal. Ballet exams are a great experience for students and it also gives them something to work towards during the year. Please note that students must be aged 7 years and over to sit RAD graded ballet exams.

WHAT HAPPENS DURING THE EXAM?

Students who participate in an examination will enter the exam room with up to 3 fellow students. The examiner will then ask them to perform each of their exercises and dances 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 Studio 1 at our Devonport School of Dance studios. They could be any date between the 4th August - 10th September 2026 (scheduled by RAD). Please note that class awards are often scheduled on weekdays, and may require students to be taken out of school for a few hours on the day of their exam. Please consider this when entering.

WHAT WILL STUDENTS RECEIVE?

Each student will receive an assessment report, with a mark out of 100 (must receive 40 out of 100 to pass). If the student passes the exam, they will receive a certificate with their grade (pass, high pass, merit, high merit, distinction or high distinction), and a medal (bronze for pass, silver for merit, and gold for distinction).

HOW MUCH ARE THE ENTRY FEES?

Grade 1 Ballet: \$120.00	Grade 4 Ballet: \$154.00
Grade 2 Ballet: \$133.00	Grade 5 Ballet: \$165.00
Grade 3 Ballet: \$145.00	Grade 6 Ballet: \$171.00
	Grade 8 Ballet: \$181.00

The fees include a \$30.00 administration fee to help towards the cost of running the class award. Please note that this fee is non-refundable. If a student is unable to attend or complete a class award due to circumstances beyond their control, including illness, compassionate reasons eg. family bereavement, serious adverse weather conditions, etc., compensation may be sought. Evidence must be submitted to the appropriate RAD Office no later than 4 weeks after the class award date.

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WHAT PREPARATION IS REQUIRED FOR THE EXAM?

It is important that all students entering the exam attend two ballet classes weekly (unless they are sick - please still attend if injured!) and for students to be practicing their ballet at home. This can be done using video's, notes and music posted in their Band class group. Make sure you have downloaded and are signed up to Band and have joined your 2026 class group(s) using the link:

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Each exam group will have a mock exam either on a Saturday or Sunday in the weeks leading up to the exam so students can practice dancing in their exam groups. The date and time will be finalised once exam dates are allocated. The mock exam will be compulsory so please try your best to be available. The cost of the mock exam is included in the \$30.00 admin entry fee.

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WHAT ARE THE UNIFORM REQUIREMENTS?

All students participating in the exam must wear the following uniform requirements as found on the website: www.devonportschoolofdance.com/uniform

(This includes the correct type of ballet shoes).

All uniform items are available from the uniform shop 15 Wynyard St. Hair in a classical ballet bun (requires hair tie, bun net and bun pins matching the hair colour).

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CONTEMPORARY EXAM/ASSESSMENT



All Devonport School of Dance contemporary students who have been attending 1x lesson per week from the beginning of Term 1 have the opportunity to enter in a Asia Pacific Dance Association (APDA) Lucidity Contemporary exam or assessment.

Students perform their exercises, amalgamations and dances learnt in class to an examiner and receive a certificate and report. The contemporary exams/assessment are a great experience for students and gives them something to work towards during the year.

Please note teachers will decide if your child will be entered in an exam or assessment. This is dependent on class attendance, evidence of home practice and progress/focus from throughout the term.

WHAT HAPPENS DURING THE EXAM/ASSESSMENT?

Students will enter the exam room with up to 3-7 fellow students. The examiner will then ask them to perform each of their exercises, amalgamations, dances (and impromptus/student choreography where applicable) learnt during classes. Assessment students are marked with more weighting on performance and style and less emphasis on technical ability. Marks are awarded as:

- 50 - 59.5 Bronze
- 60 - 79.5 Silver
- 80 - 100 Gold

A gold result is an indication that the student could be entered as an examination candidate the following year. A certificate is awarded with the assessment result (not a physical medal).

Exam students are marked in accordance with technical requirements for each exercise. Requirements include; placement, musicality, timing, travel, lines and definition, knowledge of the syllabus, focus and performance. Marks are awarded as:

- 50 - 55.5 Pass
- 56 - 65.5 Pass Plus
- 66 - 75.5 Commended
- 76 - 85.5 Highly Commended
- 86 - 95.5 Honours
- 96 - 100 Honours with Distinction

WHEN AND WHERE WILL THEY BE HELD?

They will be held in Studio 1 at our Devonport School of Dance studios. They could be any date between the 31st August - 25th September 2026 (scheduled by APDA. We request the first week of September but dates cannot be guaranteed). Please note that exams are often scheduled on weekdays, and may require students to be taken out of school for a few hours on the day of their exam. Please consider this when entering.

WHAT WILL STUDENTS RECEIVE?

Each student will receive an assessment report, and a certificate. Top Mark Awards are also awarded to the student who receives the highest mark out of all students entered in a specific level and Top Tier Mark to the next 3 students with the highest mark.

WHEN ARE THE FEES AND ENTRY FORMS DUE?

Entry forms and fees must be submitted and paid by **SUNDAY 5TH APRIL 2026**. Payment can be made to the Devonport School of Dance Account: **02-0888-0125761-000** with your child's name, grade and "exam" as the reference.

Entry forms are to be submitted online via the website: www.devonportschoolofdance.com/examentryform

Please note late entry fees apply if entries are received after this date.

WHAT PREPARATION IS REQUIRED FOR THE EXAM/ASSESSMENT?

It is important that all students entering the exam/assessment attend contemporary every week (unless they are sick - please still attend if injured!) and for students to be practicing their contemporary at home. This can be done using video's, notes and music posted in their Band class group. Make sure you have downloaded and are signed up to Band and have joined your 2026 class group(s) using the invitation link:

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Each exam/assessment group will have a mock exam either on a Saturday or Sunday in the weeks leading up to the exam so students can practice dancing in their exam/assessment groups. The date and time will be finalised once exam dates are allocated. The mock exam will be compulsory so please try your best to be available. The cost of the mock exam is included in the \$30.00 admin entry fee.

Holiday private lessons will be offered throughout the July school holidays 6th - 19th July and will be dependent on teacher availability. The cost is \$44.00 per 30 minutes and lessons may be shared between a number of students with the cost split. You will be advised in Term 2 when bookings open for private lessons via your Class Manager portal. Private lessons may be available in the weekends leading up to exams as well and will be dependant on teacher and studio availability.

HOW MUCH ARE THE ENTRY FEES?

Level 4: \$110.00

Level 8: \$130.00

Level 5: \$115.00

The fees include a \$30.00 administration fee to help towards the cost of running the exams. Please note that this fee is non-refundable.

If a student is unable to attend or complete an examination due illness or injury, a refund can be requested (minus the administration fee) if a medical certificate is submitted to the APDA within 30 days of the exam date. A \$10.00 admin fee from the APDA will be deducted from the refund.

If you have a potential clash with a school activity or family holiday, we suggest you wait until the examination schedule and dates have been confirmed and then enter as a late entry if the dates are suitable.

WHAT ARE THE UNIFORM REQUIREMENTS?

All students participating in the exam must wear the following uniform requirements as found on the website: www.devonportschoolofdance.com/uniform

- Hair in a high (junior) or low (senior) bun

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JAZZ

EXAM/ASSESSMENT



All Devonport School of Dance jazz students who have been attending 1x lesson per week from the beginning of Term 1 have the opportunity to enter in a Asia Pacific Dance Association (APDA) Jazz Addict exam or assessment.

Students perform their exercises, amalgamations and dances learnt in class to an examiner and receive a certificate and report. Primary and junior levels also receive a ribbon. The jazz exams/assessment are a great experience for students and gives them something to work towards during the year.

Please note teachers will decide if your child will be entered in an exam or assessment. This is dependent on class attendance, evidence of home practice and progress/focus from throughout the term.

WHAT HAPPENS DURING THE EXAM/ASSESSMENT?

Students will enter the exam room with up to 3-7 fellow students. The examiner will then ask them to perform each of their exercises, amalgamations, dances (and impromptus/student choreography where applicable) learnt during classes. Assessment students are marked with more weighting on performance and style and less emphasis on technical ability. Marks are awarded as:

- 50 - 59.5 Bronze
- 60 - 79.5 Silver
- 80 - 100 Gold

A gold result is an indication that the student could be entered as an examination candidate the following year. A certificate is awarded with the assessment result (not a physical medal).

Exam students are marked in accordance with technical requirements for each exercise. Requirements include; placement, musicality, timing, travel, lines and definition, knowledge of the syllabus, focus and performance. Marks are awarded as:

- 50 - 55.5 Pass
- 56 - 65.5 Pass Plus
- 66 - 75.5 Commended
- 76 - 85.5 Highly Commended
- 86 - 95.5 Honours
- 96 - 100 Honours with Distinction

WHEN AND WHERE WILL THEY BE HELD?

They will be held in Studio 1 at our Devonport School of Dance studios. They could be any date between the 31st August - 25th September 2026 (scheduled by APDA. We request the first week of September but dates cannot be guaranteed). Please note that exams are often scheduled on weekdays, and may require students to be taken out of school for a few hours on the day of their exam. Please consider this when entering.

WHAT WILL STUDENTS RECEIVE?

Each student will receive an assessment report, and a certificate. Primary and Junior exam students will receive a ribbon. Top Mark Awards are also awarded to the student who receives the highest mark out of all students entered in a specific level and Top Tier Mark to the next 3 students with the highest mark.

WHEN ARE THE FEES AND ENTRY FORMS DUE?

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Please note late entry fees apply if entries are received after this date.

WHAT PREPARATION IS REQUIRED FOR THE EXAM/ASSESSMENT?

It is important that all students entering the exam/assessment attend contemporary every week (unless they are sick - please still attend if injured!) and for students to be practicing their contemporary at home. This can be done using video's, notes and music posted in their Band class group. Make sure you have downloaded and are signed up to Band and have joined your 2026 class group(s) using the invitation link: <https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1kD5gQkgKWTUYVrptQmAEJteYbEc3aelt-F2Krfu50/edit?usp=sharing>

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HOW MUCH ARE THE ENTRY FEES?

Primary 1 Jazz: \$85.00	Elementary 2 Jazz: \$115.00
Junior 1 Jazz: \$95.00	Elementary 3 Jazz: \$120.00
Junior 3 Jazz: \$105.00	Intermediate 2 Jazz: \$130.00

The fees include a \$30.00 administration fee to help towards the cost of running the exams. Please note that this fee is non-refundable.

If a student is unable to attend or complete an examination due illness or injury, a refund can be requested (minus the administration fee) if a medical certificate is submitted to the APDA within 30 days of the exam date. A \$10.00 admin fee from the APDA will be deducted from the refund.

If you have a potential clash with a school activity or family holiday, we suggest you wait until the examination schedule and dates have been confirmed and then enter as a late entry if the dates are suitable.

WHAT ARE THE UNIFORM REQUIREMENTS?

All students participating in the exam must wear the following uniform requirements as found on the website: www.devonportschoolofdance.com/uniform

- Two french or dutch braids - please arrive with hair braided.

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HIP HOP

EXAM/ASSESSMENT



All Devonport School of Dance hip hop students who have been attending 1x lesson per week from the beginning of Term 1 have the opportunity to enter in an Asia Pacific Dance Association (APDA) Urban Ignition Hip Hop exam or assessment.

Students perform their exercises, amalgamations and dances learnt in class to an examiner and receive a certificate and report. The hip hop exams/assessment are a great experience for students and gives them something to work towards during the year.

Please note teachers will decide if your child will be entered in an exam or assessment. This is dependent on class attendance, evidence of home practice and progress/focus from throughout the term.

WHAT HAPPENS DURING THE EXAM/ASSESSMENT?

Students will enter the exam room with up to 3-7 fellow students. The examiner will then ask them to perform each of their exercises, amalgamations, dances (and freestyle/crew dances where applicable) learnt during classes. Assessment students are marked with more weighting on performance and style and less emphasis on technical ability. Marks are awarded as:

- 50 - 59.5 Bronze
- 60 - 79.5 Silver
- 80 - 100 Gold

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Exam students are marked in accordance with technical requirements for each exercise. Requirements include; placement, musicality, timing, travel, lines and definition, knowledge of the syllabus, focus and performance. Marks are awarded as:

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HOW MUCH ARE THE ENTRY FEES?

Hip Hop Foundations: \$90.00 Level 4: \$110.00
Level 2: \$100.00 Level 5: \$115.00

The fees include a \$30.00 administration fee to help towards the cost of running the exams. Please note that this fee is non-refundable.

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If you have a potential clash with a school activity or family holiday, we suggest you wait until the examination schedule and dates have been confirmed and then enter as a late entry if the dates are suitable.

WHAT ARE THE UNIFORM REQUIREMENTS?

All students participating in the exam must wear the following uniform requirements as found on the website: www.devonportschoolofdance.com/uniform

- Two french or dutch braids - please arrive with hair braided.

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TAP

EXAM/ASSESSMENT



All Devonport School of Dance tap students who have been attending 1x lesson per week from the beginning of Term 1 have the opportunity to enter in an Asia Pacific Dance Association (APDA) Tap Evolution exam or assessment. Please note, Advanced 2 level is learnt over two years to sit the exam.

Students perform their exercises, amalgamations and dances learnt in class to an examiner and receive a certificate and report. Primary and junior levels also receive a ribbon. The tap exams/assessment are a great experience for students and gives them something to work towards during the year.

Please note teachers will decide if your child will be entered in an exam or assessment. This is dependent on class attendance, evidence of home practice and progress/focus from throughout the term.

WHAT HAPPENS DURING THE EXAM/ASSESSMENT?

Students will enter the exam room with up to 3-7 fellow students. The examiner will then ask them to perform each of their exercises, amalgamations, dances (and impromptu/student choreography where applicable) learnt during classes. Assessment students are marked with more weighting on performance and style and less emphasis on technical ability. Marks are awarded as:

- 50 - 59.5 Bronze
- 60 - 79.5 Silver
- 80 - 100 Gold

A gold result is an indication that the student could be entered as an examination candidate the following year. A certificate is awarded with the assessment result (not a physical medal).

Exam students are marked in accordance with technical requirements for each exercise. Requirements include; placement, musicality, timing, travel, lines and definition, knowledge of the syllabus, focus and performance. Marks are awarded as:

- 50 - 55.5 Pass
- 56 - 65.5 Pass Plus
- 66 - 75.5 Commended
- 76 - 85.5 Highly Commended
- 86 - 95.5 Honours
- 96 - 100 Honours with Distinction

WHEN AND WHERE WILL THEY BE HELD?

They will be held in Studio 1 at our Devonport School of Dance studios. They could be any date between the 31st August - 25th September 2026 (scheduled by APDA. We request the first week of September but dates cannot be guaranteed). Please note that exams are often scheduled on weekdays, and may require students to be taken out of school for a few hours on the day of their exam. Please consider this when entering.

WHAT WILL STUDENTS RECEIVE?

Each student will receive an assessment report, and a certificate. Primary and Junior exam students will receive a ribbon. Top Mark Awards are also awarded to the student who receives the highest mark out of all students entered in a specific level and Top Tier Mark to the next 3 students with the highest mark.

WHEN ARE THE FEES AND ENTRY FORMS DUE?

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WHAT PREPARATION IS REQUIRED FOR THE EXAM/ASSESSMENT?

It is important that all students entering the exam/assessment attend contemporary every week (unless they are sick - please still attend if injured!) and for students to be practicing their contemporary at home. This can be done using video's, notes and music posted in their Band class group. Make sure you have downloaded and are signed up to Band and have joined your 2026 class group(s) using the invitation link:

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HOW MUCH ARE THE ENTRY FEES?

Junior 2 Tap: \$100.00
Elementary 3 Tap: \$120.00

The fees include a \$30.00 administration fee to help towards the cost of running the exams. Please note that this fee is non-refundable.

If a student is unable to attend or complete an examination due illness or injury, a refund can be requested (minus the administration fee) if a medical certificate is submitted to the APDA within 30 days of the exam date. A \$10.00 admin fee from the APDA will be deducted from the refund.

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WHAT ARE THE UNIFORM REQUIREMENTS?

All students participating in the exam must wear the following uniform requirements as found on the website: www.devonportschoolofdance.com/uniform

- Hair in a high (junior) or low (senior) bun

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MUSICAL THEATRE EXAM/ASSESSMENT



All Devonport School of Dance musical theatre students who have been attending 1x lesson per week from the beginning of Term 1 have the opportunity to enter in an Asia Pacific Dance Association (APDA) Encore Theatre Musical Theatre exam or assessment.

Students perform their dances learnt in class to an examiner and receive a certificate, report and pin. The musical theatre exam/assessment is a great experience for students and gives them something to work towards during the year.

Please note teachers will decide if your child will be entered in an exam or assessment. This is dependent on class attendance, evidence of home practice and progress/focus from throughout the term.

WHAT HAPPENS DURING THE EXAM/ASSESSMENT?

Students will enter the exam room with up to 3-7 fellow students. The examiner will then ask them to perform each of their dances learnt during classes. Assessment students are marked with more weighting on performance and style and less emphasis on technical ability. Marks are awarded as:

- 50 - 59.5 Bronze
- 60 - 79.5 Silver
- 80 - 100 Gold

A gold result is an indication that the student could be entered as an examination candidate the following year. A certificate is awarded with the assessment result (not a physical medal).

Exam students are marked in accordance with technical requirements for each exercise. Requirements include; placement, musicality, timing, travel, lines and definition, knowledge of the syllabus, focus and performance. Marks are awarded as:

- 50 - 55.5 Pass
- 56 - 65.5 Pass Plus
- 66 - 75.5 Commended
- 76 - 85.5 Highly Commended
- 86 - 95.5 Honours
- 96 - 100 Honours with Distinction

WHEN AND WHERE WILL THEY BE HELD?

They will be held in Studio 1 at our Devonport School of Dance studios. They could be any date between the 31st August - 25th September 2026 (scheduled by APDA. We request the first week of September but dates cannot be guaranteed). Please note that exams are often scheduled on weekdays, and may require students to be taken out of school for a few hours on the day of their exam. Please consider this when entering.

WHAT WILL STUDENTS RECEIVE?

Each student will receive an assessment report, a pin and a certificate. Top Mark Awards are also awarded to the student who receives the highest mark out of all students entered in a specific level and Top Tier Mark to the next 3 students with the highest mark.

WHEN ARE THE FEES AND ENTRY FORMS DUE?

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WHAT PREPARATION IS REQUIRED FOR THE EXAM/ASSESSMENT?

It is important that all students entering the exam/assessment attend contemporary every week (unless they are sick - please still attend if injured!) and for students to be practicing their contemporary at home. This can be done using video's, notes and music posted in their Band class group. Make sure you have downloaded and are signed up to Band and have joined your 2026 class group(s) using the invitation link:

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HOW MUCH ARE THE ENTRY FEES?

Broadway Baby: \$90.00

Level 5: \$115.00

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WHAT ARE THE UNIFORM REQUIREMENTS?

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DSOD PERFORMANCE AWARDS

ALL GENRES



We hold our very own Devonport School of Dance Performance Awards! Open to all students who learn ballet, contemporary, tap, jazz, acro, musical theatre, lyrical and hip hop. Students learn a dance in class and perform to an examiner and audience of family and friends.

The performance awards are a wonderful performance opportunity and are open to all students from age 5 and upwards (those who are sitting an exam and those who aren't).

The aim of DSOD Performance Medals are to recognise our hard working dancers, celebrate their progress in learning and to encourage and inspire our newest dancers to perform in front of a small audience (the dancers invited family & the dancers peers) in preparation for our shows nearer the end of the year.

WHAT HAPPENS DURING THE PERFORMANCE AWARD?

Students will enter the studio with a group of students who are dancing a variety of styles. Students then perform their dance. Junior students perform the dance in pairs and intermediate/ senior students as a solo.

There is then a short medal presentation after the final dancer where students are given their medals. Certificates with a comment are given

Please note: you may take photos and videos of only your own child performing but we do ask that you consider being present and enjoying the performance instead.

WHEN AND WHERE WILL THEY BE HELD?

They will be held at Devonport School of Dance Studio 1- 15 Wynyard St, Devonport on Friday 18th September 2026.

Please note that performance awards may require students to be taken out of school for a few hours on the day of their performance award. Please consider this when entering. The timetable will be confirmed as soon as possible after entries have been received.

HOW MUCH ARE THE FEES?

\$50.00 per medal

A \$15.00 admin fee is included in the entry fee to help with the running of the DSOD Performance Award sessions. This fee is non-refundable as medals and certificates are purchased well in advance.

A refund (minus the admin fee) can only be provided due to illness or injury where a medical certificate is supplied.

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WHAT WILL STUDENTS RECEIVE?

Each student will receive a certificate with a comment and a DSOD performance award medal.

WHAT PREPARATION IS REQUIRED FOR THE PERFORMANCE AWARD

It is important that all students entering the for a performance award attend class every week (unless they are sick - please still attend if injured!) and for students to be practicing their performance award dance at home. This can be done using video's, notes and music posted in their Band class group. Make sure you have downloaded and are signed up to Band and have joined your 2026 class group(s) using the invitation link: <https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1kD5gQkgKWUYVrptQmAEJteYbEc3ael-t-F2KrpFu50/edit?usp=sharing>

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WHAT ARE THE UNIFORM REQUIREMENTS?

All students participating in the performance awards will be given a costume from the DSOD wardrobe to wear along with their required uniform shoes. Please also bring regular uniform items as these might be worn underneath/with your costume. www.devonportschoolofdance.com/uniform

All uniform items are available from the uniform shop 15 Wynyard St. Hair to be styled neatly and off faces appropriate to the style of dance being performed.

