

Cecchetti Classical Ballet Exams - August 2021

Here at WPAS, we are preparing for our ballet exam & assessment season! If you are wondering what on earth exams are all about, and whether or not your child should participate in one, then read on!

What Exam Syllabus do we use at WPAS?

Our classical ballet classes are taught using the Cecchetti method of Classical Ballet. It is an internationally recognised system of training and offers many benefits including sound technique, artistic qualities, alumni opportunities and further qualifications.. Miss

Jade is highly qualified with this syllabus, and alongside Miss Maddy & Miss Darcy who are undertaking their Associate Degree with Cecchetti we are excited to offer this professional method of training to WPAS students. More information can be found on the

Cecchetti Ballet Australia here: www.cecchettiballet.org

How will I know if my child is / isn't ready for an Exam or Assessment?

Examinations and assessments are not compulsory, *and our policy is 'nobody gets left behind'* regardless if a child participates in an exam/assessment or not. For those who thrive from the experience, Exams & Assessments do provide an important goal for students to work towards and a sense of achievement. They also provide a professional certification that students receive which can also be a great way for parents to see their investment in allowing their children to train in dance & at WPAS.

We work with the individual child - Not all students will be ready for an Exam or Assessment this year and that's completely okay!

Sometimes children are not quite ready for an exam experience and we will recommend the child take another year or so of training before entering an exam or assessment.. There are a variety of reasons for this including physical strength, maturity, coordination, focus and confidence. Children all develop at very different rates and we welcome and support this - our sound teaching philosophy and knowledge of safe dance practice guides us in making decisions about a child's readiness for exams.

Wipe away your own pre-conceived ideas and perhaps your own memories of exams!

They are not like the exams of days gone by! Examiners from Cecchetti Ballet and Tapatak are all professional, encouraging and friendly. The structure of the exam is designed to be a positive experience and help build your child's confidence.

If exams are not compulsory, why bother?

Exams provide an important benchmark for teachers as well as students but the mark on the bottom of the sheet is not our sole definition of success. We emphasize with the students that it is all about the process of improvement, having a goal to work towards and striving to be the best versions of ourselves. We find that children who participate in examinations gain confidence and learn important life skills such as learning to concentrate in an examination environment which assists with their school examinations and other similar situations. Participating in examinations also gives them a goal to work towards and an opportunity to receive an independent assessment of how they are progressing technically. Ultimately, the higher levels can lead to examinations for Teaching Diplomas.

We currently have 2 options for your child in how to 'progress' in their classical ballet training for those who are ready! These choices are completely up to you and your child however we can absolutely provide feedback or guidance on what we feel is the best option for your child.

1) Ballet Assessment (Cecchetti)

A Ballet Assessment is a great option for students who would like to try the Cecchetti Examination experience but without the stress of receiving marks or points. A Cecchetti Assessment is where students present their work to a Cecchetti Examiner and receive a written report on their work (no pass, fail or marks just comments)

Students are always performing in groups, never on their own. This is the exact same experience as an Exam, just the outcome/paper is different. We recommend Assessment for less technical dancers but those who have a passion and love for their ballet and performing for someone!

2) Ballet Examination (Cecchetti)

A Ballet Exam is a great option for students who would like to sit their Professional Ballet Qualification and receive results that have marks, points and comments. This is a national standard examination so students will be marked on this standard. We recommend Exams for technical and self aware dancers (where their body is in 'space'), and don't shy away from strong feedback and comments.

Cecchetti Exams & Assessment Details:

*Please note, all students are currently continuing their Cecchetti Grade from Semester 2 2020 so will actually be entered in this exam not their current timetabled grade. This was to ensure all 'First time' cecchetti students presented work they were capable and confident with. The costs for these Assessments & Exams include their professional certification or report and also include the Examiners travel, Accommodation, Piano Accompanist's Fees, Sheet Music & Syllabus

Cecchetti Ballet Assessment/Exam Fees

Pre Primary - \$115.00	*This class is currently on the WPAS timetable as Primary Saturdays 9.15-10am
Primary - \$115.00	*This class is currently on the WPAS timetable as Grade 1 Tuesdays 3.45-4.30pm
Grade 1 - \$ 125.00	*This class is currently on the WPAS timetable as Grade 2 Ballet
Grade 2 - \$ 131.00	*This class is currently on the WPAS timetable as Grade 3 Ballet
Grade 3 - \$ 140.00	*This class is currently on the WPAS timetable as Grade 4 Ballet
Grade 6 - \$170.00	*This class is currently on the WPAS timetable as Grade 5 & 6 Ballet

Examination & Assessment Dates:

8th - 11th August (individual dates tbc)

Venue: WPAS

What do we need from you?

Please return this form by Wed 16th of June. Tick which option you will be taking and return to Tracy in the office or return email. *Please pay for your exam or assessment when you return your form, by choice of direct debit (ref. Ballet exam), eftpos or cash.*

NAME: _____

Preference: (please email Miss Jade if you would prefer a recommendation)

- EXAM
- ASSESSMENT
- NONE