



## GRADED DIVISION INFORMATION PACK



Hi,

Thank you for your interest in Simply Ballet. We are honoured you'd consider letting us take care of your child's development in the creative world of dance.

Ballet is what we do.

With each plié, leap, and spin, Simply Ballet will help your child develop countless skills that transfer into other areas of life, without them even knowing. A beautiful world of dance, fun, and learning awaits.

Our goal at Simply Ballet is to educate and inspire right from the start. Our children's dance program is designed specifically to give a good technical foundation, stimulate their performance and musicality skills, help with physical and mental development, and most of all – to be enjoyable.

Please take some time to read through this information pack, and if you have any further question please don't hesitate to get in touch. I look forward to welcoming you to the Simply Ballet family.

Sincerely,

Helen Cooper  
Director  
Simply Ballet



# RAD Graded Ballet

## Age 7 and upwards

Simply Ballet provides Classical Ballet training with structure and intent. As a Royal Academy of Dance (RAD) Registered School, we are part of a worldwide community in over 89 countries.



**Ballet is what we do**, and we are proud to offer high quality ballet training to all students.

Classes are designed to be enjoyable and exciting, whilst also developing strong classical ballet technique through a wholistic framework. This includes stimulating a student's sense of musicality and performance.

At Simply Ballet, students learn in an engaging and supportive environment to develop a solid classical ballet technique including:

- Co-ordination, strength, and poise
- Musicality and performance quality
- Developing lifelong skills such as self-discipline, organisation, persistence and working towards a goal
- Developing friendships and a sense of comradery



Grades are generally taken in ascending order from 1 – 8, giving students a framework to develop skills, experience a sense of achievement, and create long lasting friendships. Students in the Graded Division study two classes per week.

RAD Assessments and End of Year Concert are optional.

**When?**

**Times based on Graded level**

**Cost?**

**From \$340 per 10-week term  
(for 2 x 60 min lesson per week)**

**Assessment  
Options**

**Class Award or Examination  
with Report, Certificate, and Medal**



# End of Year Concert

Our End of Year Concert is the most exciting time of the year at Simply Ballet!

This is everyone's chance to shine and show off their hard work – and doing it in a beautiful costume in front of family and friends just adds to the joy.

We encourage all our students and families, no matter how young or old to consider being a part of this exciting and rewarding event in some way – as a performer or just coming to watch the show.



Students perform in a theatre with stage lights, music, and a live audience - there's even an online stream of the show for those family members who can't be there on the day.

Participation is optional and is covered by a separate concert fee which includes everything like costume, photographs, props, choreography, video, rehearsals and more.

Our End of Year Concert is usually held in mid to late November and is a chance to both cement friendships and discover the thrill of performing.





# Examinations and Assessments

At Simply Ballet, one of our values is to 'Celebrate Achievement'. One way we do this is through offering Examinations and Assessments for students to participate in.

Assessments are not compulsory, but many students enjoy the process of working towards a goal and feeling a sense of accomplishment.

RAD Examinations and Class Awards offer worldwide recognised qualifications that develop specific skills and outcomes, which can also be used as stepping stones to achieve SACE certificates and access tertiary or Higher Education.



**Assessments are generally held mid-year, with students progressing to the next level in Term 3.**

## **RAD Examinations**

Candidates prepare a series of exercises and dances to be presented to an examiner.

Candidates undertaking an Examination are assessed by a RAD Examiner against a set of pre-determined criteria across the areas of technique, music, and performance. Students receive an internationally recognised qualification, but more importantly – a sense of achievement and accomplishment.

## **RAD Class Award or Demonstration Class**

Candidates prepare a series of exercises, and a dance or movement sequences to be led by the teacher in front of an Examiner.

The assessment system for class awards is intended to give broad overview of the candidate's achievement and progress to date as observed by the Examiner. A Class Award can be taken by students who are studying a graded level once a week or more.

## **ComDance Tap Examinations**

A similar process to RAD Ballet examinations run by ComDance for our Tap students.

There are separate charges for all assessments undertaken. Candidates wishing to sit for an RAD Examination must attend a minimum of twice a week on a regular basis. Examination students may also need to participate in a school holiday or weekend workshops for exam preparation. Students attending 1 class per week are eligible to sit for a Class Award. Costings, dates, and other details are made available in Term 2.

# Contemporary

We don't just offer ballet! Contemporary dance is based on classical ballet technique, but with a more free-flowing and dynamic movement style. Students learn to move, twist, and turn to express emotion and mood through movement. Floor work and partner work is also involved.



**When? Wednesdays 6:30-7:30pm (Age 12+)**

# Tap

Whether it's Fred Astair, Tap Pack, or The Rockettes - Tap is an exciting and rhythmical compliment to ballet training. Building musicality, confidence, and fitness, tapping can bring a new and exciting form of expression to students. Comdance Tap Examinations are available as an option.



**When? Fridays 5:30-6:15pm (Age 7-12)  
Fridays 6:15-7:15pm (Age 12+ with experience)**

# Pre-Pointe and Pointework

**Minimum age 10 and completion of RAD Grade 4 required.**

The dream of many young dancers is to stand on the tips of their toes in satin pointe shoes. We aim to make those dreams come true - in a safe and steady manner.

Our pre-pointe class offers a tailored program to aid students, parents, and dance teachers with an advanced system of assessing and preparing a student for pointe training. Strict criteria take the subjectivity out of the decision and helps enable the transition onto pointe with optimal strength and control, and a reduced the risk of injuries.



**When? Dependant on level**

# Term Fees

We aim to keep dance as affordable as possible. Our fee schedule is time based, rather than class-based meaning taking multiple classes is more cost effective. Term fees are calculated on the total number of hours per week you are enrolled.

Term Fees are as follows;

Class hours per week	Cost per 10-week term
60 min	\$ 199
75 min	\$ 235
90 min	\$ 270
2 hours	\$ 340
2 hours 15min	\$ 375
2 hours 30min	\$ 409
2 hours 45min	\$ 443
3 hours	\$ 477
3 hours+	See full fee schedule

*\*If you do not wish to use direct debit fee payment, fees can be paid with credit/debit card with an administration charge. Fee schedule subject to change.*

## More Classes = More Savings!

Our fees are time based depending on the number of hours per week you dance

Eg. 2 x 60 min classes = \$340 per Term

Or

2 x 75 min classes = \$409 Per Term

To keep things simple, we use direct debit authorisation for fee payments\*.

With direct debit, you will be invoiced 2 weeks before the start of each Term, and fees are debited at the commencement of each Term. You can even pay your fees in instalments on direct debit. Plus, if you miss a class, a make-up lesson can be taken within 90 days at an alternate time. You can read all our policies for enrolments, payments, make-up classes, and more [online here](#)

# **SPORTS VOUCHERS**

*sportsvouchers.sa.gov.au*

**Simply Ballet is a registered Sports Voucher provider meaning students aged 5 and over may be eligible for up to \$200 off fees.**

# Uniform

We believe a uniform creates a sense of belonging and equality. For your trial class, it's ok to wear whatever you have - we'll send you details of what's appropriate for your trial class when you book.

Uniform for girls and boys is available for purchase through Simply Ballet or can be ordered directly from dancewear stores and manufactures. Some pre-loved uniform items and shoes are also available in our shop.

# Book Your Trial Class

It's time to give your child the gift of dance by booking a trial class at Simply Ballet now.

## [Book a trial class online here](#)

**There is no obligation, and it's as easy as 1-2-3**

- 1) Schedule a trial class for your child at the appropriate level, and we'll send you details of how to find the studio, what you should bring, and what you should wear. The day before, we'll send you a reminder for the excitement that's coming!
- 2) At your trial class, the teacher will introduce themselves to you and your child and invite the child to participate in the lesson. You may stay to help them settle if needed to start the lesson, however most children are quickly absorbed dancing with their new friends.
- 3) After class, your teacher can answer any quick questions you may have, and we will follow-up in a few days to find out how everything went and discuss everything in detail.



If you're unsure of which level your child should start with, get in contact with us for individual advice. Just email [studio@simplyballet.com.au](mailto:studio@simplyballet.com.au) or call 0493 030 052

## [Book a trial class online here](#)

We look forward to meeting you soon.

Kind regards,  
The Simply Ballet Team



# About Simply Ballet

## Our Vision

To Educate and Inspire

## Our Mission

To provide excellence in training and service to students of all ages with a genuine interest in the study of Classical Ballet while celebrating personal achievement, providing opportunity to develop, and cultivate a culture of respect.

## Our Values

### 1) Excellence in Everything

Simply Ballet will provide excellence in training for students, teachers, and staff, in culture and atmosphere, and the client experience.

### 2) Celebrate Achievement

Simply Ballet will celebrate that students can achieve their own individual goals. Achievement will be valued over results and marks, acknowledging the value of the learning process.

### 3) Provide Opportunity

Dance training should be at the choice of the student and appropriate to the amount of commitment. Simply Ballet will provide adaptable opportunities for clients to participate in proportion to their amount of commitment, and training solutions may be flexible to suit personal circumstances and preferences.

### 4) Love of Ballet

Simply Ballet will encourage a love for the art of classical ballet in all students, staff, teachers, and parents involved in the studio. This includes respect for the art of classical ballet, for self, and for other students, staff, teachers, and parents across the board.

