

Ballet CANBERRA

WELCOME TO DANCE: Term 1 2026

We are delighted to welcome you to the new dance year!

Please find below some useful reminders and answers to FAQs. Do not hesitate to contact me should you have any further questions: helen@balletcanberra.com.au

We look forward to seeing you in class!

Best wishes,
Helen

Ballet Canberra Portal

[Our portal](#) contains all up-to-date information about classes. Time-sensitive and personal information will be emailed to you directly, but the portal is a readily available reference point for all other information.

Notices, including important fee information, policies and our uniform lists, are available on the portal under: Info > Documents and Files > Shared Files.

Your account may be accessed at any time via the portal, reminders will also be emailed to families in the week prior to the commencement of term. There is a handy Credit Card payment function within the portal itself, alternatively, you may pay with cash at Reception, or via Bank Transfer (our bank account information will be noted on your invoice).

The portal has a calendar page where you can see your dancer's weekly class schedule and other studio events, an online store where you may order uniform items, and pages where teachers will upload music for practice from time to time. Note that you must be [signed in to the portal](#) prior to accessing the store, calendar, files and information.

Reception

Reception is open Monday to Friday, 3:30pm to 6:00pm and on Saturdays from 8:30am to 12:00pm. During these hours our receptionist will attend to fittings for new and second-hand uniform items and accept other payments.

Term Dates

Please find here our 2026 term dates. These are also noted in the [calendar on our portal](#).

Term 1	Saturday 31 st January to Thursday 2 nd April Public holiday: no dance classes on Monday 9 th March (Canberra Day)
Term 2	Monday 20 th April to Saturday 4 th July Public holiday: no dance classes on Monday 8 th June (King's Birthday weekend)
Term 3	Monday 20 th July to Saturday 26 th September
Term 4	Monday 12 th October to Saturday 12 th December (dependent on show dates)

Dance Fees

Dance fees are due to be paid, in full, prior to the commencement of term. This deadline does not apply to Tiny Dancers who are taking trial classes in Week 1.

Dance Exams

Information Evening

We will be holding an information meeting to outline the details of our dance exam and Performance Group offer in 2026. Parents and dancers are invited to attend, in person, at the studio on Friday 30th January from 6pm onward.

Examination Details

All dancers in Level 1 Ballet and above will be considered for a Classical examination or assessment with the ISTD, RAD or Royal Ballet School, provided they diligently attend all recommended ballet classes, are available for coaching classes each day in the second week of the July holidays (13th to 17th July) and take part in any other necessary coaching classes and rehearsals in the lead up to exam day.

ISTD and RAD exams will take place in Term 3. Alternatively, we can enter candidates in RAD sessions in Sydney or Melbourne, or, as with the Royal Ballet School assessments, submit filmed entries at any time. ISTD Modern exams and Jazz Medals, and Glenn Wood Tap exams will be offered in Term 3.



Performance Group and Solo Performance Work

The purpose of our Performance Group is to offer a challenging and enjoyable extension to the technical foundations we provide in our regular classes. Our participation in competitions, festivals and at community events serves to enhance the artistic and performance skills of our students and to encourage friendship, camaraderie, and a sense of teamwork.



All dancers in Level 2 Ballet and above are invited to be a part of our Performance Groups. Dancers and families who are interested in being a part of Performance Group in 2026 should ensure that they attend the information evening on Friday 30th January (6pm at the studio), to hear about plans and expectations for the new year.

Uniform Fittings and Sale of Second-hand Items

We will be at the studio on Friday 30th January from 3:30 to 6pm to welcome dancers for uniform fittings. Uniform items that have been purchased via our [online store](#) will be available for collection on this day, and thereafter during regular Reception opening hours.

Uniform leotards are available at a discount via our [online store](#), colours are as follows:

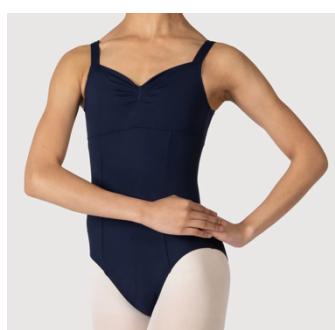
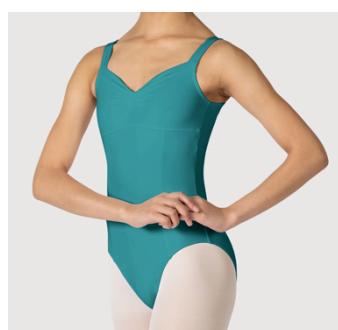
Pale Blue Skirted Leotard: Pre-School, Kindergarten & Primary

Dusty Pink Leotard: Pre-Grade 1, Grade 1 & Grade 2

Teal Leotard: Grade 3, 4 and 5

Navy Leotard: Vocational exam candidates

Grade 7 and Vocational dancers may wear any suitable, plain- coloured, well-fitting leotard in class.



Buns/hairstyles

It is imperative that all dancers have their hair secured in a tidy ballet bun (or if very short, a headband) in all classes so that they can focus properly on their dance work.

Taking the time to make [a tidy ballet bun](#) for dance class helps your child to understand that attention to detail is important.



Change room arrangements

Students are asked to wear street clothes over their dance uniforms before and after dance classes, and to please never wear ballet shoes outside. Dancers should use our dedicated change rooms to change into their dancewear.

We kindly ask that fathers who change their children please use what is marked as the boys' change room.



Social Media

We run studio pages on both [Facebook](#) and [Instagram](#). If you do not wish for your child to appear on our website or on our social media sites, please ensure that you have completed the [photo opt-out form on the portal](#). Note that Performance Group dancers cannot opt-out of appearing in photos as it is not possible to remove or exclude them from performance photographs at festivals and competitions.



We politely ask students and parents not to regularly contact teachers via private messaging services on social media platforms. Please use email wherever possible, or the dedicated Performance Group messaging groups (if applicable).

Catch-up lessons

We pleased to offer two catch-up lessons for each child per term: this does not include classes missed on the Public Holidays noted in our calendar. Classes may be made up with any age-appropriate class; please email us for further information and guidance on the most suitable class to join.

Lost property

Lost property is kept in the boxes in the corridor near Reception. Please help us by checking for lost items regularly. Unclaimed items will be donated to charity.