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# AUCKLAND ACADEMY OF DANCE



## 2026 TERM DATES

Term 1: Monday 2 February – Thursday 2 April

Term 2: Monday 20 April – Saturday 4 July

Term 3: Monday 20 July – Saturday 26 September

Term 4: Monday 12 October – Saturday 19 December

## PUBLIC HOLIDAYS

### Studio CLOSED:

Waitangi Date: Friday 6 February

Easter Weekend (start of Term 1 holidays)

ANZAC Day: Monday 27 April (observation day)

King's Birthday Weekend: Saturday 30 May & Monday 1 June

Matariki: Friday 10 July (during Term 2 holidays)

### Studio OPEN:

Labour Weekend: Saturday 24 October – Monday 26 October

# GENERAL INFORMATION

## Reception Hours

Saturday: 9:00am - 12:00pm  
Studio telephone: 09 827 8838  
Mobile: 021 243 4705

## Timetable

There are usually changes made to the timetable throughout the year and we try our best to have the latest version printed at the studio, however you can always find the most up-to-date version on our website.

## Social Media

**Website:** for all information on classes, exams, concerts, events and terms and conditions.  
[aucklandacademyofdance.co.nz](http://aucklandacademyofdance.co.nz)

**email:** [office@aucklandacademyofdance.co.nz](mailto:office@aucklandacademyofdance.co.nz)

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# CONCERT DATES 2026

## Junior School

Saturday 19 December

Glen Eden Playhouse Theatre, Glen Eden

Pre Primary/Primary, Junior Jazz/Ballet and all Pre School classes.

## Middle & Senior School

Glen Eden Playhouse Theatre, Glen Eden

Rehearsal Monday 14, Tuesday 15, Wednesday 16 December

Shows: Thursday 17, Friday 18 & Saturday 19 December

Grade 1+ Ballet/ Jazz, Bronze/Silver/Gold Hip Hop, all Contemporary, Musical Theatre & Tap.

*Any student wanting to take part in either concert must be enrolled and have signed up before the end of Term 3. All costumes are ordered in Term 3 which is why we cannot take Term 4 students.*

## WATCHING CLASS

Students concentrate better when parents are not watching.

Each term we have a 'Watching Week' where parents are invited to watch their child's progress, take photos and videos etc.

Teachers will send you an email letting you know when this is. If you are unable to attend, talk with your teacher of another suitable time.



**Photos from the end of year shows now available for purchase. [Click here](#)**



DVD and USB from last years show are available for pick up from reception on **Saturdays 9-11am**



# EXAM DATES 2026

## CONTEMPORARY/TAP

Rehearsal/  
Exam

Early August RAD Grade 1-5 Seminar  
August/September RAD Graded 1-5 Exam

## BALLET

28-30 September  
1-3 October

## JAZZ

Jazz Rehearsal  
Jazz Exams

September  
September

*Exact exam dates cannot be confirmed until closer to the time. Registrations for exam are sent out in Term 2 and have a specific closing date. Late registrations may not be accepted so please check your email carefully at the start of Term 2.*

## Frequently Ask Questions

### When should I arrive for class?

At least 5 minutes before your scheduled start time. Sometimes parking can be tricky so allow plenty of time to find a park and get ready. Remember to always bring a dance bag with a water bottle, notebook and pen (sticker book only for Pre School) and correct dancing shoes.

### Where do I park?

Please park in the car park spaces provided and keep the area around the main door clear. Parking can be tricky at times so older students can be dropped off at the main front door. We have a great relationship with our neighbours and share the carparks, Please drive slowly as some children sometimes weave between cars.

### Collect of Children under 7 years

We ask that students aged 7 years or younger are collected from reception and do not walk to your car. Our carpark is shared with other businesses and can become dangerous for drivers to see younger students weaving between parked cars.

### How long are Pre School Classes?

Classes are 35 minutes in duration with a 10 minute break between classes to reset the class and to speak with your teacher. Parents must wait in the reception area for the duration of the class.

### Do we need to take an exam?

All students (except Pre School) are working towards an exam/class award during Terms 1-3. There is an extra seminar for each genre to assist with preparation. Though not compulsory for graded level students it is highly recommended to help build confidence and independence. Students can also work towards awards such as Top of Grade etc. There are different dates for these depending on the genre so please check to make sure you know the dates and can keep them free.

### When is the concert?

We encourage all students to participate in a concert. Dance is a performing art and this is an important part of our program. Our concerts are held Term 4. Registrations close for the show by the end of Term 3. Details and how to register are sent out in Term 3. and can be found on our website. Concert is an additional fee to your term fees. It covers, rehearsal and costume costs.

# NEW TEACHER - SARAH REECE



AAD would like to welcome it's newest team member - Sarah Reece! Sarah will be taking our Tuesday extension classes.

Sarah has an extensive dance background in Jazz, Heels, Hip Hop, Waacking, House, Ballet, Tap, Contemporary, Lyrical, Freestyle and Acro.

Sarah has performed in many different events such as Sky City Casino Stage Shows Sky City Breakers Halftime Entertainment, Tiki Ahua Fashion Show, NBL Official Breaker Girl Captain 25/26 to name a few.

We are excited to have her skills and talent joining our AAD family! Come join Sarah on Tuesday for Extension and Acro classes. Everyone is welcome!

# NEW CLASSES FOR 2026

## Beginners Tap & Open Tap

Beginners Tap is for anyone aged 7+ years wanting to learn Tap, and for those that have previous Tap experience (new or existing students to AAD) we are offering Open Tap, No Tap exam just some fun with our awesome Tap teacher – Jacob Cameron

## Focus on Technique

Students are always asking how to improve their technique for the grade classes! We have created a class that is focused on the basic, Kicks, Turns and Leaps! This class is aimed to help improve technique as 3 elements are the main focus of our jazz syllabus.

- ❖ Focus on Technique Junior = Grades 1-5
- ❖ Focus on Technique Senior = Grades 6+.

## Junior Open Jazz

Want to learn new routines and dances weekly as well as working on your performance skills? This Open Jazz class is the perfect opportunity to have fun, learn and retain new styles weekly.

## Acro

Acro provides a structured, progressive program for beginner to advanced levels, focusing on strength, flexibility, balance, and safe techniques for integration with other dance styles. Learn how to do handstands, cartwheels, walkovers and much more!





# 2025 Events

