



OPEN STAGE FACTSHEETS



Everything you need to know about...

DANCE CLASS GRADES

Is my child in the correct dance class grade?

We need to ensure that parents/guardians understand that Pre-Primary dance class grade is not designed for Pre-School age children only.

We can understand why you may think this because you are used to mainstream schooling. If this were the case, your children would end up in Primary dance class for seven years whilst they are in mainstream primary school – instead of progressing up through the grades.

Pre-Primary is a training programme that prepares young children for a big leap up into a longer and further structured Primary dance class grade, this is when they are required to remember a full grade syllabus of set dance exercises and amalgamations and have the opportunity to take accredited exams.

We will let you know when your child is ready to trial the next grade up, or enter for an exam etc

Students progress when they:

- Are happy, comfortable and coping with their level of dance training
- Are emotionally ready to move into the next grade
- Do not feel rushed
- Have good weekly attendance records
- Wear correct dance attire week in week out
- Feel positive regarding their role within Open Stage

Example of Grades

ISTD: Pre-Primary dance class grade, Primary dance class grade, Grade 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6

Vocational Grades - Intermediate Foundation, Intermediate, Advanced 1, Advanced 2

Students are then able to progress to train to be a dance teacher.