

Eisteddfod Group Audtitions



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Which groups are my child eligible to audition for? Please see specific group pages for more details.

Group	Age	Grade and classes in 2026	Audition Time on Sunday 14 th September
8 & under ballet	Born between 1/7/2017 and 30/6/2019	Grade 1, Grade 2 or Grade 3 Ballet in 2026.	9am - 9.40am
10 & under ballet	Born between 1/7/2015 and 30/6/2017	In Grade 3 or Grade 4 Ballet in 2026.	10am - 10.40am
10 & under contemorary	Born between 1/7/2015 and 30/6/2019	Grade 1, Grade 2, Grade 3 or Grade 4 Ballet and Contemporary in 2026.	11am - 11.40am
12 & under ballet	Born between 1/7/2013 and 30/6/2015	Grade 4, Intermediate Foundation or Intermediate Ballet in 2026.	12pm - 12.40pm
14 & under contemporary	Born between 1/7/2011 and 30/6/2015	Grade 4, Intermediate Foundation, Intermediate, Advanced Foundation or Advanced 1 Ballet and Contemporary in 2026.	1.30pm - 2.20pm
14 & under ballet	Born between 1/7/2011 and 30/6/2013	Intermediate, Advanced Foundation or Advanced 1 Ballet in 2026.	2.40pm - 3.30pm
Open age lyrical	Born between 1/7/2008 and 30/6/2013	Advanced Foundation, Advanced 1 Ballet or Advanced 2 Ballet and Contemporary in 2026.	3.50pm - 4.40pm
Open age contemporary	Born between 1/7/2008 and 30/6/2013	Advanced Foundation, Advanced 1 Ballet or Advanced 2 Ballet and Contemporary in 2026.	5pm - 5.40pm

What are group eisteddfods?

Dance eisteddfods are competitions held for young dancers. There are many held across Sydney and each year NSDA enters 5 high standard eisteddfods to compete with other top performing academies. Many of the students at these eisteddfods dance full time. Our group students are taught a 5 minute routine choreographed by NSDA faculty, which they perform as a team at all 5 eisteddfods.

Why audition for eisteddfod groups?

Being a part of a group teaches students teamwork, dedication, discipline, and how to work with a group of people, all vital skills for various aspects of life. A high level of technique is expected of each team member, so students involved in group eisteddfods improve their overall dancing proficiency. For those considering the option of becoming a professional dancer, eisteddfod group training teaches them how to be a part of an ensemble and increases their confidence performing on stage.

What is the expected commitment?

Being selected for an eisteddfod team involves a high level of dedication and commitment. Students are committing to:

- Attend all compulsory classes per week for their grade.
- Attend all eisteddfod group rehearsals.
- Attend 5 eisteddfods between April August 2026 (including one which may fall in the July holidays).
- If in a 12 & u, 14 & u or open age group, attending January, April and July School Holiday Intensive sessions.
- Work to improve technique and performance ability over the year.
- Practice weekly at home to retain routine choreography.
- When a student is sick they are expected to watch rehearsals, unless they are too unwell to attend. NSDA must be given notice.
- If a student has a minor injury or illness on the day of eisteddfods they are expected to still attend. If they are too unwell, NSDA must be given as much notice as possible to re-space the routine.
- Family members coming to support their competing child and NSDA is greatly encouraged.

<u>IMPORTANT NOTE</u>: If students have holidays away planned, you would need to let us know as soon as possible so we can decide if being in an eisteddfod group will be possible for your child.

See the specific requirements for each group in more detail on the pages below.

Costuming, hair, make-up and uniform requirements for successful candidates:

North Shore Costume Hire (owned by North Shore Dance Academy) provides costumes for all of our group eisteddfod teams. We purchase, store, fit, adjust, clean and transport all costumes to and from eisteddfods so that parents don't need to do this.

Students need to wear stage make-up and hair for all eisteddfods.

Students will need to own the North Shore Dance Academy jacket to wear with their team on eisteddfod days.

What we are looking for in the auditions:

We are looking for technique, talent, effort and dedication in the auditions.

The technical aspects we are looking for are strength, flexibility, turnout, footwork, placement, posture, coordination and mastery of specific technical skills needed for the choroegraphy. We will also be looking for facial expression, responsiveness to music and stage presence. The speed in which students can pick up choreography will also be taken into consideration, alongside receptiveness to corrections and eagerness to improve.

As we know the students from their classes, we will also be considering attendance, dedication, and work ethic.

A reminder that students who have been in eisteddfod groups in previous years do not necessarily have a place again each year, it is by invitation only.

What happens after the audition:

All students will receive an outcome letter via their parents email by the end of October.

If your child is <u>successful</u> and you choose to accept the invitation, we will send a team agreement form for parents and students to sign and you will attend the information night (if it is their first or second year in a group) before beginning rehearsals in November. We may also send out a few invitations for eisteddfod solos (by invitation only). If students are invited to do a solo after being accepted into an eisteddfod group, they cannot do solos instead of groups, they must do both.

If your child is <u>unsuccessful</u>, please know that we value them greatly as NSDA students however don't believe it is the right fit for them this year. They will each receive personal feedback so encourage them to continue working hard, apply the feedback and aim to audition again next year. Eisteddfod groups provide a non-essential addition to your child's training and all NSDA students will receive high level technical and artistic development by attending their weekly classes.

What to wear to auditions:

8 & Under, 10 & Under and 12 & Under Ballet: Ballet uniform and ballet shoes 14 & Under Ballet: Leotard, tights, pointe shoes.

Contemporary & Lyrical groups: Leotard, convertible black or pink tights, bare feet.

Before coming to the audition:

Ensure you have read through this document, and yourself and your child understand the commitment level required. Please also explain to your child that there is a chance they won't be given a place in the group, but that they are still valued as students at NSDA.

How to sign up for the auditions:

Please fill out this form by Tuesday 9th September

https://forms.gle/xirKfoork3oFVp8y8

What if we can't make the audition?

If you are unavailable on Sunday 14th September, please contact infor@northshoredanceacademy.com.au to arrange a private audition for a small fee.

Fees for successful candidates:

1 group: \$520 total, 2 groups: \$1000 total, 3 groups: \$1400 total

The fees will be invoiced in instalments:

1st instalment: ½ total added to Term 4 2025 fees, due 18th October 2025 2nd instalment: ½ total added to Term 1 2026 fees, due 7th February 2026 3rd instalment: ½ total added to Term 2 2026 fees, due 25th April 2026

The fees cover:

Approximately 24 weekly rehearsals per group
(4 in Term 4 2025, 9 in Term 1 2026, 11 in Term 2 2026)
5 additional school holiday rehearsals per group
Teacher attendance at eisteddfods
Costuming

(purchasing, storage, fitting, adjustment, maintenance, cleaning and transportation of costumes)

School Holiday Intensives for 12 & under, 14 & under and open age groups are an additional cost.

AUDITION DATE AND TIME:

Sunday 14th September 9am - 9.40am.

ELIGIBILITY TO AUDITION:

Date of birth between 30/6/2019 and 30/6/2017.

In Grade 1, Grade 2 or Grade 3 Ballet in 2026.

2026 schedule is on our website: https://northshoredanceacademy.com.au/schedule/

REQUIREMENTS:

Must attend 2 x Grade 1, Grade 2 or Grade 3 Ballet per week at NSDA in 2026.

Must attend weekly group rehearsals during term time on Friday's 4.15pm - 5pm from Friday 14th November 2025 until the last eisteddfod of the year (usually August) in 2026. Must attend additional school holiday rehearsals.

REHEARSALS CALENDER:

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Information Night For parents who have a child in the eisteddfod groups for the first or second time.	Friday 7th November 2025 5.30pm - 6.30pm
Term 4 2025	Friday 14th November 2025 4.15pm - 5pm Friday 21st November 2025 4.15pm - 5pm Friday 28th November 2025 4.15pm - 5pm No rehearsal on week of NSDA Concert (6th Dec) Friday 12th December 2025 4.15pm - 5pm
Summer Holiday's 2026	Friday 22nd Jan 2026 4.15pm - 5pm Friday 29th Jan 2026 4.15pm - 5pm Saturday 30th Jan 2026 9am - 10am
Term 1 2026 (2nd Feb - 2nd April)	Every Friday 4.15pm - 5pm
April School Holiday's 2026	Wednesday 15th April 2026 Time TBC Thursday 16th Arpil 2026 Time TBC
Term 2 2026 (20th April - 4th July)	Every Friday 4.15pm - 5pm
July School Holiday's 2026	Friday 17th July 4.15pm - 5pm (TBC)
Term 2 2026 (20th July- end of eisteddfods)	Every Friday 4.15pm - 5pm until eisteddfod season ends (usually August)

EISTEDDFOD COMMITMENTS:

AUDITION DATE AND TIME:

Sunday 14th September 10am - 10.40am.

ELIGIBILITY TO AUDITION:

Date of birth between 1/7/2015 and 30/6/2017.

In Grade 3 or Grade 4 Ballet in 2026.

2026 schedule is on our website: https://northshoredanceacademy.com.au/schedule/

REQUIREMENTS:

Must attend all classes for Grade 3 or Grade 4 Ballet at NSDA in 2026.

Must attend weekly group rehearsal during term time on Friday's 5.45-6.30pm from Friday 14th November 2025 until the last eisteddfod of the year (usually August) in 2026. Must attend additional school holiday rehearsals.

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Term 1 2026 (2nd Feb - 2nd April)	Every Friday 5.45pm - 6.30pm
April School Holiday's 2026	Wednesday 15th April 2026 Time TBC Thursday 16th Arpil 2026 Time TBC
Term 2 2026 (20th April - 4th July)	Every Friday 5.45pm - 6.30pm
July School Holiday's 2026	Friday 17th July 5.45pm - 6.45pm (TBC)
Term 2 2026 (20th July- end of eisteddfods)	Every Friday 4.15pm - 5pm until eisteddfod season ends (usually August)

EISTEDDFOD COMMITMENTS:

10 & Under Contemporary

AUDITION DATE AND TIME:

Sunday 14th September 11am - 11.40am.

ELIGIBILITY TO AUDITION:

Date of birth between 1/7/2015 and 30/6/2019.

In Grade 1, Grade 2, Grade 3 or Grade 4 Ballet and Contemporary in 2026.

2026 schedule is on our website: https://northshoredanceacademy.com.au/schedule/

REQUIREMENTS:

Must attend Grade 1, Grade 2, Grade 3 or Grade 4 Ballet and Contemporary at NSDA in 2026.

Must attend weekly group rehearsal during term time on Friday's 5-5.45pm from Friday 14th November 2025 until the last eisteddfod of the year (usually August) in 2026. Must attend school holiday rehearsals.

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Summer Holiday's 2026	Friday 22nd Jan 2026 5pm - 5.45pm Friday 29th Jan 2026 5pm - 5.45pm Saturday 30th Jan 2026 10am - 11am
Term 1 2026 (2nd Feb - 2nd April)	Every Friday 5pm - 5.45pm
April School Holiday's 2026	Wednesday 15th April 2026 Time TBC Thursday 16th Arpil 2026 Time TBC
Term 2 2026 (20th April - 4th July)	Every Friday 5pm - 5.45pm
July School Holiday's 2026	Friday 17th July 5pm - 5.45pm (TBC)
Term 2 2026 (20th July- end of eisteddfods)	Every Friday 5pm - 5.45pm until eisteddfod season ends (usually August)

EISTEDDFOD COMMITMENTS:

AUDITION DATE AND TIME:

Sunday 14th September 12pm - 12.40pm.

ELIGIBILITY TO AUDITION:

Date of birth between 1/7/2013 and 30/6/2015.

In Grade 4, Intermediate Foundation or Intermediate Ballet in 2026.

2026 schedule is on our website: https://northshoredanceacademy.com.au/schedule/

REQUIREMENTS:

Must attend all classes for Grade 4, Intermediate Foundation or Intermediate Ballet at NSDA in 2026. Must attend weekly group rehearsal during term time on **Thursday's 4-4.45pm** from Thursday 20th November 2025 until the last eisteddfod of the year (usually August) in 2026. Must attend holiday intensives and rehearsals.

REHEARSALS CALENDER:

Information Night For parents who have a child in the eisteddfod groups for the first or second time.	Friday 7th November 2025 5.30pm - 6.30pm
Term 4 2025	Thursday 20th November 2025 4pm - 4.45pm Thursday 27th November 2025 4pm - 4.45pm Thursday 4th December 2025 4pm - 4.45pm Thursday 11th December 2025 4pm - 4.45pm
Summer Holiday's 2026	School Holiday Intensive: 21st, 22nd & 23rd Jan 9am - 1pm Rehearsals: Wed 21st Jan 1.30pm - 3pm Thurs 22nd Jan 3pm - 4.30pm Thurs 28th Jan 4pm - 5.30pm
Term 1 2026 (2nd Feb - 2nd April)	Every Thursday 4pm - 4.45pm
April School Holiday's 2026	School Holiday Intensive: 16th & 17th April 9am - 1pm (TBC) Rehearsals: Wednesday 15th April 2026 (TBC) Thursday 16th April 2026 (TBC)
Term 2 2026 (20th April - 4th July)	Every Thursday 4pm - 4.45pm
July School Holiday's 2026	School Holiday Intensive: 16th & 17th July 9am - 1pm Rehearsals: 16th and 17th July afternoon (Time TBC)
Term 2 2026 (20th July- end of eisteddfods)	Every Thursday 4pm - 4.45pm until eisteddfod season ends (usually August)

EISTEDDFOD COMMITMENTS:

AUDITION DATE AND TIME:

Sunday 14th September 2.40pm - 3.30pm.

ELIGIBILITY TO AUDITION:

Date of birth between 1/7/2011 and 30/6/2013. In Intermediate, Advanced Foundation or Advanced 1 Ballet in 2026. 2026 schedule is on our website: https://northshoredanceacademy.com.au/schedule/

REQUIREMENTS:

Must attend all ballet classes for Intermediate, Advanced Foundation or Advanced 1 Ballet at NSDA in 2026. Must attend weekly group rehearsal during term time on Tuesday's 4.30pm - 5.15pm from Tuesday 18th November 2025 until the last eisteddfod of the year (usually August) in 2026. Must attend holiday intensives and rehearsals.

REHEARSALS CALENDER:

Information Night For parents who have a child in the eisteddfod groups for the first or second time.	Friday 7th November 2025 5.30pm - 6.30pm
Term 4 2025	Tuesday 18th November 2025 4.30pm - 5.15pm Tuesday 25th November 2025 4.30pm - 5.15pm Tuesday 2nd December 2025 4.30pm - 5.15pm Tuesday 9th December 2025 4.30pm - 5.15pm
Summer Holiday's 2026	School Holiday Intensive: 21st, 22nd & 23rd Jan 9am - 1pm Rehearsals: Wed 21st Jan 3pm - 4.30pm Thurs 22nd Jan 1.30pm - 3pm Thurs 28th Jan 5.30pm - 7pm
Term 1 2026 (2nd Feb - 2nd April)	Every Tuesday 4.30pm - 5.15pm
April School Holiday's 2026	School Holiday Intensive: 16th & 17th April 9am - 1pm (TBC) Rehearsals: Wednesday 15th April 2026 (TBC) Thursday 16th April 2026 (TBC)
Term 2 2026 (20th April - 4th July)	Every Tuesday 4.30pm - 5.15pm
July School Holiday's 2026	School Holiday Intensive: 16th & 17th July 9am - 1pm Rehearsals: 16th and 17th July afternoon (Time TBC)
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EISTEDDFOD COMMITMENTS:

14 & Under Contemporary

AUDITION DATE AND TIME:

Sunday 14th September 1.30pm - 2.20pm.

ELIGIBILITY TO AUDITION:

Date of birth between 1/7/2011 and 30/6/2015.

In Intermediate Foundation, Intermediate, Adv Foundation or Adv 1 <u>Ballet and Contemporary</u> in 2026.

2026 schedule is on our website: https://northshoredanceacademy.com.au/schedule/

REQUIREMENTS:

Must attend all classes for Grade 4, Intermediate Foundation, Intermediate, Adv Foundation or Adv 1 <u>Ballet and Contemporary</u> in 2026.

Must attend weekly group rehearsal during term time on Saturday 10.30am - 11.15am from Saturday 8th November 2025 (except for weeks 7 and 8 T4) until the last eisteddfod of the year (usually August) in 2026. Must attend school holiday intensives and rehearsals.

REHEARSALS CALENDER:

Information Night For parents who have a child in the eisteddfod groups for the first time or second time.	Friday 7th November 2025 5.30pm - 6.30pm
Term 4 2025	Saturday 8th November 2025 10.30am - 11.15am Saturday 15th November 2025 10.30am - 11.15am Saturday 22nd November 2025 10.30am - 11.15am Saturday 12th December 2025 10.30am - 11.15am
Summer Holiday's 2026	School Holiday Intensive: 21st, 22nd & 23rd Jan 9am - 1pm Rehearsals: Friday 23rd Jan 1.15pm - 2.45pm Saturday 30th Jan 10am - 11.30am
Term 1 2026 (2nd Feb - 2nd April)	Every Saturday 10.30am - 11.15am
April School Holiday's 2026	School Holiday Intensive: 16th & 17th April 9am - 1pm (TBC) Rehearsals: Friday 17th April 2026 (TBC) Saturday 18th April 2026 (TBC)
Term 2 2026 (20th April - 4th July)	Every Saturday 10.30am - 11.15am
July School Holiday's 2026	School Holiday Intensive: 16th & 17th July 9am - 1pm Rehearsals: 17th July afternoon (Time TBC)
Term 2 2026 (20th July- end of eisteddfods)	Every Saturday 10.30am - 11.15am until eisteddfod season ends (usually August)

EISTEDDFOD COMMITMENTS:

Open Age Contemporary

AUDITION DATE AND TIME:

Sunday 14th September 5pm-5.40pm.

ELIGIBILITY TO AUDITION:

Date of birth between 1/7/2008 and 30/6/2013.

In Intermediate, Advanced Foundation, Advanced 1 Ballet or Advanced 2 Ballet and Contemporary in 2026.

2026 schedule is on our website: https://northshoredanceacademy.com.au/schedule/

REQUIREMENTS:

Must attend all classes Advanced Foundation, Advanced 1 or Advanced 2 <u>Ballet and Contemporary</u> at NSDA in 2026. Must attend weekly group rehearsal during term time on **Saturday 12pm - 12.45pm** from Saturday 8th November 2025 (except for weeks 7 and 8 T4) until the last eisteddfod of the year (usually August) in 2026. Must attend school holiday intensives and rehearsals.

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Summer Holiday's 2026	School Holiday Intensive: 21st, 22nd & 23rd Jan 9am - 1pm Rehearsals: Friday 23rd Jan 4.45pm - 6.15pm Saturday 30th Jan 1.45pm - 3.15pm
Term 1 2026 (2nd Feb - 2nd April)	Every Saturday 12pm - 12.45pm
April School Holiday's 2026	School Holiday Intensive: 16th & 17th April 9am - 1pm (TBC) Rehearsals: Friday 17th April 2026 (TBC) Saturday 18th April 2026 (TBC)
Term 2 2026 (20th April - 4th July)	Every Saturday 12pm - 12.45pm
July School Holiday's 2026	School Holiday Intensive: 16th & 17th July 9am - 1pm Rehearsals: 17th July afternoon (Time TBC)
Term 2 2026 (20th July- end of eisteddfods)	Every Saturday 12pm - 12.45pm until eisteddfod season ends (usually August)

EISTEDDFOD COMMITMENTS:

Open Age Lyrical

AUDITION DATE AND TIME:

Sunday 14th September 3.50pm-4.40pm.

ELIGIBILITY TO AUDITION:

Date of birth between 1/7/2008 and 30/6/2013.

In Advanced Foundation, Advanced 1 Ballet or Advanced 2 Ballet and Contemporary in 2026.

2026 schedule is on our website: https://northshoredanceacademy.com.au/schedule/

REQUIREMENTS:

Must attend all classes Intermediate, Advanced Foundation, Advanced 1 or Advanced 2 <u>Ballet and Contemporary</u> at NSDA in 2026.

Must attend weekly group rehearsal during term time on **Saturday 11.15am** - **12pm** from Saturday 8th November 2025 (except for weeks 7 and 8 T4) until the last eisteddfod of the year (usually August) in 2026. Must attend school holiday intensives and rehearsals.

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Summer Holiday's 2026	School Holiday Intensive: 21st, 22nd & 23rd Jan 9am - 1pm Rehearsals: Friday 23rd Jan 3pm - 4.30pm Saturday 30th Jan 11.45am - 1.15pm
Term 1 2026 (2nd Feb - 2nd April)	Every Saturday 11.15am - 12pm
April School Holiday's 2026	School Holiday Intensive: 16th & 17th April 9am - 1pm (TBC) Rehearsals: Friday 17th April 2026 (TBC) Saturday 18th April 2026 (TBC)
Term 2 2026 (20th April - 4th July)	Every Saturday 11.15am - 12pm
July School Holiday's 2026	School Holiday Intensive: 16th & 17th July 9am - 1pm Rehearsals: 17th July afternoon (Time TBC)
Term 2 2026 (20th July- end of eisteddfods)	Every Saturday 11.15am - 12pm until eisteddfod season ends (usually August)

EISTEDDFOD COMMITMENTS: