

EXAM Information and Tips

Every year students get the opportunity to participate in International Music Examinations Board (IMEB) examinations in Bathurst as part of our studio.

The exams are sequentially graded and are a fantastic opportunity for students to receive an internationally recognised qualification in the art of Speech and Drama, performance, or public speaking. Students perform individually, and the exams provide a sense of purpose and direction for their speech and drama studies. Exams are a great way to increase confidence and give your child an end-of-year goal to work towards.



Where and when are the exams held?

Exams are usually in October each year at the Encore home studio 29 Robindale Court. For All Saints Scots students, exams are held at school. Each exam is at an additional cost to normal lesson term fees. Exam fees are due in August/September.

The exam timetable, including location, is emailed out as soon as it is available. Please do not send in requests for specific times to sit your exam – these times are set by the IMEB examiners and cannot be changed.

The IMEB examiners are very encouraging and make the students feel comfortable throughout the process.

ARRIVAL

Students are required to arrive 15 minutes prior to your examination time. Please ensure you are not late. Every studio at Encore is used for the exams so all students should wait in the garage area with the teachers.

Parents are asked NOT to come into the garage area due to noise restrictions and limited space. Parents can either wait in the car until the completion of their child's exam (exam length is listed in the email timetable) or they can leave and come back. Students will wait with teachers after their exam until their parents arrive to collect them. Please keep noise to a minimum outside and wait quietly as the exams run all day.



SHHHHHHHH!
We are testing!



WHAT TO BRING??

Please ensure students bring all their prepared material to the exam:

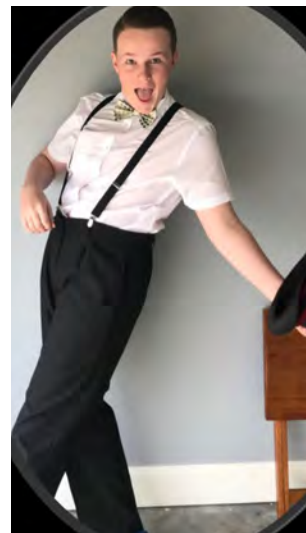
- reading/prose book if applicable and/or reading sheet to hold. Please ensure you have read the book!
- any costumes if children are doing nursery rhymes or character sketches.
- any visual illustrations or props they may like to bring for their memorised talks.
- any props if you are performing a character sketch (from grade 3 and up).

COPIES

The teachers have all COPIES for the child to hand to the examiner. All they need to remember to bring is their reading on cardboard if they are doing one or their reading book (beginner grade and up).

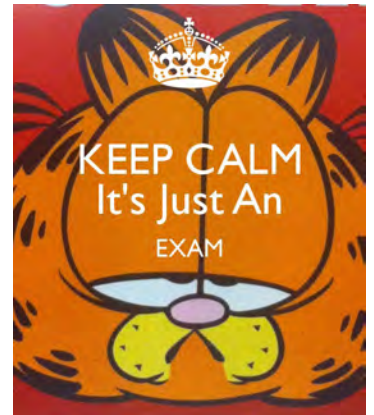
WHAT TO WEAR?

Please wear **SMART CLOTHES** or **SMART DRESS**. We want to be presentable to the examiners and wear what you would like to wear on a stage for a performance. Please remember - no sports joggers or sports clothes. Also, ensure hair is neatly done and shoes are nice and clean. We want to make a great impression on the examiners, so you are even welcome to wear a tie for a boy if you wish and a dress/skirt for the girls. Girls can wear pants but ensure these are smart.



TALKS

Remember any talks that the children have written **MUST** be memorised in their own words. Palm cards are only permitted with dot points or pictures on them. We would prefer ALL talks to be recited in their own words and just talk about the topic to the examiner in a natural style. All students should know their talks in a normal conversational style, and these don't have to be word-perfect.



REPORTS and CERTIFICATES

All students will receive a written report on their exam program, and these will be available a week after the examinations. We will advise you of your child's mark and grade once we receive them, but they won't get them back on the day. They also receive a special certificate that can be included in their resume.

PRACTICE

Please remember to keep working hard at home leading up to the exam. We want the students to be fully prepared and practising at home will help with this.

Preparation is the key – it can make you feel more confident and less anxious on the day. We are always impressed with the memory progress of our students and want you to keep this up during the exam leadup.



If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to ask.

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