

Making Musicians



TERM 2

MUSIC

EXCITING EVENTS FROM
TERM 2

2nd July 2018

Important dates for TERM 3

Put these on your calendar

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Monday 23rd July: **START of Term 3**

Saturday 11th & Sunday 12th August:

Penrith Eisteddfod Vocal dates

Saturday 25th & Sunday 26th August:

Hawkesbury Eisteddfod Piano dates

1st September 2018:

Hawkesbury Eisteddfod Vocal date

17th September 2018:

AMEB examination closing date

28th September 2018: END of term 3



From the director's desk

Kaylie Neave

Term 2

Dear Parents, Carers & Students

What an amazing year we have already had at Making Musicians.

We have so many dedicated and talented students who practice hard every week. It makes me so proud to watch them all grow into little musicians.

The "Student of the Week" wall is filling nicely with lots of happy and deserving faces. Keep PRACTISING & PARTICIPATING hard in your lessons and maybe Term 3 will be your term to win the award.

This term we also had some of our students enter in the AMEB examinations and receive very pleasing results. Entries for the Nov/Dec exam period are due this term. For more info see page 5.

Have a safe & enjoyable holiday and I will see you all next term!

HAWKESBURY EISTEDDFOD

A number of our students will be competing in the Hawkesbury Eisteddfod for both singing and piano.

If you are interested in going to watch some local talent please check the Eisteddfod calendar in the Music Room.

WHEN: the Eisteddfod runs from July - September

WHERE: Windsor Function Centre

COST: \$10 adult & \$7 children/seniors.

This year the Eisteddfod will have eftpos facilities available.



Celebrating our Students

Making Musicians



Congratulations to our Students of the Week from Term 1 & 2

Bianca ~ Lauren ~ Simon ~ Hannah ~ Melissa ~
Jasmine ~ Leo ~ Lily

Congratulations to our exam students for their excellent results.

Pranav received a Pass with Credit for Grade 1 Piano
for Leisure

Hannah received a Pass with Honours for Grade 4
Piano for Leisure

Melissa received a Pass for Grade 8 Piano for Leisure

Other excellent achievements by our students

Brianna received an ensemble part in *The Wizard of Oz*
produced by Richmond Players

Tamsyn received a solo ensemble part in *Rock of Ages* musical
with the Sydney Youth Musical Theatre company

Natasha performed in an ensemble section for her school
musical "*Seussical the Musical*"

Ralph will be performing in the ensemble for his school
musical "*Strictly Ballroom*".

Bronte was selected to sing a solo in her High School showcase

Georgia was selected to be a part of a showcase choir for
Captivates 10th Year celebration.

TOP TEN PRACTICE TIPS

PRACTICE EVERY DAY

Help your long-term memory—Improve your learning curve

HAVE SPECIFIC GOALS

Create specific, attainable goals before you practice

BEGIN WITH THE BASICS

Go over technique first—Always have a warm-up plan

FOCUS ON THE TOUGH STUFF

Spend your time on what you cannot play—Turn fear into confidence

WRITE IT DOWN

Get the most from your practice log—See your goals and accomplishments

SLOW IT DOWN

Muscle Memory—Never make mistakes—Learn it right the first time

BREAK IT DOWN

Identify musical sections—Don't always start at the beginning—Help memorization

USE A METRONOME

Always work on improving your time—Don't stretch time for the Tough Stuff

PRACTICE AWAY FROM YOUR INSTRUMENT

Visualize yourself playing successfully—Hear the music in your mind

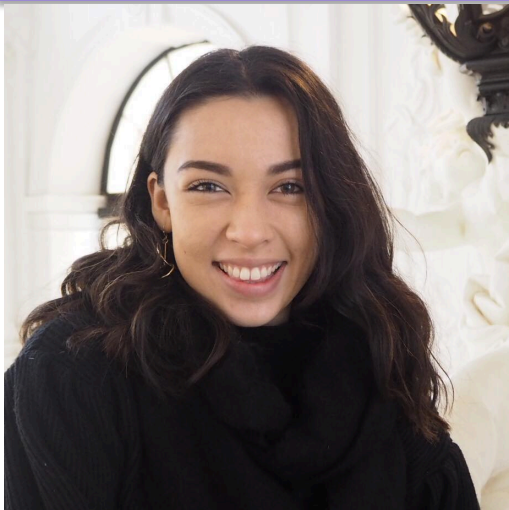
ACCENTUATE THE POSITIVE

Use positive language in the practice room—Focus on solutions, not problems

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TEACHER IN THE SPOTLIGHT



MISS SHAUNA

Favourite food: I love all food, but my favourite food would probably be pasta

Favourite colour: my favourite colour is green because reminds me of nature and flowers!

What do you enjoy doing in your down time?

When I get some free time, I like to watch the football, go shopping with my friends, cook, or see a musical performance. I also love watching Talent shows

Do you have a favourite piece that you enjoy playing?

My favourite piece to play is Rachmaninoff's Prelude Op.3 No.2 in C# minor. I love it because it's sweet and beautiful in the beginning and then it becomes so majestic and dramatic throughout the rest of the piece. It's also great when I feel like playing some bashing chords!

Hobbies: My hobbies include playing music, reading, playing netball, baking, and photography.

Tell us a secret: a secret about me is that I have actually been apart of this music school for 18 years when I started as a student in one of Miss Helen's Beebopper classes when I was 3 years old.

MEET OUR NEW GUITAR TEACHER SAM



School Policy reminders

MISSED LESSONS

Just a friendly reminder that we cannot compensate for missed lessons.

In the past we have offered scheduled make-up lessons when a space became available. However this privilege is starting to be expected. Parents need to understand that this policy is in place to support our teachers with consistent pay.

"Lessons or classes cannot be compensated for absences and/or missed lessons that occur because students have conflicts, traveling out of town or illness. This policy is to support the continuation of the music school. If there is a serious, unforeseen circumstance for absence then this is negotiable."

CANCELATION POLICY

"Enrolment is ongoing unless Making Musicians is notified in writing (email is sufficient) with a minimum of 2 weeks notice. If cancelling mid term a cancellation fee to the amount of 2 weeks lessons will need to be paid"

LATE FEE

"Fees must be paid for by Week 2 of each term. Failure to do so will result in a 10% late fee."

If there is a problem with your ability to make payment of fees then please speak to the director.

November / December AMEB exam information

Australian Music Examination Board offers graded examinations for a range of musical instruments (including voice) covering classical, popular and contemporary styles and techniques. In general, practical examinations comprise the presentation of work in the following areas: technical work; studies and pieces; aural tests; sight-reading and general knowledge.

Why do an exam?

Setting goals

Having a clearly defined goal can be a powerful motivating force. AMEB syllabuses set educationally appropriate goals, and examinations are an opportunity for students to measure themselves against these goals. Performing in front of others also helps to develop poise and confidence.

Progress through feedback

Examinations are conducted by highly trained examiners who are specialists in their field. Each candidate who completes an AMEB exam receives a personal written report from their examiner. This independent feedback encourages the student to progress by highlighting areas of strength and weakness under performance conditions to help guide students in their development.

Recognising achievement

Each successful AMEB candidate receives an official certificate recognising their achievement. An AMEB certificate is a tangible reminder of a milestone achieved and a source of great pride.

Price

Exam prices range from \$90 - \$147 depending on the level and length of an exam.

Please note the prices for exams are set by the AMEB not by the staff at Making Musicians.

Exams can be scheduled for any date between the 10th November - 8th December. The music school will not be notified of the scheduled date until approximately two weeks prior.

ENTRIES CLOSE 17th SEPTEMBER

Other exam information

Practical examinations are held twice a year: April/May & November/December.

AMEB examinations are held at The Joan Sutherland Centre in Penrith.

A late fee of \$60 per candidate per exam will apply to enrolments received after the closing date.

It is not possible under any circumstances to transfer from one year to the next.



Music Terminology Word Search Puzzle

A C L E F O M I S S I N A I P
 I S D A M H U S C I C A L K S
 Y M R B T O H A L U S E D E T
 O S O Y I N L A D I S T C Y A
 T C H E M E T H R B E A T S E
 P R C A I E F T C M T H O I F
 W E R I R T L T P E O N N G O
 T S E S T P A O R E N N B N B
 O C T A V E T R D L E A Y A C
 L E E A F A E G N Y S D B T A
 S N S C F P L E E S F A R U E
 M D O S E F E L C E L B E R T
 T O C A O M M L O N L Y U E S
 E D T B U T E A T H E R E I S
 A L S O A F O R T E C C L E F

MUSIC TERMINOLOGY WORD LIST

ALLEGRO	NOTES
BASS CLEF	OCTAVE
BEATS	PIANISSIMO
CHORD	REPEAT
CRESCENDO	RHYTHM
FLAT	SCALE
FORTE	SHARP
HARMONY	STAFF
KEY SIGNATURE	TEMPO
MELODY	TREBLE CLEF

1. What type of music are balloons scared of?
2. Why did the singer climb a ladder?
3. Where did the music teacher leave her keys?

ANSWERS
 1. Pop music!
 2. She wanted to reach the high notes!
 3. In the piano!



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