

# MUSIC FEST 2023

## Music Fest Ensemble Guidelines

Please read through the following document, making note of the guidelines surrounding your ensemble group.  
If you have any questions, please email us at [musicfest@brassmusic.com.au](mailto:musicfest@brassmusic.com.au)

### Secondary Concert Band

A GRADE	LEVEL 3 ½ CONCERT BAND & ABOVE 20 minutes performance time
B GRADE	LEVEL 2 ½ - 3 CONCERT BAND 15 minutes performance time
C GRADE	LEVEL 1 – 2 ½ CONCERT BAND 15 minutes performance time

***\*Please note - Program must include one set piece.***

### Secondary String Ensemble

A GRADE	LEVEL 3 ½ STRING ENSEMBLE & ABOVE 20 minute performance time
B GRADE	LEVEL 2 ½ - 3 STRING ENSEMBLE 15 minute performance time
C GRADE	LEVEL 1 – 2 ½ STRING ENSEMBLE 12 minute performance time

***\* Please note - Program must include one set piece and the changeover time is only 5 minutes.***

- Piano is allowed in all sections as required.
- Bass stools, rock stops, piece of carpet etc. **must** be provided by cello and bass players.
- Individual awards may be nominated by the adjudicators for all the above sections.
- Minimum of 12 Students are required to register any Secondary String Ensemble.

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## Secondary Full Orchestra

15-20 minutes performance time

***\*No set pieces***

## Secondary Jazz Ensembles

A GRADE	UP TO LEVEL 4	(Max 21 players)
	20 minutes performance time	
B GRADE	UP TO LEVEL 3	(Max 23 players)
	15 minutes performance time	
C GRADE	UP TO LEVEL 2	
	12 minutes performance time	

***\* Please note - Program must include one set piece.***

- Vocalists are welcomed to perform in all Jazz Ensemble Sections. Male or Female Vocals can perform in two of your three pieces at the Directors discretion. The mixing of vocals is the director's responsibility and a balanced program will be advantageous.
- In 'A' Grade performances, standard instrumentation and player numbers are mandatory though first trumpet may be doubled.
- The following amplification will be supplied for all Secondary Jazz Ensembles: Acoustic Piano, Electric Piano, Bass Amplifier, Guitar Amplifier, Keyboard Amplifier, 2x Solo Microphones and 2x Vocal Mics.
- The Official Registration Form denotes the position of the Jazz Ensemble rhythm section and risers. They will remain set. Individual amplifiers may be relocated.

## Secondary Choir

3 contrasting Pieces  
15 minutes performance time

***\*No set pieces***

- The position of the piano will be to the left-hand side of the conductor.
- Contrasting works including Contemporary, Pop, Gospel etc., are encouraged with unison, two, three or more parts optional.

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## Middle School Concert Band

Group comprising of students from grades 6 to 9, all attending the same school.

LEVEL 1½ – 2 ½ CONCERT BAND

15 minutes performance time

Set piece should be selected from those listed in Secondary C Grade Concert Band

***\*Please note - Program must include one set piece and the changeover time is only 7 minutes.***

## Middle School String Ensemble

Group comprising of students from grades 6 to 9, all attending the same school.

12 minutes performance time

Set piece should be selected from those listed in Secondary C Grade String Ensemble

***\*Please note - Program must include one set piece.***

- Piano is allowed in all sections as required.
- Bass stools, rock stops, piece of carpet etc. **must** be provided by cello and bass players.
- Individual awards may be nominated by the adjudicators for all the above sections.
- Minimum of 12 Students are required to register any Secondary String Ensemble.

## Middle School Choir

Group comprising of students from grades 6 to 9, all attending the same school.

3 contrasting Pieces

15 minutes performance time

***\*No set pieces***

- The position of the piano will be to the left-hand side of the conductor.
- Contrasting works including Contemporary, Pop, Gospel etc., are encouraged with unison, two, three or more parts optional.

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## Primary String Ensemble

A GRADE	Level 1½ - 2 15 minutes performance time
B GRADE	Level 1 - 1½ 12 minutes performance time

***\*Please note - Program must include one set piece.***

C GRADE	Level ½ - 1 7 minutes performance time
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***\*Please note, there is no set piece for C grade.***

- The position of the piano will be to the left-hand side of the conductor.
- A student may only perform once on a given instrument in either primary school or high school.
- Must have a minimum of 12 Students in each Primary String Ensemble.
- Individual awards may be nominated by the adjudicators for all the above sections.

## Primary Concert Band

A GRADE	LEVEL 1 ½ – 2 CONCERT BAND
B GRADE	LEVEL 1 – 1 ½ CONCERT BAND

***\*Both A & B GRADE will be a 15-minute performance.***

C GRADE	LEVEL ½/ 1 CONCERT BAND 10 minutes performance
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## Primary Jazz Ensembles

12 minutes performance time

- Vocalists are welcomed to perform in all Jazz Ensemble Sections.
- Male or Female Vocals can perform in two of your three pieces at the Directors discretion.
- Mixing of vocals is the Director's responsibility and a balanced program will be advantageous.

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## Primary Choir

Choir                      10 minutes performance time

### ***\*No set pieces***

- Three pieces at most may be performed
- Contrasting works including Contemporary, Pop, Gospel etc., are encouraged with unison, two, three or more parts optional.
- Student participation is encouraged and that includes student performers on accompanying instruments. Those instrumentalists must be from the same Primary School and a maximum four parts can be utilized.
- If only keyboard is used, one non-student may accompany the moving of the keyboard.
- The position of the piano will be to the left-hand side of the conductor.
- Although presentation, choreography and costumes are permitted the major measure of achievement at Music Fest is musicality.