



# Music News

Monthly Newsletter of St Monica's College  
Music Department



## REMOTE LESSONS

Congratulations to all students who have maintained Instrumental Music lessons throughout the challenging period of lockdown via Microsoft Teams. Instrumental Music Teachers have worked tirelessly to ensure the lessons have continued productively and effectively.

Music practice has provided an excellent outlet for many students throughout this challenging time.



## AMEB EXAMS

Practical examinations with the Australian Music Examination Board (AMEB) are a valuable way to further develop technical skills and performance repertoire.

Entries for the 5th Metropolitan session close on Friday 6 August. Any student interested in completing an AMEB exam should first speak to their Instrumental Music teacher and collect an entry form to be completed and return from the Music Office.

Students who were scheduled to complete AMEB exams during the period of lockdown have been contacted regarding the rescheduled date.

## UPCOMING MUSIC EVENTS:

**Victorian School Music Festival – Concert Band**  
RVSRG ☐ from 27 July and awaiting new date

**Victorian School Music Festival – SMC Singers**  
RVSRHIURP ☐ 6 August WJW ☐

**Principal's Cup for Song Auditions**  
LHVDD ☐ August

**Victorian School Music Festival – Stage Band**  
RVSRHIURP ☐ 11 August WJW ☐  
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**Principal's Cup for Song**  
Monday 6 September

**Sounds of Spring Ensemble Concert**  
Wednesday 15 September  
**Piano Competition**  
Tuesday 5 October

## PRINCIPAL'S CUP FOR SONG

The Principal's Cup for Song will be held on Monday 6 September, 7:00pm in the Theatre of All Nations.

All vocalists in Year 7 – 12 are invited to attend the auditions on Tuesday 10 August

# AUDITIONS

PRINCIPAL'S CUP FOR  
SONG 2021

**Tuesday 10 August, 3.30pm**  
Theatre Of All Nations

Open to all vocalists in Year 7 to Year 12.  
Please prepare one song of your choice for the audition. Song selection should be carefully considered, appropriate for a College performance and demonstrate your vocal skills.

*Please register here:*  
[HTTPS://FORMS.GLE/EML3EKNKYR4FFIT5](https://forms.gle/EML3EKNKYR4FFIT5)

## **BOROONDARA EISTEDDFOD**

Year 12 student, Rhea John recently performed in the Boroondara Eisteddfod, held during the Term 2 school holidays. Rhea participated in three sections: Musical Theatre (18 and Under), Contemporary Vocal Solo (18 and Under), and Contemporary Vocal Solo (Open Age) and received the outstanding result of first place in all three sections.

This was great recognition of Rhea's hard work ethic and dedication to vocal performance and VCE Music Performance studies.

Congratulations Rhea



## **MONICAN MUSICIAN PROFILE**



Year 11 student, Alessia Di Gregorio started playing trumpet in Year 7. Throughout her time in the music program she has maintained a committed approach to developing her skills and consistently attends Stage Band and Concert Band rehearsals.

Her participation in the program has included performances at: Generations in Jazz, Victorian School Music Festival, College Production and College performances and events.

Alessia is an excellent role model for younger Monican musicians. She leads by example, is always prepared for rehearsals and has a dedicated approach to home practice.

Alessia successfully prepared the Trumpet part for the recent College Production of "The Wizard of Oz".

Congratulations to Alessia on her commitment and dedication to playing the trumpet, and leadership in the College Music Program.

## **HOME PRACTICE TIPS**

- Set up in a suitable space away from distractions
- Use a music stand to maintain good posture
- Plan your practice session and aim to achieve small goals
- Create a weekly practice schedule
- Record your practice to help with self-reflection
- Finish your practice session with something fun and achievable



***“Learning music provides children with the cognitive foundations for effective learning, which ultimately helps them become confident learners, ready to make the most of their education.”***

***Dr Anita Collins***