

Pittwater High School Performing Ensembles

# Ensemble Notes



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## Annual Parents Meeting – Monday 7<sup>th</sup> August

Our Annual Parents Meeting will be at **Pittwater RSL** before the next Committee Meeting on **Monday 7<sup>th</sup> August at 7pm**. This gives you the opportunity to hear about Dr Martin Hardy's plans for the music program in 2024, ask questions about our upcoming Regional Tour in November 2023 and hear initial thoughts on the 2024 New Zealand Tour. It would be great to see a representative from most families in the Performing Ensembles Program.

## Primary School Workshops

Following the successful Primary School workshops in Term 1, String Ensembles will be hosting a workshop with the local primary schools on **Thursday September 7**. Symphonic Band will be hosting a workshop with local primary school bands on **Thursday September 21**.

## Term 3 Commendation Assemblies

Big band perform at the Year 10,11,12 Commendation assembly on Monday 7 August. Concert band perform at the Year 7,8,9 Commendation assembly on Friday 11 August. Performance times to be confirmed.

## PHS Ensemble Invoices

Ensemble invoices were sent out in Term 2 and are now overdue. You can use your child(ren)'s **Creative Kids Voucher** to have \$100 deducted from your invoice total. Email the **voucher number**, your **child's name** (exactly as it appears on the voucher) & **birth date** (DD/MM/YYYY) to Tracy ([TracyGowen1@gmail.com](mailto:TracyGowen1@gmail.com)).



## Upcoming Events

### August 7

Big band play the 10,11,12 Commendation assembly.

### August 7

Annual Parents Meeting, Pittwater RSL

### August 11

Concert band play the 7,8,9 commendation assembly.

### September 7 and 21

Primary school workshops with string ensembles and bands



## Other News

### NSW State Music Camp | 2023



The NSW State Music Camps at Narrabeen Sport and Recreation Centre in Term 2 week 10 (Senior camp) and Term 3 week 1 (Junior camp) were a great success with lots of fun, new friendships, and musical learning. Some feedback from the students that attended:

- This was my third State Senior Music Camp that I have attended. It is an amazing opportunity to meet music students from all over NSW and make new friends. I really enjoyed learning new challenging pieces that we performed at the concert on the last day. The disco night was a lot of fun.
- Senior state music camp was an amazingly positive experience for me, I learnt what it was like to see and hear other musicians perform at such a high standard that had my mind blowing. Camp was the experience that all musicians should get the chance to have at such a young age like me, it was the best thing I could have done for my music education.
- I've been to 2 State Music Camps. My favourite thing this year was meeting up with my friend I met last year and the end of camp concert, both performing and listening to others. I would go again to have a whole school week focused on music!
- This was my first State Band Camp. My favourite things were learning new musical things and meeting new people. It was a great week to immerse yourself in music with people who are all musical and love playing and to make new musical contacts. The week off school was also nice.
- I enjoyed camp because it gave musical opportunities as well as making new friends and seeing old friends.
- This was my second camp, my favourite thing about camp was learning new things and playing in such a large ensemble. I will definitely go again and recommend people to go because it's a good experience to build on your musical skills.



### We really need someone

Our PHS Ensembles Committee is made up of parent/ carer volunteers.

Volunteer positions are now available as:

- ✗ Fundraising and Social Coordinator
- ✗ Ensemble Manager (Orchestra & Symphonic)
- ✗ **Treasurer**, from **NOW**.

Consider **teaming up** with someone to share a role.

**Without you, the ensembles can't work effectively.**

Please consider giving some of your time to help make our ensembles great!

Contact Paula for details:  
[pandtpaterson@gmail.com](mailto:pandtpaterson@gmail.com).



## Upcoming PHS Ensemble Events 2023

Event	Time and Venue	Dress Code
<b>TERM 3</b>		
<b>Year 10,11,12 Commendation Assembly</b> Who: Big band	Monday 7 August Pittwater High School Hall	Performance Uniform
<b>Year 7,8,9 Commendation Assembly</b> Who: Concert band	Friday 11 August Pittwater High School Hall	Performance Uniform
<b>Strings Workshop with Primary Schools</b> Who: String and Senior String Ensemble.	Thursday 7 September 3:00 pm to 5:30 pm Pittwater High School	School uniform
<b>Symphonic Band concert</b> Who: Symphonic Band.	Thursday 7 September 7:00 pm Pittwater High School	Performance Uniform
<b>Symphonic Workshop with Primary Schools</b> Who: Symphonic Band.	Thursday 21 September 3:00 pm to 5:30 pm Pittwater High School	School uniform
<b>PHS Performing Arts Presentation Night</b> Who: All Ensembles	Monday 11 September 6:30 pm Pittwater High School Hall	Performance Uniform
<b>TERM 4</b>		
<b>Regional Tour</b> Who: Open to All Ensemble Students	November 13 to November 17, 2023.	Performance Uniform

## Ensemble rehearsal times and contact details

2023 Rehearsal times			Director	Parent Liaison
Monday	7:20am - 8:30am	Concert Band	Sophie Bromley	Miranda Foote <a href="mailto:mirandafoote@hotmail.com">mirandafoote@hotmail.com</a>
Tuesday	7:20am - 8:30am	Junior Stage Band	John Pennings	Paula Tocquer 0430 044 458 <a href="mailto:paulatocquer@hotmail.com">paulatocquer@hotmail.com</a>
Wednesday	7:20am - 8:30am	Concert Band	Sophie Bromley	Miranda Foote Stelan <a href="mailto:mirandafoote@hotmail.com">mirandafoote@hotmail.com</a>
Thursday	7:20am - 8:30am	Orchestra	Martin Hardy	<b>HELP! Position vacant, please apply</b>
	2:30pm - 3:30pm	String Ensemble	Karen Leimbach	Lesley Gibbes 0410 440 891 <a href="mailto:lesleygibbes@bigpond.com">lesleygibbes@bigpond.com</a>
	3:45pm - 4:45pm	Advanced Strings	Karen Leimbach	Lesley Gibbes 0410 440 891 <a href="mailto:lesleygibbes@bigpond.com">lesleygibbes@bigpond.com</a>
	2:40pm - 4:40pm	Symphonic Band	Martin Hardy	<b>HELP! Position vacant, please apply</b>
Friday	7:20am - 8:30am	Big Band	John Pennings	Bianca Barnwell 0434 935 239 <a href="mailto:bianca-barnwell@hotmail.com">bianca-barnwell@hotmail.com</a>
	2:30pm - 3:30pm	Vocal Ensemble	Felix Shaw	Jacqui Shaw 0412 813 821 <a href="mailto:shawjaca@gmail.com">shawjaca@gmail.com</a>





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