

Musica Viva Australia In Schools – Music Residency Program

COVID Safe Plan Feb 2023

Program description: Regular classroom music lessons for primary school students.

The safety of Musica Viva Australia In Schools (referred to as MVAIS) artists, school students and teachers is of paramount importance at all times. Careful planning and consideration has been given to how and when MVAIS staff and artists may conduct live lessons in schools without the risk of COVID-19 transmission.

The MVAIS COVID Safe Plan focusses on ensuring the highest levels of hygiene practices and processes, as well as reducing the risk of transmission of COVID-19 for all involved with MVAIS programs.

For MVAIS teaching artists:

- MVAIS artists will contact an MVA representative immediately should they experience any COVID-19 or flu symptoms such as fever, coughing, a sore throat and shortness of breath and will not attend a school until symptoms are confirmed as not related to COVID-19 or medical clearance is obtained.
- MVAIS artists will be made aware of state specific vaccination guidelines for school visitors (including Schools for Special Purposes).
- MVAIS teaching artists to use hand sanitizer or wash hands with soap when entering and exiting the school.
- MVAIS artists to boost cleaning practices for high contact equipment such as (but not limited to) percussion instruments used by students and staff.
- In the case of using and/or sharing musical instruments, hand hygiene practices should be followed before and after use.
- For students with diverse access needs, additional precautions in line with school policy and Department of Education guidelines will be adhered to. This may include the wearing of a face shield or other protective clothing.

For Schools

- The school has implemented the Department of Education's enhanced cleaning and hygiene practices, and shared their school specific policy where applicable with MVIS teaching artists.
- Where possible, Residency performances on school site should be held in an undercover outside area.
- For indoor performances/classes, air flow should be increased where possible by opening windows/doors.
- All instruments, equipment and books to remain in the classroom between school visits.
- Before entering the classroom space, a school representative should remind the participants of social distancing requirements and hygiene practices such as sneezing or coughing into elbow and cleaning hands.
- For students with diverse access needs, additional precautions in line with school policy and Department of Education guidelines will be adhered to. This may include the wearing of a face shield or other protective clothing.

These guidelines are intended to comply with the Australian Government and World Health Organisation's advice on protecting yourself and others from COVID-19, find out more [here](#) and [here](#). This plan will be reviewed regularly and adjusted in line with government and health authority advice.