

Dear Parents and Carers,

With the recent extension of lockdown orders for regional NSW, this email is to provide you information regarding ongoing remote learning for Performing Arts.

INDIVIDUAL INSTRUMENTAL, SPEECH & DRAMA AND VOCAL LESSONS

Your child's teacher will have made contact to organise individual lessons whilst in remote learning. **We strongly recommend that your child continues their lessons whilst we are operating remotely**. It not only continues to develop fundamental skills, but gives students' body and brain a valuable workout, particularly at a time when they are deskbound for a significant time during the day.

Please consider appropriate arrangements for supervision of your child during online learning and a safe space for your child to undertake lessons.

During lockdown, please continue to encourage your child to maintain a <u>regular practice routine</u>. This helps maintain some normality for students in their daily routines as well as keeping the momentum in preparation for transitioning back to onsite learning. This may include technical work, performance pieces and ensemble repertoire. It may be prudent to have a set goal or reward system to help sustain focus at this time! For younger students, performances can be sent to Mrs Sinclair for some feedback and enthusiastic encouragement.

CONTACT WITH INSTRUMENTAL AND VOCAL TUTORS

Please be considerate when communicating with our instrumental tutors. They too are working around scheduling, family, and technical constraints. It is an expectation that staff should only be contacted within normal working hours, Monday to Friday and your child's lesson should also be scheduled within these hours. Should you need to alter your child's lesson time, please give your child's tutor a minimum of <u>24 hours' notice</u>.

PERFORMANCE OPPORTUNITIES THROUGH LOCKDOWN

We would love to hear performances from students. Many students have pieces that have been performance ready for some time, but due the current health situation in NSW they may have not been able to perform them live. We would like to share them with our school community via the newsletter. Please record the student performing their item (under 3 minutes) and send it to the relevant email address below. Newsletters this term will be Week 8 and Week 10. Please email recordings to by Tuesday 10am.

KWS VIRTUAL ORCHESTRA PROJECT

Members of the KWS Orchestra and Junior String Orchestra will soon be sent information from Ms Howarth about our Virtual Orchestra project. Please look out for this email – and keep practicing!



AMEB EXAMINATIONS

A reminder that AMEB video exam entries are due by <u>**11 October 2021**</u>. Students who have elected to sit their AMEB exams via video entry should continue to refine their performances. Should you have any queries regarding uploading your child's examination, please contact either their instrumental teacher or our Instrumental Co-ordinator, Ms Katherine Howarth at <u>kahowarth@kws.nsw.edu.au</u>

Please don't hesitate to contact us should you have any queries regarding the above.

Kind regards

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