



Australian Government
Department of Defence



1st Brigade Band: Robertson Barracks

Reference number:	WEP/04566/24
Service:	Army
Placement Location:	Robertson Barracks, Holtze NT
Type of Placement/s:	Secondary Work Experience Placement
Start & End dates:	Tuesday 15 October – 01 December 2024
Duration of Placement:	7 Nights (Tuesday's only)
Placement Limits:	3
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Closing Date:	11:30pm – Sunday 11 th August 2024

Overview of Placement

The Band of the 1st Brigade (1 BDE Band) remains the primary musical capability for Army and Defence in the Northern Territory and provides support to Defence, Government and the regional community.

The 17 piece Band has a variety of performing ensembles, including a big band, jazz ensemble, rock band and a marching band for ceremonial occasions. The band prides itself on performing concert programmes that appeal to all age groups and all tastes of music, setting it apart from other musical ensembles. This distinguished group of musicians maintain a high standard of performance at official and public events in Darwin and the Northern Territory and Kimberley regional areas.

The 1 BDE Band placement will be held on Tuesday evenings at the 1 BDE Band Room at Robertson Barracks from 7pm to 10pm. To ensure maximum benefit from the opportunity, students will need to commit to a minimum of five Tuesday evenings.

Participants may also be given the opportunity to participate in the end of year performance with 1 BDE Band at Carols by Candlelight in Darwin on 30 November and 1st of December, 2024.

Once selected you will receive an information pack which will include an outline of the program and an evaluation form. On the first day of the program you will also receive an induction and be provided with a uniform to wear during the placement.

Special Conditions of Placement

- Dress regulations will apply.
- Students must bring suitable photo ID.
- Students must be able to attend on Tuesday evenings and commit to a minimum of **five** Tuesday evenings in order to gain value from the placement.
- Students are advised they must arrange their own transport to and from the placement.
- Students must be aged between 15- 24 years of age at the time of the placement, and must be enrolled in an educational institution where they are actively studying music performance and/or music education on their own instrument which aligns with concert, jazz, rock and marching band.
- **This placement is only suitable for students who play common band instruments such as; voice, guitar, piano/keyboards, bass, drum kit, trumpet, trombone, clarinet and saxophone. Students will need to display an advanced level of musicianship, comparable or equivalent to AMEB Level 5 or higher. Orchestral string instruments (with the exception of double bass) will not be accepted. A good understanding of reading notated music is highly preferable however exemptions may be sought through the Music Director. Preference will be given to students with a demonstrated interest in, or those showing they are considering a career in music with Defence and wish to explore the options available to them.**
- Participants must bring their own musical instrument with them on placement (with the exception of pianists and percussionists/drummers).
- Applicants must indicate that they and their parent/guardian if U18, understand all items listed in the Special Conditions of Placement.
- Placements can be changed, postponed and/or cancelled at short notice due to operational requirements.
- In order to meet Defence's obligations under the Workplace Health and Safety Act 2011(Cth) all participants will be required to disclose any pre-existing medical conditions, illness or injuries as part of your selection process. Should you suffer an injury or illness (eg. recent fracture or sprain) between the time of your application and any attendance on a program you are required to notify the Defence Regional Work Experience Manager as soon as possible.

Assessment Criteria

Attendance to the program will be determined through a selection process and you are required to answer the following questions when completing your online application. Please consider this when providing your responses.

1. What do you know about the roles and responsibilities of the Australian Army Band? Why do you want to do work experience with the Australian Army Band? What do you hope to gain from this experience? **(Limit your response to no more than 250 words).**
2. What instrument/s do you play and at what level (e.g. Australian Music Examinations Board, Level 5/6)? **(Limit your response to no more than 250 words).**
3. What experience do you have performing in bands/ensembles and in front of audiences? **(Limit your response to no more than 250 words).**
4. The Band of the 1st Brigade rehearses at Robertson Barracks on Tuesday evenings from 7pm to 10pm. Please confirm that you can travel to and from our location in order to participate in the work experience.

Eligibility

- Applicants/candidates must be an Australian Citizen / Permanent Resident of Australia.

What happens next?

IMPORTANT INFORMATION: Applications must be submitted through the [online application system](#) (eRecruit) prior to the closing date.

1. When registering on eRecruit and submitting an application, you must use your own email account preferably your school/education email address if you have one. Ensure your email address is one that you regularly use and will check frequently.

For further information refer to the [eRecruit Applicant User Guide](#).

If you are experiencing difficulties in submitting your application contact the Work Experience Program team via email at defence.workexperienceprogram@defence.gov.au for assistance.

2. Following the advertised closing date an evaluation of your assessment criteria responses will be completed.
3. You will receive an email advising you of the outcome of your application.
4. If offered a position, you and your Careers Adviser will receive an email with your Work Experience Placement Agreement, My Placement Form and Participant Handbook. We use the Careers Advisers email address that you provide in your application, so please ensure you have entered it correctly.
5. To accept the placement offer:
 - a. Reply to the email and advise that you will be accepting the position on the placement.
 - b. Download all relevant documentation and complete the Work Experience Agreement;
 - c. Have it signed by yourself, your parent/guardian (if you are under the age of 18) and your school principal and/or School Work Experience Coordinator.
 - d. Ensure all aspects of the document are complete (see the checklist at the back of the document).
 - e. Send your completed agreement and any school paperwork you require us to sign to nt.workexperienceprogram@defence.gov.au by the due date. This date will be listed in the email that contains your paperwork.
6. Once the Agreement is approved you will be provided with further information about the work experience placement.

Note: Contact your School Work Experience Coordinator with any queries related to your application. If you are having issues sending your document(s) please email your nt.workexperienceprogram@defence.gov.au.

Thank you for your interest
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