



Australian Army Band Perth: Irwin Barracks (June)

Reference number:	WEP/08916/25
Service:	Army
Placement Location:	Irwin Barracks Stubbs Terrace, Karrakatta, WA
Type of Placement:	Secondary
Start & End dates:	8, 15, 22 & 29 June 2026
Duration of Placement:	4 x Monday evenings: 7.00pm to 9.00pm
Placement Limits:	5
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Closing Date:	11:30PM AEST, Sunday 29 March 2026

Overview of Placement

The Australian Army Band Perth (AAB Perth) remains the primary musical capability for Army in Western Australia and provides support to Defence units and the regional community. Capabilities include a concert band, big band, jazz ensemble, brass quintet, rock band and a marching band for ceremonial occasions. The band is a 40 piece entertainment ensemble that performs everything from jazz to classical and Broadway musicals to rock. The band prides itself on performing concert programs 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 both Perth and regional Western Australia.

The Australian Army Band Perth placement will be held on Monday evenings at the AAB Perth Band Room at Irwin Barracks from 7.00pm to 9.00pm. To ensure maximum benefit from the opportunity, you will need to commit to all four Monday evenings. Students may participate in the following activities:

- Rehearsals with jazz orchestra, showband and rock band
- Sectional and group rehearsals within specific instrument family (e.g. Woodwind/Brass/Rhythm)
- Participate in culminating performance (upon negotiation with the Music Director) and dependent upon timing and location.

Special Conditions of Placement

1. Placements can be changed, postponed and/or cancelled at short notice due to operational requirements.
2. Not suitable for participants outside of Western Australia due to the weekly evening requirement.
3. Students must be able to attend on Monday evenings and commit to ALL four Monday evenings in order to gain value from the placement.
4. Students 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.
5. This placement is only suitable to advanced level music students playing concert band instruments. AMEB certification is not required, however prior experience playing in bands or ensembles is essential. Not suitable for orchestral string instruments (with the exception of double bass) or voice. Guitar students will be considered, however, will need to be able to read and follow notated music.
6. Preference will be given to students with a demonstrated interest in or those showing they are considering a career in music and wish to explore options available to them in Defence.
7. Applicants must be aged between 15-18 years of age at the time of the placement.
8. Participants must bring their own musical instrument with them on placement (this excludes pianists and percussionists/drummers).

Application Questions

You will be required to answer the following questions when completing your online application:

1. What do you know about the roles and responsibilities of the Australian Army Band? What do you hope to gain from this experience with the Australian Army Band?
2. What instrument/s do you play and at what level (e.g. Australian Music Examinations Board, Level 5/6)?
3. What experience do you have performing in bands/ensembles and in front of audiences?
4. You will rehearse with the Australian Army Band Perth at Irwin Barracks on four Monday evenings from 7.00pm to 9.00pm. Please confirm that you can travel to and from our location in order to participate in the work experience.

Eligibility

This Work Experience opportunity is for secondary students only.

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

Age Group – Students participating in this Defence work experience placements must be 15-18 years of age at the time of the placement.

What Happens Next?

IMPORTANT: Applications must be submitted via the online application system prior to the placement closing date. Additional information on completing an online application can be found on the [Help page](#).

1. To make an application, you will need to [register](#) for an account. Use the email account that you access most regularly.
2. When completing an application for the Work Experience placement you will need to use a Multi-Factor Authentication (MFA). This is also required to accept an offer. MFA is an extra layer of security for your account that requires more than just a password to log in, making it much harder for someone else to access your account. The next time you login to your Defence Careers account, you will have to pick one of the following MFA methods to use:
 - Google Authenticator App
 - Alternate email address
3. You may be required to answer assessment criteria questions as part of the application process. Make sure all questions are answered and provide detailed responses.
4. Following the advertised closing date, an assessment of applications will commence.
5. The regional Work Experience Team will advise you of the outcome of your application.
6. If successful, you will receive a letter of offer containing information about the placement and a Defence Work Experience Placement Agreement. To accept the placement offer:
 - a. complete the Work Experience Agreement;
 - b. ensure all relevant sections are signed by yourself, your parent/guardian (if you are under the age of 18) and your Education Institution Representative (e.g. Careers Advisor or Vocational Education Teacher).
 - c. submit your completed Work Experience Placement Agreement through the online portal (see letter of offer for details)
7. You will receive a reminder email or SMS message before the placement start date. Check your email inbox regularly for updates.

If you are experiencing difficulties in submitting your application contact the Defence Work Experience Program: defence.workexperienceprogram@defence.gov.au.

Thank you for your interest in the Department of Defence