



MUSIC EDUCATION ADVOCACY KIT



This kit has been developed in Australia for parents, teachers, principals and community members who are passionate about ensuring that music education is included in their school program, and need to act as advocates to build or develop programs in their area.

Many children have little or no opportunity to benefit from an education in music. It is often left to parents, music teachers or other committed people to advocate for music education programs in local pre-school, primary and secondary schools.

This kit will develop and improve as we benefit from your ideas and experiences. Please!

- * Send your comments and suggestions about the kit as you now find it.
- * Send extra materials that you think might be suitable for inclusion in the kit.
- * In either case, send to music.playforlife@mca.org.au

INSIDE THE KIT YOU WILL FIND:

- Information about why music education is so important for children.

Link: [Why music education is important](#) ❖

- Information from recent research that outlines additional benefits of music education, including improved performance in other academic areas such as reasoning, mathematics, etc and developing social and team skills.

Link: [Music Makes the Difference](#) ❖

- Information for parents about what the music education program in an Australian school should comprise; and

- Some examples of good school music programs currently operating in Australia.

Link: [Your school music program](#) ❖

- What students and school principals in Australia say about their school music program; and

- Some pictures and summaries of information for use in advocacy situations.

Link: [Talking about music education](#) ❖

- What is involved in being an advocate for music education

Link: [Being an advocate for music education](#) ❖

- Other resources for advocates to access.

Link: [Resources and Links](#) ❖

More ❖





HOW TO USE THIS KIT



For Parents

We suggest that you look at the information about :

- Why your child should learn music
- When should a child learn music
- Academic, personal and social skills that improve with music study
- What your school music program should include

Link: [Music Makes the Difference](#) ❖

Link: [Your school music program](#) ❖

For Teachers and School Principals

Look at the information about the importance of a music education

Link: [Why music education is important](#) ❖

Consider the research facts and data that outline how music helps students

Link: [Music Makes the Difference](#) ❖

Use the quotes from students and principals to support your case for your school's program

Link: [Talking about music education](#) ❖

And refer to the article about being an advocate for music education for advice and suggestions on how to advocate effectively.

Link: [Being an advocate for music education](#) ❖

