



## WHY MUSIC EDUCATION IS IMPORTANT



### Music is special.

Virtually every person every day experiences music. Every person has the capacity to enjoy and make music. Every culture in the world includes music in some form: for ceremony, relaxation, communication, celebration and enjoyment.

The world would be inconceivable without music. Imagine the absence of music in our lives.

It is through schools that every child could have the opportunity to find the joy of making and understanding music. Yet many children miss out on that opportunity because schools choose not to offer it, or do not offer enough.

**All children should have music as a core component of their education, from the first years at pre-school through to their senior school years.**

### Enriching students' lives.

An education in music enriches students' lives by providing:

- joy and pleasure,
- a transforming human experience,
- a unique way of knowing,
- access to our musical cultural heritage,
- an enhancement to quality of life,
- an opportunity to develop potential,
- an avenue for creativity and self-expression,
- a means for self-realisation and self-fulfillment, and
- a unique avenue to succeed at school.

Music is able to do this because it has many unique qualities.

### Music is unique.

Music provides a unique means of communication and expression through sound.

Music provides a context for the understanding and transmission of beliefs and values.

Music has its own body of knowledge and skills.

Music functions as a means of entertaining, celebrating, relaxing and expressing.

Music brings joy and satisfaction, fosters creative expression, challenges thinking and stimulates imagination.

Music learning contributes to intellectual and cognitive growth through the development of skills, techniques and processes.

Music learning contributes to social and personal growth.

Music engages all aspects of a person: cognitive, emotional, sensory, physical and spiritual.

Music is an abstract, creative medium which allows for unique individual expression.

Music is valuable in its own right-however, it also has other qualities that bring additional benefits to students. Recent research illustrates how learning music can help students improve in other academic and social areas of their lives.

Go to Link: [Music Makes the Difference](#) to check out the latest information.

