

# SOUND SCHOOL

## OUTLINE

**Sound School is a 10-week music program that allows your whole school to learn a musical instrument. No experience necessary, with all instruments, equipment and staff provided.**

Developed and delivered by experienced instrumental teachers from Focus Music, Sound School provides your students the opportunity to work hand-in-hand with our team of Western Australian Academy of Performing Arts (WAAPA) graduates.

Focus Music staff will attend your school once a week for a Term to deliver small-group instrument classes in Guitar, Piano, Drums and Singing to each year level from Years 1 to 6.

The end of the Term culminates in an epic Whole-School Concert; allowing each class to perform the songs they have learnt.

## PROJECT PHILOSOPHY

We believe that music speaks to every child, and every child has their own music to make.

Unfortunately, factors such as cost, time, and logistics can inhibit students' ability to access the benefits of learning a musical instrument. As a result, the opportunity is often reserved for a select few.

**We believe music should be accessible to all.**

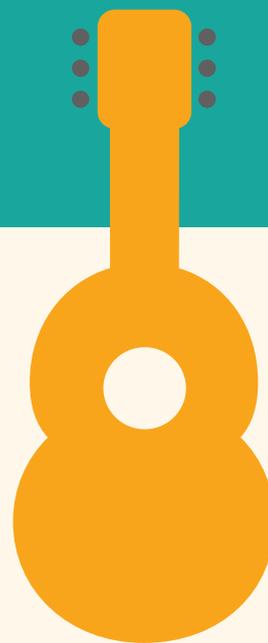
Sound School provides your entire school access to learn a musical instrument – no experience necessary, with all instruments, equipment and staff provided.

Learning an instrument is more than just a fun hobby. Sound School inspires young people to explore their instrument as an outlet for personal expression; developing life skills such as patience, confidence, improved memory, and self-discipline.

## WHY ARE WE DIFFERENT?

Our team at Focus Music have a passion for community, performance and bringing children together through the medium of music.

Our staff are also professionally trained WAAPA musicians with national and international performance experience. As a partner-organisation with Act Belong Commit (Mentally Healthy WA), we combine our passion and expertise to work with students to find their inner voice.



## HOW DOES IT WORK?

**Each school class will attend a 45-minute instrument lesson once a week, for a 10-week Term.**

Based on a school class size of up to 32 students, the class will be divided between Guitar, Drums, Piano and Singing



Each student in the class will select their instrument they would like to learn for the Term.

There can be a maximum of 8 students allocated to each instrument.

For example, once 8 students in the class have selected "guitar" as their instrument for the Term, the remaining students in the class will select from the remaining instruments of singing, piano and drums.

Below is a sample timetable for Sound School, which can be adapted to your individual school's start, finish, and break times. If your school has more than 1 class per year level, this timetable can be duplicated on a second day of the week for the other class.

<b>Year 1</b>	9:00-9:45
<b>Year 2</b>	9:45-10:30
<b>Recess</b>	10:30-10:50
<b>Year 3</b>	11:00-11:45
<b>Lunch</b>	12:00-12:30
<b>Year 4</b>	12:30-1:15
<b>Year 5</b>	1:15-2:00
<b>Year 6</b>	2:00-2:45

## OUTCOMES

- Provide access to musical instrument learning to every student in your school.
- Inspire every student's creativity through music.
- Connect students with each other - transcending social groups and supporting an atmosphere of inclusion.
- Provide meaningful performing arts activities with scope for integration into your school's curriculum.
- Develop student awareness about how music and learning an instrument can support their social, cognitive and personal development.

### Cost

The cost per child is \$8 per 45-minute class.

### Year Levels

Years 1 to 6

### Capacity

Up to 32 students per school class – unlimited classes.

### Space Required

4 classrooms are required to deliver simultaneous instrument lessons.

### Equipment & Staffing

All instruments, equipment and staffing are provided.

### Location

All equipment is portable to allow classes to be delivered at your school.

### Qualifications & Checks

All staff hold Working With Children Checks and tertiary qualifications in music from WAAPA.