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### An education inclusive of music maximises student opportunity.

Music maximises student engagement and provides opportunities for a child's personal development that no other subject can match. Music helps underperforming students to improve. Music helps kids learn. [References 1-5]



### Music develops neural pathways and enhances brain function.

Brain imaging techniques show that musical tasks can activate all 4 lobes of the brain, as well as parts of the cerebellum. Music, quite literally, gets the whole brain working. [References 10-17]



### Australian parents value music and want their kids to be involved.

90% of Australian parents think that music is an essential part of a young child's learning. Parents are some of the greatest advocates for music education.



### Australia lags behind other countries in provision of school music.

The world's leading nations all include music as a core subject. Countries with strong commitments to music in their schools from early primary years demonstrate higher academic results.



### Music improves confidence, self-expression and fosters creativity.

Music is a powerful tool in enhancing health and wellbeing. Creating and performing music can promote positive self-confidence and improve a young person's sense of self-worth. [Reference 6]



### Too many kids miss out on quality music education at school.

For music education to be effective, it must be continuous, sequential and developmental. Music education is for everyone and should not be a privilege of the well off. [References 18-19]



### Music promotes teamwork and collaboration.

Making music with other people helps to establish a culture of tolerance and acceptance. Creating and experiencing music as a group leads young people to understand and value diversity. It promotes sharing, listening and encourages social growth by asking students to work together. [References 7-9]



### Music is good for Australia's social, cultural and economic growth.

Skills learned through music are valued and needed in everyday life. Music underpins Australia's creative sectors and supports the development of other industries. Skills developed through music are valued by Australian businesses.

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