

# MUSIC: COUNT US IN 2017

## STUDENT SONGWRITERS

### **Makayla Forbes, 16 from NSW**

Music has always been a part of Makayla's life and has had the opportunity to perform in Australia and overseas, most notably at the Vienna Music Festival. Makayla is quite new to songwriting but she is inspired by Australia's diversity and the importance of individuality.

*"I write to inspire others to make a difference and to achieve their dreams. It is such an amazing privilege to be involved in MCUI."*



### **Elliena Escott, 13 from QLD**

Elliena developed her passion for music during primary school. Since then she has surrounded herself with music as much as possible, playing with various instrumental groups around the Gold Coast for the last few years. Elliena has won awards for her songwriting in the past and is a regular busker around Surfer's Paradise.

*"I'm super excited to be in the Music: Count Us In Songwriting Team. As a musician and young composer, one of my goals has always been to write a song that makes the nation sing and this is my chance."*



### **Sadie Mustoe, 13 from VIC**

Sadie has been writing her own songs since she was 6 years old and she has received great critical recognition for her efforts. She has released an album of her own compositions titled 'Girl on the Hill'. Sadie's music celebrates the people in her life.

*"I feel privileged to promote music to a wider community, to express my love for music and to work with other artists in something bigger than I could have ever imagined."*



### **Marcus and Tiffany Yeo, 11 and 13 from QLD**

Born into a family of musicians, siblings Tiffany and Marcus started collaborating and writing music about two years. Both enjoy playing violin and piano and are involved in music at school.

*"We want to merge our music with our passion to inspire people and change this world, one song at a time. With music, the possibilities are endless!"*

