

Festival of Music 2025

Troupe Information

What is the 'PSMF Troupe' all about?

A group of dancers (and soloists pending on whether there are solo parts in these songs) perform to the Commissioned Work (composer approached to compose a group of songs based on a theme). In 2025, we will be performing to some commissioned works songs as well as some standalone songs from the repertoire.

Students work with a professional Artistic Director, Jo Casson, and members of her exceptional team from Ding Productions.

The **video audition process** is about your child as a performer/dancer and team member. Students will need to learn a short dance routine which they will video and send to Kristin. Please see Application form for links to choreography etc...

Completed Auditions

The Artistic Director and Troupe Manager will discuss and finalise the members of the Troupe for 2025. This year there will be ONE large Troupe with a maximum of 80 Year 5 – 8 students, to perform 4 Concerts at the Entertainment Centre. The Concert dates are Monday, 15 to 18 September. We will be bumping into the Adelaide Entertainment Centre the week before.

When do we find out who is in the 2025 TROUPE? We will send letters of offer to all successful students asap from the end of this term to week 1 of Term 2. Letters of offer will be emailed out to families, so please ensure all contact details are correct.

If your child is successful in gaining a position in the Troupe they will >

- → Receive all the information consent forms, schedules etc.
- → Be required to attend ALL rehearsals and weekend workshops, as stated in the schedule.
- → Need to make the commitment to be part of this wonderful and unique experience, as all rehearsals and workshops are compulsory.

Troupe Rehearsals: - when and where? Troupe rehearsals will commence in Week 2, Term 2 (7 and 8 May). Rehearsals will be at Underdale High School (Performing Arts theatre) on Wednesdays (4:30pm - 6:30pm) and Norwood Primary School (School Hall) on Thursdays (4:30-6:30pm) for Term 2 ONLY. In Term 3 we will be combining both groups to make the ONE large Troupe at Unley PS. Rehearsals will be on Thursdays, 4:30 – 6:30pm. It is very important that the Troupe works as ONE troupe for Term 3, as they will be performing together as one for the 4 concerts.

There will also be at least 4 weekend rehearsals, on Sundays, usually from 10:00am – 4:00pm. Venue and dates for these weekend rehearsals will be Klemzig PS.

Any Cost?

'Materials Fee' of \$90 (inc. GST) – cover some of the cost for costumes, props, venue hire and includes a Troupe T-shirt.

This is a huge commitment for your child and family, but one that is worth the effort. We offer the students the opportunity to work with a professional Artistic Director, professional Choreographers and to perform four times at the Adelaide Entertainment Centre! A unique and unforgettable experience for your child!

Regards, *Maria Stone* (Troupe Manager)