



Central Coast
Conservatorium
Of Music

2026

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Program Overview

Our 2026 Schools Scholarships Program is a **three-year** initiative designed to support enthusiastic and talented students from our Schools Program. It gives students access to a comprehensive, well-structured music education pathway that combines private tuition, group learning and performance opportunities at our vibrant Conservatorium in Gosford's CBD.

Successful candidates of our 2026 Schools Scholarships will receive subsidised access to a tried and tested music program developed to build skills, knowledge and inspiration across the three key areas of instrumental technique, ensemble playing and musicianship.

Why it Matters

The goal of our Schools Scholarship Program is to provide student musicians from our Schools Program the opportunity to:

- Be inspired to learn and challenge themselves
- Engage with our most experienced teachers at the Conservatorium on a weekly basis
- Participate in a comprehensive music education program that builds musical understanding through multiple learning systems and approaches
- Become part of a family/community of like minded student musicians who love playing their instrument individually and together as a team
- Have fun participating in a musical extension program that challenges and shapes the musicians of the future
- Participate in performance and showcase opportunities, gaining valuable experience along the way

Our Commitment

In 2026, **20 students** will receive fee relief of up to **\$3,700 each** across the three-year scholarship period.

This program demonstrates the Con's deep commitment to, and investment in, ensuring quality musical education is accessible to all and providing a pathway of artistic excellence for children across the Central Coast.



Inclusions and Benefits

Recipients of our 2026 Scholarships will receive subsidised access to:

- Weekly 1 to 1 Lessons and personalised guidance with a highly qualified music educator and experienced performer
- Musicianship Classes to learn the foundations of music, develop theory, listening and creative skills
- Ensemble participation in one of our flagship groups (Primary Wind Ensemble, Junior Wind Ensemble and the Senior Wind Ensemble depending on age and skill level)
- Unparalleled access to prestigious performance opportunities
- Mentorship opportunities with inspiring, professional musicians

As part of our School Scholarship Program, families of the selected students will receive the following financial benefits:

Year 1: Save 50% on Tuition

Year 2: Save 30% on Tuition

Year 3: Save 10% on Tuition

**\$3,700
Savings**





Who can Apply

The Schools Scholarships Program is open to enthusiastic students currently enrolled in our 2025 Schools Programs or students planning on joining our Schools Program in 2026. Students who will be in years 5-8 in 2026 are invited to apply for the Scholarship. Instrument disciplines eligible for entry for this scholarship program are woodwind, brass and percussion.

Please note, this scholarship is not available for students already enrolled at Central Coast Conservatorium of Music (Gosford facility) in 1 to 1 Lessons.

How to Apply

Applicants are required to complete an online [Application Form](#) and upload an Audition Video recording in the link provided on the form and [here](#).

Scholarship applications close on **Friday, 14 November 2025**.

Audition Criteria

Students are requested to play a scale (percussion students; two rudiments) and up to two pieces, either solo works or band pieces, to demonstrate their potential on their instrument of choice.

Please make sure the audition video is recorded in a quiet environment with adequate natural lighting. If any student requires access to a suitable space for recording, our Administration Team will be happy to arrange this.

Selection Process

A panel of three esteemed teachers/conductors, including the Conservatorium's Artistic Director Patrick Brennan, will carefully review audition submissions to select the 20 scholarship recipients. Successful applicants will be announced the week commencing 17 November.

Successful applicants will be contacted by the Conservatorium to discuss suitable 1 to 1 Lesson days and times, Ensemble enrolment and Musicianship Class timetable.

Questions

Got questions? For more information on the 2026 Schools Scholarship or Schools Program contact the Central Coast Conservatorium of Music on 02 4324 7477 or email admin@cccmusic.nsw.edu.au



About the Programs

1 : 1 Lessons

The core of the Conservatorium offering is educating students through 1 to 1 Lessons with our expert teachers. Most students commence 1 to 1 Lessons for 30 minutes a week. These lessons allow students to gain a thorough knowledge of their instrument and accelerate their learning with personalised tuition.

Musicianship Classes

Musicianship classes are designed to teach the building blocks of music and improve students' understanding of how music works. It improves their music reading skills, listening skills and offers a knowledge of the composition of music. Musicianship accelerates and enhances a student's ability to progress on their chosen instrument.

Ensemble Programs

The Conservatorium offers three flagship ensembles for students to participate in, based on age and skill of the student. Primary Wind Ensemble (PWE) is for primary school level students and the Junior Wind Ensemble (JWE) and Senior Wind Ensemble (SWE) are for upper primary and high school students.

Terms and Conditions

- All 2026 School Scholarship applicants will be assessed by video audition
- Students must enrol in all programs outlined in the Benefits section over the course of the three year scholarship to retain subsidised tuition
- Applications will not be accepted if fees are overdue (unless a Payment Plan Agreement is in place and instalments are up to date)
- The 2026 School Scholarship is for students who are not yet enrolled in Central Coast Conservatorium of Music 1-1 lessons





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