

## Musica Viva In Schools (MVIS) – Primary School Residency Program

COVID-19 Safety Plan NSW  
as at 14 February 2022



**Program description:** Regular classroom music lessons for primary school students.

The safety of MVIS artists, school students and teachers is of paramount importance at all times and never more so than during this COVID-19 pandemic. Careful planning and consideration has been given to how and when MVIS staff and teaching artists may conduct live lessons in schools without the risk of COVID-19 transmission.

The MVIS COVID-19 Risk Management Plan considers NSW Government guidelines for in-school activities as announced on 8 February 2022. The Plan focusses on ensuring the highest levels of hygiene practices and processes, as well as ensuring sufficient distance and eliminating direct or indirect contact between teaching artists and classroom participants.

### For MVIS teaching artists:

- MVIS artists will contact an MVA representative immediately should they experience any COVID-19 or flu symptoms such as fever, coughing, a sore throat and shortness of breath and will not attend a school until symptoms are confirmed as not related to COVID-19 or medical clearance is obtained.
- Teaching Artists will undergo surveillance testing (using RAT) prior to visiting schools. MVIS teaching artists to use hand sanitizer provided or wash hands with soap when entering and exiting the school venue.
- MVIS teaching artists to avoid shaking hands with students, teachers, support staff, participants or audience members at any time at school.
- MVIS teaching artists to wipe down all shared instruments and equipment between lessons with detergent and/or disinfectant as deemed appropriate for the instrument and equipment.
- All instruments and equipment to remain in the classroom between school visits.
- MVIS artists to maintain social distancing minimum of 1.5m where possible from each other, students, teachers, support staff, participants and audience members.
- School students, teachers and support staff to adhere to Department of Education guidelines regarding social distancing.
- For students with diverse access needs, additional precautions in line with school policy and Department of Education guidelines will be adhered too. This may include the wearing of a face shield or other protective clothing.
- When singing, choose well ventilated indoor areas or outdoors areas. Maintain physical distancing, wear masks indoors while singing and consider

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the use of masks outdoors if physical distancing is not possible. Masks can be removed temporarily for the purpose of teacher demonstration only-

- Non-reeded ww instruments such as flutes or recorders should be positioned so that they maintain a distance of 1.5m from all people including other members of the class/group. They must also maintain a distance of 3m space between the direction of airflow from their instrument and other people. The above activity should occur in well ventilated indoor areas or outdoors.

#### **For Schools:**

- The school has implemented the Department of Education's Covid Safe recommendations and shared their school specific policy where applicable with MVIS teaching artists.
- The school has implemented the Department of Education's enhanced cleaning and hygiene practices.
- The classroom teachers assist MVIS teaching artists to maintain social distancing as is possible.
- Where possible, Residency performances on school site should be held in an undercover outside area.
- For indoor lessons and performances, air flow should be increased where possible by opening windows/doors.
- Related resources are being provided digitally so that there is no sharing of paper resources required. Any music books are to be wiped down between classes.
- Before entering the classroom space, a School representative should remind the participants of social distancing requirements and hygiene practices such as sneezing or coughing into elbow and cleaning hands.
- For students with diverse access needs, additional precautions in line with school policy and Department of Education guidelines will be adhered too. This may include the wearing of a face shield or other protective clothing.

*These guidelines are intended to comply with the Australian Government and World Health Organisation's advice on social distancing and hygiene, find out more [here](#)*

*These guidelines also consider the NSW Government guidelines announced by the Department of Health, find out more [here](#) and Department of Education 8 February 2022, find out more [here](#).*

*This plan will be reviewed regularly and adjusted in line with government and health authority advice.*