

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

COVID Safe Plan Victoria
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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 Safe Plan considers Victorian Government guidelines for in-school activities as announced on 31 January 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, and limiting activity to the smallest possible cohort groups and the importance of adequate ventilation

For MVIS teaching artists:

- MVIS teaching 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 artists will be made aware of state specific vaccination guidelines for school visitors.
- MVIS teaching artists to use hand sanitiser provided or wash hands with soap when entering and exiting the school venue.
- Face masks are to be worn when not teaching.
- MVIS teaching artists to avoid shaking hands with school staff, students, teachers, support staff, participants or audience members at any time at school.
- MVIS teaching artists will ensure there are no interactive elements to the lessons or performances that involve handling or sharing of instruments and equipment or other props, dancing, singing, chanting, voice projection or contact between participants.
- MVIS teaching artists to wipe down all instruments and equipment between lessons with detergent and/or disinfectant as deemed appropriate for the instrument and equipment. No wind or brass instruments will be played at lessons or in-school performances.

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- 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.

For Schools:

- 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.
- All instruments, equipment and books to remain in the classroom between school visits. No wind or brass instruments will be played in-school.
- 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.

Online Professional Development

- All Professional Development (PD) will be delivered online.
- Teachers will access the online PD in a suitable space on school grounds or at home, in accordance to health guidelines and only one person per screen.

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 Victorian Government guidelines announced 31 January 2022, find out more [here](#).

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