

I wish to strongly urge the Government not to cut funding to music programs in schools, particularly with reference to Canterbury Girls' Secondary College.

Music is integrated into our school in so many ways & impacts all our daughters' lives whether they participate more intensively in the music program or not. There are many benefits from music to our school community with the development of confidence, cohesion, team work & an improved learning environment being just a few examples.

Our school is valued for the music program it offers & is in fact sought out by parents because of the importance they place upon music in creating a strong, successful learning environment.

Our music department is run by the most passionate & diligent staff members who are enthusiastic in their approach to sharing the joy of music with our community & helping everyone reap the benefits music in a learning environment brings. They frequently work many additional hours to not only assist students in their learning but to weave the benefits of music throughout the rest of the school program so that the whole school community is working better, smarter & more happily without even realising it.

Please, please, PLEASE DO NOT reduce or remove the funding of music to our government schools.

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