

Ms Kerry Riseley, Executive Officer
Education and Training Committee
Parliament House
Spring Street
East Melbourne Vic 3002

Dear Ms Riseley,

Re: Submission for Parliamentary Enquiry into Music Education

My name is Delia Campbell, I writing this submission on behalf of my family – husband Andrew, son Leyton and daughter Hannah. My son attends Wantirna College and he is learning guitar there and is in the ensemble. He enjoys it very much and wishes to continue this throughout his secondary years. I am concerned, as a mother of children who wish to learn and contribute to music at school and as a parent who has become a member of the Music Parents Association at Wantirna College, that the government does not value enough the contribution of music in schools. It gives the children an opportunity to participate in something that they enjoy and can get together with other students and perform for proud parents and family members.

I think that music is an great opportunity for children to express themselves and learn something that they enjoy and have fun with. I think that music also allows them to learn better in other areas of school. It is also something that they learn that stays with them through their adults years well after leaving school.

My daughter attends Boronia K-12 College and will be attending Wantirna College when she has finished Grade 6. She is a member of the choir at this school and wishes to continue this through her years at Wantirna College. She may also decide to take up an instrument. There are a lot of considerations to take into account when teaching music at schools for example the amount of time and teachers needed for learning and practice, the variety of instruments and teachers needed to give students the opportunity to learn what they are interested in, therefore funding is needed as schools also need to provide opportunities in many areas of learning like science, sports and performing arts just to name a few as well as music.

Please accept this submission as a concern that schools in Victoria need the support of the government to keep this opportunity open for kids now and into the future. We all need music in our lives, let this happen.

Thank you,

Delia Campbell

