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To whom it may concern,

As a parent of two girls attending Canterbury Girls Secondary College, I am most disappointed and angered at the Government's proposed action of removing necessary funding of the school's music program. The school is already impacted by a comparative lack of funding eg lack of airconditioning/heating, dangerous paving in the main school walkways, lack of suitable assembly hall etc, to take the funding away for the music programme highlights the shortsightedness of federal and state governments when it comes to the wellbeing of students in "government schools". Is there a hidden agenda here? Is the Government's intent to push students to private schools? We pay taxes, we expect Governments to use taxes to fund Government schools (ie tax-payer funds!) ie our money, not the Government's money, to fund schools and school programmes such as music. Canterbury Girls Secondary College prides itself on the level of achievement in music that its students have attained. The music programme assists so many girls with their overall learning and development. To take this away from the school would disadvantage many students currently in a variety of music ensembles, and who learn a variety of instruments. No doubt removing this funding would impact the employment of some or many of the music staff, who are such a group of dedicated teachers. The removal of funding should not happen.