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My 3 daughters attend Canterbury Girls S.C. and all are participating in the Music Program there. They had no prior musical experience (nor I) and I have been delighted with the benefits I have seen in each of them by including Music Education in their academic lives. My daughters are by no means 'accomplished' musicians but they have learned the qualities of persistence, practice, team work and concentration to name a few. I have seen these qualities transfer in to other areas of their personal and school life.

The school provides the expertise, opportunity and organisation to access music tuition, bands and performances that I do not believe I could find outside the school. The school also makes music affordable. I could access, even organise a sporting experience outside of school for my children but not an orchestra or performances. I strongly believe if Music Education isn't provided through Schools then many, many children will never experience the benefit even a brief encounter with musical training and performance brings.