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Both my daughter and son attend Government secondary schools. Namely Canterbury Girls Secondary College, and Koonung Secondary College. I am disturbed to hear that funding to Music Programs within Government schools is under inquiry and hence potentially under threat. I am sure that none of the private schools, who benefit from tax payer subsidies, would ever contemplate such a move as they understand the importance of a well rounded curriculum that includes music. Government schools should be no different and music should not be considered as a luxury subject requiring a private school education. Removal of funding for Music programs would ruin the hopes and dreams of so many children who are reaping in the benefits of music to their lives. For so many, music offers a subject to look forward to in amongst all of the pressure of school, particularly during the VCE years. Please do not reduce or remove funding - if the budget is tight, consider reducing the subsidies given to private schools to help cover the cost - this would share the pain equally and fairly across the Government and Private education systems.