

To Whom it May Concern,

I understand that there was a technical difficulty with e submission during mid January – I am not sure if my submission was received or not, so I am sending a further submission.

My daughter Kate attends year 8 at Canterbury Girls Secondary College – we chose the school as it has a strong music program. She learnt to play the flute with private lessons whilst in Primary School. Financial circumstances at present mean we wouldn't be able to continue this if she didn't have lesson availability at CGSC. At CGSC I have seen her music assist her to blossom into a confident young lady, happily performing in the school band – which won a gold shield at the Melbourne Bands Competition last year.

I believe music is a vital part of education:

- It enhances development of creativity, mental capacity and intellect.
- Music is academic, physical and emotional
- Skills learned through the discipline of music transfer to study skills, communication skills, and cognitive skills useful in every part of a child's studies at school
- Playing a musical instrument enhances intelligence and academic achievement, builds self-esteem and improves discipline.

I believe all children have the right to a great education and the government has the responsibility to fund this. Our public schools are being eroded with funding cuts – it's actually time to INCREASE spending. I sincerely request that music funding is not cut – it's vitally important for the children of Victoria and the future of Victoria depends on our children

Kind Regards,

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