

National Music Teacher Mentoring Program - NSW

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What is the National Music Teacher Mentoring Program?

The National Music Teacher Mentoring Program is a unique in-school professional learning music program open to K-6 teachers in all NSW public schools. Participating teachers are mentored at their school over Terms 2 and 3 by experienced, highly-skilled music educators, providing them with the skills and confidence to deliver high quality music in their classrooms.

The aim of the program nationally is to provide high quality music education for all Australian primary school students. In NSW, the goal is for all K-6 students to access this through their current music specialist, or if none is available, their everyday classroom teacher.

The NMTMP is the only professional learning program in NSW that offers in-school music mentoring over 20 school weeks to primary school teachers.

In 2016, the NSW program is open for the first time to all schools. It is also open to outstanding music specialists who can commit to mentoring teachers in their area.

The brainchild of Richard Gill OAM, the national program received funding by the Federal Government and was developed in consultation with the Australian Youth Orchestra.

Why music education?

Music education in schools has been proven to improve student outcomes in the classroom, as well as improving self-confidence, creativity and teamwork skills. Early testing of the 2015 pilot program has shown highly positive outcomes for students, teachers and mentors alike:

- 97% of students in the 2015 program showed improvement in their musical competencies,
- 100% of teachers mentored demonstrated improvement in their teaching competencies and greater confidence in their ability to teach music, and
- All mentors found their professional confidence grew after taking part.

Some of the 2015 NSW pilot program teachers and mentors discuss their experiences in [this video](#) by mentor David Collins-White.

Who can participate?

- [Schools](#) with two enthusiastic K-2 classroom teachers, OR
- [Mentors](#) who are highly experienced, trained and versatile K-6 Music educators

Mentors and teachers are both eligible for BOSTES-accredited courses, mentors at Highly Accomplished level and teachers at Proficient level. More details will be provided to successful applicants.

Click on the relevant link below for more information, costs and how to apply:

[Schools](#)

[Mentors](#)

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