

2024 marks the 30th Anniversary of the Sydney Southeast Symphonic Winds ensemble (formerly known as the Sydney Region Band). Our goal is to provide advanced music education and performance opportunities for children in years 5-8 who are currently enrolled in public schools in and around the Sydney area. Students are auditioned from all across the greater Sydney area to form a 100+ piece concert band.

The band has regularly performed at leading performance venues including the Sydney Opera House, Angel Place, Sydney Town Hall, Parliament House, Verbruggen Hall and the Sydney Entertainment Centre, also representing the Department of Education at official events throughout Sydney.

We hold a yearly camp where the students work with experienced conductors and tutors, with regular rehearsals held at Caringbah North Public School. We also provide music teachers with professional development opportunities both as a part of the camp as well as through rehearsals and auditions.

WHO CAN APPLY?

Students in year 5, 6, 7 or 8 who are enrolled in a Public School located in the greater Sydney area. Year 9 students who were a member of the 2023 ensemble are also welcomed to apply.

AUDITIONS

Auditions will be held on May 4-5 at Caringbah North PS. For more information regarding auditions please see the Audition Requirements information available on the following page. Alternatively, all information can be viewed on our website – www.gspensembles.com or on the Arts Unit website.

CAMP

The 2024 camp will be held **Monday 3rd June – Wednesday 5th June** at The Tops Conference Centre.

FEES

Fees for 2024 total \$600. These fees pay for camp accommodation/meals/activities, music, expert tuition, administration, auditions, supervision, and band polo shirt (if required).

REHEARSAL & PERFORMANCE DATES

Please see the calendar on the following page or on our website for the proposed 2024 schedule.

HOW TO APPLY:

Teachers, conductors, and tutors are to provide information and dates to suitable students. Applications are to be made online at www.gspensembles.com or via the Arts Unit website. Please ensure that all information is read carefully prior to applying. Times and dates for auditions will be sent by Sunday 28th April with auditions held the following weekend. An attempt will be made to honour special requests for audition allocations.

CLOSING DATE: Friday 26th April, 2024

Questions regarding applications or information regarding the 2024 SSSW ensemble should be directed to

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Auditions for 2024 will be held Saturday 4th & Sunday 5th May at Caringbah North Public School. Students will be allocated a time and day following the close of applications on Friday 26th April. If no information has been received by Monday 29th April regarding audition allocation, please contact us. If there are any special requests regarding audition allocation, we will do our best to accommodate.

On the day of the audition, students will be required to:

- Perform one short unaccompanied piece (or an excerpt from a longer piece) between 1-2 minutes long, with a focus on the players' musicality and technique. Special attention should be paid to phrasing, articulation, and dynamic contrast.
- Play one major, minor, or chromatic scale. The scale should demonstrate as much of the students' playing range as possible and be played "all tongued" or "all slurred".
- Play a short passage of sight reading. The piece will be different for all instruments and will reflect the level of music to be played in this year's ensemble.

All students will need to bring is their instrument, music, and a smile ☺

** SPECIAL INFORMATION FOR PERCUSSIONISTS **

The percussion audition process is slightly different in that it will be an open audition, with all applicants attending at the same time. They will need to demonstrate 4 styles (Rock, Swing, Latin & March) as well as auxiliary and mallet ability if studied. Creativity is greatly encouraged within the various beat patterns. These auditions will be held on the afternoon/evening of Sunday 5th May.

Day / Date	Details	Venue
Saturday 4th & Sunday 5th May	Auditions Times TBA	Caringbah North Public School
Sunday 19 th May	First Rehearsal 2.30pm – 5.30pm	Caringbah North Public School
Monday 3rd June – Wednesday 5th June	Camp 9am Monday – 7pm Wednesday	The Tops Conference Centre
Sunday 16 th June	Rehearsal 2.30-5.30pm	Caringbah North Public School
Sunday 30 th June	Rehearsal 2.30-5.30pm	Caringbah North Public School
Sunday 28 th July	Rehearsal 2.30-5.30pm	Caringbah North Public School
Sunday 11 th August	Rehearsal 2.30-5.30pm	Caringbah North Public School
Sunday 18 th August	Dress Rehearsal 2.30-5.30pm	Caringbah North Public School
Monday 19th August	Cantabile Festival Times TBA	Sydney Opera House
Sunday 8 th September	Rehearsal 2.30-5.30pm	Caringbah North Public School
Sunday 22 nd September	Rehearsal 2.30-5.30pm	Caringbah North Public School
Sunday 13 th October	Rehearsal 2.30-5.30pm	Caringbah North Public School
Sunday 27 th October	Rehearsal 2.30-5.30pm	Caringbah North Public School
Sunday 3rd November	Showcase Concert Times TBA	Sydney Conservatorium of Music – Verbruggen Hall

*** This is a proposed schedule only and is subject to change. ***