

Performing Arts Update



Senior Singer performing at Sydney Eisteddfod

Sydney Eisteddfod



Sydney Eisteddfod - Concert Band

Each year, the Music staff reflect on the complexities and logistics of participating in the Sydney Eisteddfod. The organisation, transport, long sessions and, at times, challenging adjudication can prompt us to question whether it is all worthwhile. However, this year we are in unanimous agreement, the Eisteddfod experience brought out the very best in our Meriden musicians.

In the lead-up to each event, the music rooms were alive with energy. Students practised diligently, discussed repertoire, and refined their individual parts through sectionals led by our student leaders. The leadership, collaboration and shared commitment among the girls were truly inspiring to witness.

Rehearsals were exceptionally well attended, marked by a strong sense of focus and purpose. The discipline demonstrated by each ensemble was outstanding, and the competitive element encouraged every student to strive for her personal best. The excitement and pride following each performance were palpable.

Performing in the professional acoustic setting of The Concourse Concert Hall further showcased the high calibre of musicianship across all ensembles. Each performance reflected the dedication, preparation and passion of our students.

We extend our sincere thanks to the school community for supporting this valuable opportunity for our musicians. With 366 Senior School students and 228 Junior School students involved, our ensemble program continues to grow and flourish.



Sydney Eisteddfod - Big Band



Wind Symphony performing at Sydney Eisteddfod

2026 Sydney Eisteddfod Results

Ensemble	Event	Result
Year 2 Choir	Primary School Infants Choir (K-2)	1st Place
Year 5 & 6 Choir	Primary School Combined Choir (K-6)	2nd Place
Junior School Wind Ensemble	Primary School Intermediate Concert Band	1st Place
Junior School Chamber Strings	Primary School Premium Strings	2nd Place
Senior Singers	Youth SATB (K-12)	1st Place
Madrigals	Secondary School Chamber Choir	2nd Place
Year 2 Choir	Choral Championships	Finalist
Senior Singers	Choral Championships	2nd Place
Big Band	Secondary School Intermediate Big Band	1st Place
Wind Symphony	Secondary School Premium Concert Band	2nd Place
Concert Band	Secondary School Intermediate Concert Band	2nd Place
Chamber Strings 2	Secondary School Intermediate Strings	HC
Chamber Strings 1	Secondary School Premium Strings	2nd Place
Sinfonia	Intermediate Youth School Orchestra	1st Place
Symphony Orchestra	Secondary School Premium Symphony Orchestra	1st Place



Years 5 to 6 Choir performing in Sydney Eisteddfod



Year 2 Choir performing in Sydney Eisteddfod

Sydney Eisteddfod String Events

Meriden musicians have enjoyed outstanding success in the solo sections of the Sydney Eisteddfod. Connie Liu (Year 12) was awarded first place in the Violin (Any Age) event, while Nerissa Du (Year 12) achieved first place in the Viola (Any Age) section. In addition, Year 8 cellist Jenny Li secured first place in the Under 15 Cello event.



Nerissa Du (Year 12), first place in Viola



Jenny Li (Year 8), first place in Cello



Connie Liu (Year 12), first place in Violin



Chamber Strings performing at Sydney Eisteddfod

Sydney Metropolitan Solos

Saturday 23 and Sunday 24 May proved to be an exciting weekend for many of our woodwind and brass musicians, who competed in the NSW Metro Solos, achieving numerous placings and performing at an outstanding level. It is wonderful to see our students competing and performing with such confidence and excellence.

NSW Metro Solos – Woodwind and Brass Solo Results

Ellie Ye (Year 6)	1st in U11 Any Instrument and 2nd in U11 Slow Melody
Juliet Cai (Year 7)	1st in U15 Novice Woodwind and 2nd in U15 Woodwind
Veronica Xu (Year 7)	1st in U13 Novice Brass and 2nd in U13 Brass
Selina Jung (Year 8)	4th in U15 Woodwind
Lucinda Buckley (Year 9)	3rd in U15 Novice Woodwind
Alice Deng (Year 9)	1st in U15 Novice Woodwind
Grace Henry (Year 9)	1st in U15 Novice Brass and 4th in U15 Brass
(Year 9)	3rd in U15 Woodwind
Sunae Park (Year 12)	2nd in U19 Woodwind

Performing as a soloist is a significant achievement, but we are equally proud of the students who chose to perform in small ensembles, rehearsing, collaborating and refining their work together in the lead-up to the competition. Congratulations to the following students on their outstanding results:

- Our incredible trombone ensemble -Grace Henry, Elisya Arfianto, Danielle Ho, Linley Feng, Shivani Arora and Kaitlyn Blair, who achieved 1st place in the Under 19 Ensemble
- Our oboe trio - Imogen Woolger, Seanna Chung and Elsa Li, who achieved 1st place in the Under 15 Ensemble
- Flute and tenor saxophone duet - Alice Deng and Elireeann Su, who achieved 1st place in the Under 15 Duet
- Clarinet duet - twin sisters Arabella and Juliet Cai, who achieved 2nd place in the Under 15 Duet
- Oboe duet - Lucinda Buckley and Seanna Chung, who achieved 3rd place in the Under 15 Duet

We are incredibly proud of all these students and are excited to see the continued growth of our woodwind and brass program, with so many of these musicians still developing their skills.

Thank you to Ms Abkiewicz for her dedication and support across both days of competition.



Elisya Arfianto (Year 10), Linley Feng (Year 11), Shivani Arora (Year 12), Kaitlyn Blair (Year 12), Grace Henry (Year 9), and Danielle Ho (Year 10)



Juliet Cai (Year 7), Lucinda Buckley (Year 9), and Seanna Chung (Year 9)



Juliet Cai (Year 7), Elireeann Su (Year 9), Alice Deng (Year 9), and Selina Jung (Year 8)

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