



Bundaberg Youth Orchestra
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BYO MEMBERSHIP POLICY AND CODE OF CONDUCT 2017

ATTENDANCE:

Bundaberg Youth Orchestra provides talented young musicians the opportunity to play orchestral repertoire to a high standard. Reaching this standard requires dedication from all members. The success of the ensemble is dependent on everyone attending all rehearsals and performances as part of the team.

Please don't plan other regular activities that may clash with BYO commitments.

In the event of illness or an unforeseen circumstance, please contact us at byo.committee@gmail.com or by mobile 0408 544 173 prior to rehearsal.

Extended and/or unexplained absences:

If there are any other reasons why a member must be absent from the rehearsal (e.g. travel, auditions, exam commitments etc) notice must be given.

Two or more unexplained absences per term will be discussed by the Committee and Conductor/s and who will determine if a change of seating is warranted within the Orchestra or other action to minimise the impact on the 'team'. Membership may be withdrawn if there are extended unexplained absences during the year.

REHEARSAL REQUIREMENTS:

1. All members are to help with setting up and putting away chairs, music stands etc at rehearsals and performances, and be seated ready to play with their instruments and music as required **before** the start of rehearsal time.
2. Listen to the Conductor during rehearsals, talking kept to a minimum.
3. STRICTLY NO ELECTRONIC DEVICES or books are to be in use during rehearsal. Mobile devices may be stored with instrument cases but must be kept on silent during rehearsal period and may not be kept with music (tuners are to be used prior to rehearsal). Books and/or devices may be confiscated until the end of the rehearsal period by the rehearsal manager or conductor if they are causing distraction.
6. Parents/Carers are requested to pick up members promptly at the end of rehearsals. In the event of an unforeseen delay, please call 0408 544 173. You will be contacted by a committee member if you are more than 15 minutes overdue.

EXPECTED BEHAVIOUR/RULES:

We are guests of St Luke's Anglican School (which includes St Luke's students whilst attending BYO). Please observe the following:

1. Respect the school buildings and grounds. DO NOT use items of school equipment that are not required for BYO rehearsals (i.e. music stands/chairs only).
2. Respect the school staff and students and their property.
3. Respect the BYO Conductors, Committee and parents/family members.
4. Please leave your school bags outside the main door under the covered area in a neat and tidy manner, keeping clear of the door way.
5. Please only use the toilets off the main foyer, do not go into main school grounds.
6. Please bring your own water bottle.
7. Strictly NO food or drink (except bottled water) in the Performing Arts Centre (PAC) building. Afternoon tea or food on breaks can be eaten outside the PAC.
8. Rolls will be checked once rehearsal has commenced. All members are to remain in the vicinity of the PACs buildings before rehearsal and during breaks. If a member is leaving rehearsal early you need to make the rehearsal manager aware of this. We need to know where members are AT ALL TIMES during the rehearsal period.
9. Be aware of any allergy alerts and adhere to the rules required to prevent a fellow member becoming ill. The committee will regularly advise the members of allergies.
10. **Music Folders** - Please look after your folders and the music distributed to you. Remember to bring your music folder, a pencil and instrument spares to every rehearsal and event. Returning music is also the members responsibility.

As well as attendance at rehearsal members are also expected to practice BYO music on a regular basis at home or if necessary with their private instrumental teachers if there is a difficult passage for them to learn. Rehearsal time is not intended for members to learn music as parts are always provided for home practice also.

MEMBERSHIP FEES:

Membership fees also include public liability insurance for members while undertaking rehearsals and performances. Membership fees must be paid by the due date on the invoice, or a payment plan should be in place with Treasurer.

MEMBERSHIP CANCELLATION:

Should any member fail to adhere to any of the rules for BYO and any incidents arise from this the conduct of the member will be discussed with the parent/guardian by the conductor and/or committee members.

If any concerns are not addressed and problems continue with any member of the orchestra that endangers other members, or prevents them from rehearsing or performing in a reasonable manner, membership may be withdrawn from Bundaberg Youth Orchestra by formal correspondence from the Committee.