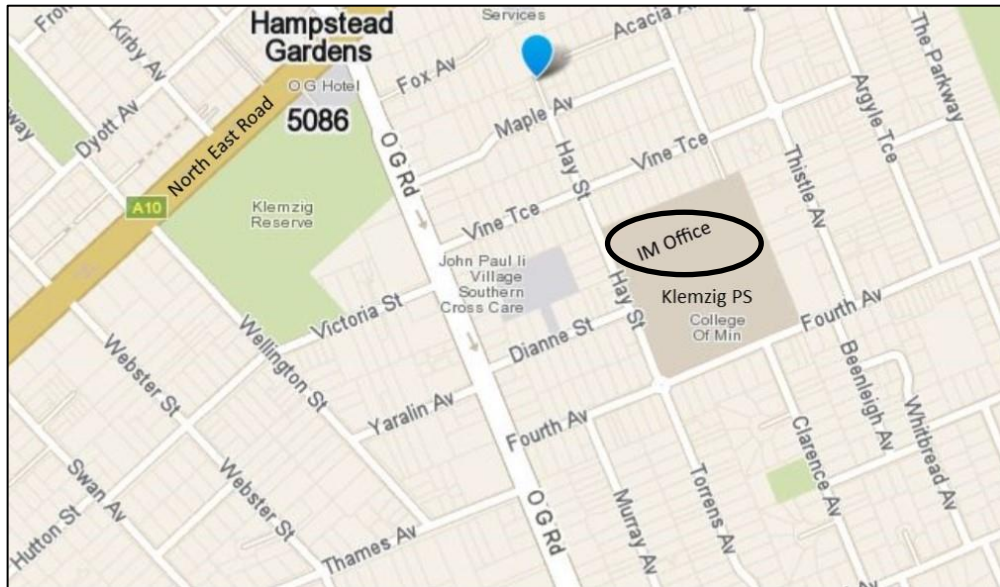


Audition Venue: Klemzig IM Office, 28 Hay Street, KLEMZIG



PRIMARY SCHOOLS STRING ORCHESTRA 2019

Conductor: LISI McGOWRAN Assistant Conductor: TOM HELPS

Places are now available for students to join the 2019 Primary Schools String Orchestra: Auditions will be held in November 2018.

Information Evening:

Norwood Primary School Tuesday, October 23 2018, 6.00-6.45pm

The Primary Schools' String Orchestra (PSSO) has provided outstanding playing opportunities for players of the violin, viola, cello and double bass since 1979 and has earned a reputation for the achievement of musical excellence.

Members of the PSSO enjoy playing exciting and challenging music representing a wide range of styles. Gaining confidence in performance is an essential part of the learning. The PSSO includes violin, viola, cello and double bass players in balanced numbers.

All members, staff and families associated with PSSO are guided by overarching Ensemble Learning Guidelines, which ensures a supportive and democratic culture based on mutual respect and team learning.

In 2019, a country area concert tour will be held: Term 1, Week 10; April 2-5 inclusive. Please note: Students are supported throughout the tour, and time is made for friendships to be formed during Term 1.

Rehearsals commence first Tuesday of school, Tuesday, January 29, 2019.

The PSSO aims to foster a love and understanding of music, develop skills in ensemble playing and reading music notation, and facilitates the building of friendships with other musicians from a broad cross-section of SA government schools.

For further Information:

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Members are required to:

- attend weekly rehearsals at Norwood Primary School, Tues 4.00 to 5.45pm
- participate in all performances
- learn the music for rehearsals and performances and seek assistance from individual instrumental teachers where necessary
- make a positive contribution to the entire team
- should a member of the ensemble be required to be absent for an extended period of time due to illness, travel or other negotiated and agreed reasons, the conductor reserves the right to change student placement in the ensemble to meet rehearsal and performance needs for all involved.

Audition Bookings, Application Forms and Further Information:

See the website:

<https://www.education.sa.gov.au/teaching/projects-and-programs/music/school-music-ensembles/primary-schools-string-orchestra-pssso>

To book an audition on the website: select your first preferred ensemble and complete the online form (from Friday, 19 October, 2018).

Audition Dates 2018 for 2019:

All auditions to be held at Klemzig IM Office, 28 Hay Street, Klemzig

- Sunday, November 11: 2.00pm to 6.00pm
- Monday, November 12: 12.00pm to 6.00pm
- Wednesday, November 14: 3.00pm to 6.00pm
- Friday, November 16: 8.00am to 12.00pm or 3.00pm to 5.00pm

Please note that Festival of Music Orchestral positions will be by separate audition for 2019. Students are encouraged to consider participation in Festival of Music Orchestras by viewing the website at:

<http://www.festivalofmusic.org.au/orchestra.html>

Audition Requirements:

- duration of each audition is 10 minutes
- students auditioning should attend a SA government school and be in years 5, 6 or 7 in 2019
- students learning from department instrumental teachers or private tutors, are eligible and encouraged to audition
- the standard required is that of beyond beginner level

Applicants will be asked to present the following:

1. **Scales:** All to be played from memory.
 - Any two octave scale and its arpeggio detache whole bows.
 - Any one octave scale and its arpeggio, demonstrating knowledge of flats, slurred two notes to a bow.
2. A **prepared piece** of music chosen to demonstrate technical and musical ability.
3. All of the prepared **excerpts of music** available online on Tuesday 24th October, and
4. A small piece of sight reading, to be worked through at the audition.

Remember to print, complete and bring the **Application Form** with you to the audition (available online at the above address)

Audition Decision Criteria:

- Accurate intonation
- Strong clear sound
- Spiccato bowing
- Accurate reading of rhythm, pitch and volume variation
- All assuming good, healthy, accurate posture and hold of the instrument and bow.

Additional skills:

- shifting for violins to 3rd position, 'cellos to 4th position.
- commencement of vibrato – for violins, violas and 'cellos

Costs:

Membership cost for PSSO is \$55 per year.

Other costs include: the uniform polo top (\$48), a Country Concert Tour in Term 1.

See over for map and contact information...