



Suzuki Early Childhood Education

Saturday 20 April - Monday 22 April 2024

Abbotsleigh Senior School, 1666 Pacific Hwy, Wahroonga

Dear Parent,

Thank you for enrolling your child in the Sydney Suzuki Festival. Please make a note of the following information in preparation for the Festival.

Your Suzuki Early Childhood Education Class SECE 2 will take place at 10.00- 10.45am on Saturday, Sunday & Monday (20-22 April) at Abbotsleigh Senior School.

Getting to the school: Train is the easiest way to travel to the Conference. The **Wahroonga** train station is a five-minute walk from the school. There is parking available for 140 cars on the school grounds – **enter via Gate 1A on Ada Avenue**. Limited street parking is available on Ada Avenue and surrounding streets, but please be considerate of local residents by not blocking their driveways.

Registration: Please make your way to the registration desk at the senior school with plenty of time to receive a registration pack, find your room and settle your child.

Please note that it is expected that each child enrolled in SECM classes has one adult to participate in the class with them. You are welcome to observe but not participate in other classes with your child and you are also encouraged to attend and watch the afternoon concert sessions. This will be a wonderful opportunity to give you and your child the experience of watching other students perform in groups and as soloists. Please be mindful of any disruptions that your young child may cause and quietly leave the room/performance space if necessary for a short while to resettle your child, before quietly returning. Learning can only occur in a calm environment.

Parents are required to supervise their children during the entire workshop, we do not have facilities to supervise and take individual children to their sessions. Staff will be on hand to direct and help you find your way around.

All students bring their own lunch/snacks and drinks, or alternatively, there will be a Coffee Cart onsite selling drinks, snacks, sandwiches & hot food. Please refrain from eating and drinking in the classrooms and concert spaces.

Parent Talks: There is a parent talk on each day of the Festival, and everyone is welcome to attend. Please check the program for times and room allocations. These talks provide parents with information and inspiration to guide your children through the Suzuki Method of learning a musical instrument.

Concerts:

Afternoon Concerts: will be held on Saturday afternoons 2.00pm. Come and enjoy beautiful solo performances by our students! Admission is free.

Gala Concert will be held in the Peter Duly Hall on Sunday 21 April. **Please purchase a ticket [HERE](#).**

Closing Concert: The Closing Concert will be held on Monday 22 April and run for approximately 1 1/2 hours. This is the final celebration performance for the Sydney Suzuki Festival for all students. **Admission is free.**

We are privileged to be welcomed into such a beautiful school - please remember to help keep the school grounds in a clean and tidy condition by putting your rubbish in the bins and reminding your children not to run through the garden beds.

Please note: this event is a NO SMOKING event. Any adult will need to leave the site completely if they wish to smoke.

First Aid Supplies: will be held at Registration.

Lost Property: Anything found at the end of each day will be held at Registration during the Festival

Nut Free Zone: Please be mindful of our many students with nut allergies. For a safe and happy Festival please leave nuts at home.

Queries: Please direct all Festival queries to admin@suzukimusicnsw.com.au or phone (02) 9484 9611 (Mon – Fri 9.30am – 2.30pm). The Suzuki office will be closed for regular business between 5-24 April, inclusive, but emails will be checked regularly.

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SECE CLASS REQUIREMENTS

To create the best learning environment for the children we ask if you could observe the following:-

Please ensure that your child:

- has been fed or had a drink and non-sugar snack. Abbotsleigh requests that no food or drink be consumed in the classrooms.
- has been to the toilet or has a clean nappy
- does not have toys or comforters with them during class
- only has one adult with them during class time
- **Please ensure that you:**
- wear comfortable clothes as you will be up and down off the floor and moving actively with your child.
- remove your shoes and leave your bag and any additional clothes at the side of the room.
- *please* TURN OFF YOUR MOBILE PHONE
- ask older siblings to remain quietly at the side of the room

During Class

No prior music knowledge is required. You can help your child to learn and focus on the sounds and actions of the class by participating actively so your child has a familiar model to follow. Please don't force him or her to do anything – just do it yourself and keep smiling at your child. Remember that major learning is taking place all the time - just through being in the class and observing.

- Please keep your child with you at all times so that they are able to focus on class activities
- As we are fostering musical sensitivity and keen auditory skills please do not chat to other grown-ups during the lesson.
- If your child becomes agitated please move outside for a short time until he/she is calm and ready to be with the group. Learning can only occur if your child is in a calm state.

The Suzuki Early Childhood Music (SECM) curriculum is unique among movement and music classes. The curriculum is based on a mastery of concepts and the development of ability.

We look forward to meeting you and your child and sharing a fun time together.

The Suzuki Association wishes you an enjoyable Festival!