

2026
ABERMAIN EISTEDDFOD
SCHOOLS SYLLABUS

INDIVIDUAL SECTIONS

Wednesday 26th and/or Thursday 27th August 2026
Abermain Plaza Hall
Bathurst Street, Abermain

CHOIR/MUSICAL THEATRE/BAND SECTIONS

Friday 28th August 2026
St Philip's Christian College, Cessnock
10 Lomas Ln,
Nulkaba. NSW.

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RULES APPLYING TO THE SHOOLS EISTEDDFOD

PLEASE NOTE THE FOLLOWING:

- **Adult voices should not be part of any School Choir. (There are age limits)**
- **The Official Accompanist is not available for the School Eisteddfod.**
- **The Adjudicator's decision is final.**
- **Section numbers are required when entering.**
- **Junior High Choirs is up to and including Year 10.**
- **Entries will only be accepted through the school the student is attending.**
- **Owing to the time factor in "Own Choice" selections of any great length the playing of repeats is not advised**
- **To assist the Adjudicator copies of all items to be performed are required.**
- **Junior Primary is 10 years & under, Infants 8 years & under.**
- **A First prize will be awarded in a section with up to seven (7) competitors**
- **A Second Prize with eight (8) to eleven 11 competitors**
- **A Third Prize in sections with Twelve (12) or more competitors**

SCHOOL CHOIRS

Entry fee \$40.00 Two Own Choice Items

(a) Any Song by an Australian Composer

(b) Unison Or Part Song

Section 1. High School or Senior Primary

Section 2. Junior Primary

Section 3. Infants

HYMN OR SACRED SINGING

Entry fee \$40.00 Two Own Choice Items

Section 4. High School or Senior Primary

Section 5. Junior Primary

Section 6. Infants

MUSICAL THEATRE

NEW

Entry fee \$40.00 One own choice item

Time limit 10 mins for Infants & Primary, 15 mins for High School (Max 20 Students)

(NOTE: Musical Theatre is a performance that combines singing, acting, dance & dialogue)

Section 16. High School

Section 17. Primary

Section 18. Infants

VERSE SPEAKING CHOIRS

Entry fee \$40.00 Two Own Choice Item

Section 7. High School or Senior Primary

Section 8. Junior Primary / Infants

FOLK GROUPS

Entry fee \$40.00 One Own Choice Item (Limit of 8 voices)

NOTE A folk song is one that has been handed down aurally among "the people" from one generation to the next and can be ascribed to no particular composer.

Section 13. High or Primary School

INSTRUMENTAL ENSEMBLE

Entry fee \$40.00 Two Own Choice Item

Section 9. High School Instrumental Ensemble (not recorder)

Section 10. Senior Primary (not recorder)

Section 11. Junior Primary (not recorder)

Section 12. Infants (not recorder)

BANDS

Entry fee \$40.00 Two Own Choice Items

Section 14. Primary/Infants Concert, Military or Brass Bands

Section 15. Primary / Infants Percussion

INDIVIDUAL NAMES REQUIRED FOR THE FOLLOWING SECTIONS
PLEASE

PREPARED SPEECH **Entry fee \$15.00**
Time Limit 3 minutes

- Section 26. 15 years & over
- Section 27. 14 Years & under
- Section 28. 12 Years & under
- Section 29. 10 Years & under
- Section 30. 8 Years & under

BIBLE READING **Entry fee \$15.00**
Readings from Good News Bible

Note: *As scripture reading is not a Dramatic Performance, the personality of the reader must not overshadow the message. The content of the passage is to be dominant.*

- Section 31. 15 Years & over **James Chapter 4 Verses 1-10**
- Section 32. 14 Years & under **Proverbs Chapter 3 Verses 5-18**
- Section 33. 12 Years & under **Philippians Chapter 4 Verses 1-9**
- Section 34. 10 Years & under **Psalms 27 Verses 1-7**
- Section 35. 8 Years & under **John Chapter 14 Verses 1-8**

IMPROMPTU READING **Entry fee \$15.00**

- Section 36. 15 Years & Over
- Section 37. 14 Years & under
- Section 38. 12 Years & under
- Section 39. 10 Years & under
- Section 40. 8 Years & under

Bible Readings

James Chapter 4 Verses 1-10

1 Where do all the fights and quarrels among you come from? They come from your desires for pleasure which are constantly fighting within you!

2 You want things, but you cannot have them, so you are ready to kill; you strongly desire things, but you cannot get them, so you quarrel and fight. You do not have what you want because you do not ask God for it.

3 And when you ask, you do not receive it, because your motives are bad, you ask for things for your own pleasures.

4 Unfaithful people! Don't you know that to be the world's friends means to be God's enemy? People who want to be the world's friends make themselves to be God's enemies.

5 Don't think that there is no truth in the scripture that says "The spirit that God placed in us is filled with fierce desires".

6 But the grace that God gives us is even stronger. As the scripture says, "God resists the proud, but gives grace to the humble".

7 So then, submit to God. Resist the Devil, and he will run away from you.

8 Come near to God, and He will come near to you. Wash your hands, you sinners! Purify your hearts, you hypocrites!

9 Be sorrowful, cry and weep; change your laughter into crying, your joy into gloom!

10 Humble yourselves before the Lord, and He will lift you up.

Proverbs Chapter 3 Verses 5-18

5 Trust in the Lord with all your heart. Never rely on what you know.

6 Remember the Lord in everything you do, and He will show you the right way.

7 Never let yourself think that you are wiser than you are, simply obey the Lord and refuse to do wrong.

8 If you do, it will be like good medicine, healing your wounds and easing your pains.

9 Honour the Lord by making Him an offering from the best of all your land produces.

10 If you do, your barns will be filled with grain, and you will have too much wine to be able to store it all.

11 When the Lord corrects you, my child, pay close attention and take it as a warning.

12 The Lord corrects those He loves, as parents correct a child of whom they are proud.

13 Happy is anyone who becomes wise – who gains understanding.

14 There is more profit in it than there is in silver; it is worth more to you than gold.

15 Wisdom is more valuable than jewels; nothing you could want can compare with it

16 Wisdom offers you a long life, as well as wealth and honour.

17 Wisdom can make your life pleasant and lead you safely through it.

18 Those who become wise are happy; wisdom will give them life.

Philippians Chapter 4 Verses 1-9

1 So then, my brothers and sisters, how dear you are to me and how I miss you! How happy you make me and how proud I am of you! This then, dear brothers and sisters, is how you should stand firm in your life in the Lord.

2 Euodia and Syntyche, please, I beg you, try to agree as sisters in the Lord.

3 And you too, my faithful partner, I want you to help these women; for they have worked hard with me to spread the gospel, together with Clement and all my other fellow-workers, whose names are in God's book of the living.

4 May you always be joyful in your union with the Lord. I say it again: rejoice!

5 Show a gentle attitude towards everyone. The Lord is coming soon.

6 Don't worry about anything, but in all your prayers ask God for what you need, always asking Him with a thankful heart.

7 And God's peace, which is far beyond human understanding, will keep your hearts and minds safe in union with Christ Jesus.

8 In conclusion, my brothers and sisters fill your minds with those things that are good and that deserve praise: things that are true, noble, right, pure, lovely and honourable.

9 Put into practice what you have learnt and received from me, both from my words and from my actions. And the God who gives us peace will be with you.

Psalm 27 Verses 1-7

1 The Lord is my light and my salvation; I will fear no one. The Lord protects me from all danger; I will not be afraid.

2 When evil people attack me and try to kill me, they stumble and fall.

3 Even if a whole army surrounds me, I will not be afraid; even if enemies attack me, I will still trust God.

4 I have asked the Lord for one thing; one thing only do I want: to live in the Lord's house all my life, to marvel there at His goodness, and to ask for His guidance.

5 In times of trouble He will shelter me; He will keep me safe in His Temple and make me secure on a high rock.

6 So I will triumph over my enemies around me. With shouts of joy I will offer sacrifices in His Temple; I will sing; I will praise the Lord.

7 Hear me Lord, when I call to you! Be merciful and answer me!

John Chapter 14 Verses 1-8

1 “Do not be worried and upset”, Jesus told them. “Believe in God and believe also in me”.

2 There are many rooms in my Father’s house, and I am going to prepare a place for you. I would not tell you this if it were not so.

3 And after I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back and take you to myself, so that you will be where I am.

4 You know the way that leads to the place where I am going.

5 Thomas said to Him, “Lord, how can we know where you are going; how can we know the way to get there”?

6 Jesus answered him, “I am the way, the truth and the life; no one goes to the Father except by me”.

7 “Now that you have known me,” He said to them, “you will know my Father also, and from now on you do know Him and you have seen Him”.

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Schools Eisteddfod Entry Form

Entries must be submitted on the official entry form

ENTRIES CLOSE: 29th July, 2026

Entries and Enquiries

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				Choir Section	Fee
Section	Name of Competitor	Section	Name of Competitor		
PLEASE NOTE: Age for each section is the first day of the Schools Eisteddfod Programme Posted					\$7.00
Total					

Name of School _____

Address _____

Code _____

Contact Person _____

Phone No. _____

Email: _____

Direct Deposit: (BSB) 062811 Account No: 00904619

I agree to abide by the rules governing the competition.

Receipt No

_____ **Principal**