

Musica Viva Australia In Schools

COVID Safe Plan

Feb 2023

Program description: Live In school & Live online chamber music performances for students K (F) – 8

The safety of Musica Viva Australia In Schools (referred to as MVAIS) artists, participants and other audience members is of paramount importance at all times. Careful planning and consideration has been given to how and when MVAIS staff and artists may conduct live performances in schools without the risk of COVID-19 transmission.

The MVAIS COVID Safe Plan focusses on ensuring the highest levels of hygiene practices and processes, as well as reducing the risk of transmission of COVID-19 for all involved with MVAIS programs.

For In-School performances

For MVAIS artists:

- MVAIS artists contact an MVA representative immediately, should they experience any COVID-19 or flu symptoms such as fever, coughing, a sore throat and shortness of breath and will not attend a school until symptoms are confirmed as not related to COVID-19 or medical clearance is obtained.
- MVAIS artists will be made aware of state specific vaccination guidelines for school visitors (including Schools for Special Purposes).
- Artists to undergo surveillance testing (using RAT) when performing for Musica Viva in Schools.
- MVAIS artists to use hand sanitizer provided or wash hands with soap when entering and exiting the school venue.
- MVAIS artists to boost cleaning practices for high contact equipment such as (but not limited to) percussion instruments used for audience participation during performances.
- In the case of using and/or sharing musical instruments, hand hygiene practices should be followed before and after use.
- MVAIS artists to use multiple microphones to limit sharing.
- MVAIS artists to carry a mask at all times and follow mask wearing and distancing requirements as outlined by any school they are visiting.

For Schools:

- The school has implemented the Department of Education's enhanced cleaning and hygiene practices.
- Where possible performances should be held in an undercover outside area.
- For indoor performances, air flow should be increased where possible.
- If required and where possible and scheduling allows, smaller performances could be arranged with MVA staff to allow for social distancing, such as two performances at the school with smaller audience numbers.
- Resources are being provided digitally so that there is no sharing of paper resources required.
- Before entering the performance space, a school representative should remind the participants of any social distancing requirements in place and hygiene practices such as sneezing or coughing into elbow and cleaning hands.

These guidelines are intended to comply with the Australian Government and World Health Organisation's advice on protecting yourself and others from COVID-19, find out more [here](#) and [here](#). This plan will be reviewed regularly and adjusted in line with government and health authority advice.