

Goldfields Connect- Music in Schools

Background

The Victorian Public Libraries 2030 Strategic Framework document outlines strategic directions for public libraries. An important component of this is the role libraries can play in fostering creativity, collaboration and community connection.

Goldfields Library Corporation, in collaboration with the University of South Australia and Castlemaine Secondary College, is developing an exciting program that will enable students from secondary colleges in the region to share their music online via SoundCloud and Bandcamp with each other and the broader community.

The Music Collection

The library will release a collection of schools' music recordings in November each year. At this stage the following types of recordings will be accepted for inclusion:

- Original works that have been composed by students who are willing to share their works publicly for a minimum period of 12 months, and
- Recordings of student performances of works that are in the public domain (ie, royalty free).

How Can Schools Participate?

The library has developed the following framework for secondary schools in order to manage this user-generated online collection:

1. Secondary schools open a SoundCloud account.
2. Schools register with the *Goldfields Connect - Music in Schools* program via the library's website www.ncgrl.vic.gov.au/e-resources/goldfieldsconnect
3. Schools set up a moderated Playlist on SoundCloud where staff and students can upload their tracks. Tracks must adhere to SoundCloud's strict copyright rules.
4. Schools decide which of their tracks to submit to the *Goldfields Connect - Music in Schools* program and submit an AUDIO TRACK ENTRY FORM to the Goldfields Library Corporation via their website. These tracks must be in .wav or .aiff format and must be downloadable. Closing date for submissions will be in October.
5. A panel, appointed by the library, will then decide which tracks will be included in the collection.
6. The collection will be released publicly as an album on Bandcamp in November of each year.

Which schools are eligible to register?

Initially, all secondary schools within the region covered by the Goldfields Library Corporation will be included- this includes schools within the municipalities of:

City of Greater Bendigo

Macedon Ranges Shire

Loddon Shire

Mount Alexander Shire

What About Copyright?

The idea behind this program is to enable students to share their works with other students as well as the local community in a celebration of the music they are creating. Copyright owners must be willing to allow library users, as well as Bandcamp users, to download their works for free for a minimum period of 12 months. Not only does this provide exposure to students' works but the library hopes that eventually students may collaborate with each other online and in person, writing and performing together, using the library's performance spaces.

Further Information

If you would like more information or would like to be involved now, please contact:

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A video explaining the creative concept is available on our Goldfields Connect page here:

www.ncgrl.vic.gov.au/e-resources/goldfieldsconnect