

Stamp Music

Song Writing & Recording Workshops

Stamp Music song writing and recording workshops are all about creating new music in a community environment. In small or large groups, our aim is to involve every person in the process.

Within a 90 minute workshop, a new, original song is created (Lyrics and Music) and a demo version recorded. Participants have creative input throughout the whole process, choosing the style of song through writing the lyrics and melody to finally recording the vocals. Songs written can be based on current themes or topics, school songs and anthems can be written or participants can be totally left to their own imagination and creativity.

Nothing is pre-determined. We take the song writing journey together.

To get the most out of the recording process, we recommend two song writing sessions per day, leaving the last session for students to return for individual vocals and/or instrument parts, bringing greater clarity to the lyrics and melody.

Outcomes

Song writing workshops offer students the opportunity to expand their educational and creative horizons, with many schools finding the Literacy and ESL outcomes just as important as the freedom of musical expression. They are of assistance to any teacher in helping create a strong group work ethic and lifting self esteem and worth in every student.

Educational:-

- Literacy
- Team Work, problem solving
- Creative Writing & Expression
- Basic song writing and the recording process
- English as a second language
- Participation and exposure to performing arts

Personal:-

- Growth in self esteem and confidence
- Discovery of new talents
- The achievement of making their own CD

What you need to know:-

- All we need is a classroom, power and a whiteboard.
- No Musical Experience is necessary to be involved in workshops
- Workshops can be run with all ages in class room groups or specific musical groups.
- Stamp Music can run from one session to complete school CD projects. (CD projects may be in the form of a fundraiser to sell to family and friends, yearbook style as a unique bookmark to the year or songs for a school concert).
- All instruments and recording equipment are provided.

What about when we leave:-

We leave you with a CD copy of the song/s, which students can then take copies of for home if they wish. As a school we encourage you to create CD covers in art class and/or perform the songs at assembly, school concert or other local events. Recognition of the song and those involved will further cement the positive outcomes.

The skill of Song Writing is a continuing process. Time has proven this programme can easily be repeated, to grow the song writing skills, expression and creativity of the participants.



“Music is integral to our lives and creativity is essential for learning and shaping our future.”

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CD & DVD Projects

Over the past 7 years we have moved more toward working with the entire school to produce CD's and DVD's, rather than one day in a school or one-off class groups. Working across the school brings a strong community feel to the school as each class is excited to hear what the others have done and also strive to write the best song.

Spending one or two weeks in the school allows the extra time required to enable students to perform solo vocals, harmonies and 'ad-libs', record individual instrument parts, plus record a new group vocal to capture a more succinct performance once the song had been learned. This extra time and rehearsal brings the sonic landscape of the song more in-line with commercial level recordings. For older students in particular, this allows a greater pride in themselves and their song as it relates more closely with what they are currently listening to.

Adding to this process, we are also able to produce video clips to accompany a song/s. The visual aspect of the songs' story can greatly enhance the meaning and popularity of a song. Video clips also bookmark the time, people and place and are a great historical "document".

Ownership of the project is also greater when students have access to their songs, be it loaded on the smart board to listen to each day or in CD form to take home. Schools are welcome to produce their own cover art and produce as many copies as they like or we are able to produce the graphic art for you and assist in having the CD's and artwork commercially duplicated. You can see some examples of CD covers and projects we have been involved in on our website – www.stampmusic.com.au.

If you would like to explore the CD project/Video Clip idea, please feel free to contact us to discuss what you were hoping to achieve and how we can help to make it happen!

