MEMBERSHIP FORM 2016

Armidale Youth Orchestra
Armidale Youth String Orchestra

includes AYO Sinfonia
and AYO Sinfonic Winds

The Armidale Youth Orchestras offer music students from 8 to 21 years a weekly program during term with peer mentoring, advanced performing opportunities, master classes with professional performers, and above all a chance to share the love of music making with other young musicians from Armidale and beyond.
Armidale Youth Orchestra (AYO)
50 member symphony orchestra

Entry level:
Yr 7, Audition and AMEB levels apply
Strings: AMEB Grade 5 or Trinity Grade 6
Winds: AMEB Grade 3/4 or Trinity Grade 4/5
Typical age: 12 to 20 years

Rehearsals:
Tuesdays during school term 4:00 - 6:00pm at NECOM

Concert uniform:
AYO shirts (Please order directly from ACE embroidery in the mall)
Black pants/skirts, black shoes

Musical Director:
Warwick Dunham
Mb: 0417 210 509

Armidale Youth String Orchestra (AYSO)
40 member string ensemble

Entry level:
AMEB Grade 2 AMEB or Trinity Grade 3 with written teacher recommendation.
Typical age: 9 to 15 years

Rehearsals:
Tuesdays during school term 4:00 - 5:10pm at NECOM

Concert uniform:
AYSO T-shirts loaned for performances
Black pants/skirts, black shoes

Conductor:
Joanne Fairs-Wu
Mb: 0418 340 729
AYO Sinfonia/AYO Symphonic Winds
Advanced String Orchestra/Advanced Concert Wind Ensemble

In the second half of the year, AYO splits into two ensembles for the second half of their rehearsal. This allows conductors to expand on specific instrument skill development and repertoire. An invitation will be sent to specific advanced players of AYSO to join this group in Term II.

Rehearsals:
Tuesdays during school term 5:15 - 6pm at NECOM from Term III

AYO Committee

Chair:
Caroline Downer
caronige@aapt.net.au

Secretary:
Jennifer Leske
armidaleyouthorchestras@gmail.com

Treasurer:
Sara O’Neall
slmcneall@gmail.com

While AYO is incorporated into NECOM, the organisation remains financially and organisationally self-administered. It relies on volunteers for committee roles as well as for support and contributions from parents and guardians for management of concerts and activities. Please consider how you could help.

Child Protection Policy
The New England Conservatorium and AYO ensembles are committed to providing a safe environment for children. All staff and conductors undergo the Working with Children Check and are familiar with the requirements of the Children and Young Persons (Care and Protection) Act. For a copy of our Child Protection Policy and Code of Conduct, please contact the NECOM front office.

Supervision & Care
AYO provides supervision of students in the rehearsal/concert rooms during the advertised times. It is the parents’ responsibility to ensure their child is delivered and collected punctually to the tutorial or concert room before and after rehearsals and concerts. AYO does NOT take responsibility for supervision outside rehearsal and concert rooms/times.
Sawtell - 27-28 FEBRUARY 2016

Each year the AYO ensembles and families travel to Sawtell Beach for a wonderful weekend of music making. This is an essential component of AYO's program for the year.

Please note that there is car pooling available and often beds available in family cabins. Please see the form.

VENUE:
Sawtell Beach Caravan Park (AYSO)
Sawtell Public School, 32 Eleventh Avenue Sawtell (AYO)

REHEARSAL TIMES:
AYO: SAT 8:30-4:30pm; SUN 8:30-11am
AYSO: SAT (Sawtell Beach Caravan Park) 9-4:30pm; SUN (Sawtell Public School) 8:30-11am

REGISTRATION
AYO 8am Saturday Sawtell Public School
AYSO 8:30am Saturday Sawtell Beach Caravan Park Recreation Hall

CONCERT:
Sunday 11:30am  Pack-up/Finish Sun 1pm

ACCOMMODATION:
• Sawtell Beach Caravan Park - cabins, on-site vans or camping sites. Book early on 6653 1379 or 1800 200 111. Check out time strictly 10am.
• Alternatively, motel and other accommodation is available at Sawtell, including:
• Sundeck Flats 6653 1064; The Coasters Motel and Holiday Units 6653 1541; Beach Haven Motel 6653 1659; Boambee Bay Resort and Units 66532700; Sawtell Motor Inn tel 6658 9872

LEISURE
• Parents need to ensure the safe transit of the children to and from Sawtell School. This is not the responsibility of the Conductors/tutors.
• The AYO cannot legally accept responsibility for any players during break times and on the Saturday evening. Players and their families are requested to behave in a considerate and courteous manner towards other Park patrons.
• All parents are also invited to gather for a cuppa during break times. (There is a roster of helpers for morning and afternoon teas). All families are welcome to join in the BBQ on Saturday evening beginning at 6.00pm. Please bring all your own supplies and salad to share. All players and families are also invited to the Saturday night fun 7:30-8:30pm.

WHAT TO BRING
• Instrument
• Folding stand CLEARLY LABELLED
• Pencil and eraser
• Pegs for securing music
• Casual clothes
• Swimmers and towel
• Slice or cake to share for morning and afternoon teas
• Salad to share for Saturday Family BBQ (BYO meat, drink, nibbles etc)
**DIARY DATES**

Application and enrolment in an AYO ensemble requires a commitment for the entire year (HSC students are to negotiate schedules with the conductor). Seating arrangements in the orchestra may reflect attendance at rehearsals.

Applicants must consider their ability to attend rehearsals, workshops, and concerts. Please text your conductor if you will be absent for any rehearsals.

**Dates for 2016**

Updated schedules are on AYO website: [www.armidaleyouthorchestras.org.au](http://www.armidaleyouthorchestras.org.au)

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<td>Sat 27 Feb &amp; Sun 28 Feb</td>
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HOW TO APPLY

Auditions held in September and November each year. All new and current AYO members must complete audition form (at NECOM office). After audition notification/acceptance, complete membership form by 10 February 2016. (Early Bird incentive by 1 Feb). All membership must be paid prior to the Sawtell weekend for insurance purposes.

Fees for 2016
Our player fee policy can be downloaded from the AYO website. Membership fees are essential to assist with insurance, administration, equipment and music hire costs, tutorials, conductors and cover the tuition cost of the Sawtell music weekend.

PAYMENT METHOD BY CHEQUE/CASH OR DIRECT DEPOSIT ATTACHED TO THIS FORM. NO CREDIT CARD FACILITIES. Cheques Payable to AYO.
Please note NECOM office closed until 18 Jan.

DIRECT DEPOSIT AVAILABLE: PLEASE REFERENCE WITH Child’s Surname and First Name NECOM - AYO BSB: 932 000 Account no: 700 870 (700870S3.1 for internal transfers from another NECU account)

Due 10 February 2016
Players who pay in full by 1 February will receive a 10% early payment incentive.

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REGISTRATION FORM

Player Details:
Orchestra: AYO AYSO

Surname: ___________________________ Given name: ______________________

School (if applicable):___________________________Year (2016): _____ Age: ______

Student mobile: _______________ Student email: ________________________________

Instrument: ______________________ Level: _____________ AMEB/Suzuki/Trinity

Years of study on instrument: _____(years)

Name of current teacher: ________________________________

Teacher email: ________________________________

Parent/Guardian Details (of school age players):

Surname: ___________________________ Given name: ______________________

Relationship to player (mother/father/guardian): ______________________

Address: __________________________________________________________________

Phone (BH): _____________ Phone (AH) : _____________

Mobile: _______________ Email: __________________________________________________________________

Parents are valued members of this organisation. (Please circle if you can help)
Helping at concerts
Newsletters
Committee
Moving equipment
Workshops
Web Hosting/Design
Other please specify________________________________________________________

Photo/Film Agreement (if under 18):
I do/do not give permission for my child to be photographed or filmed during rehearsals/performances.
I understand that the film/photographic material may be used for publicity purposes including social media and website.

Signed: __________________________________________

Dietary requirements/allergies: (Please list)
__________________________________________________________________________

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 FORM CONTINUED OVERLEAF
Sawtell Workshop

I will be attending the Sawtell Workshop in 2016 yes / no NB

I will be travelling with _____________________________

and will be staying with and supervised by _____________________________

If not with parents, Medicare Number: _____________________________

Private Health Fund Number: _____________________________

Parents Contact details Tel _____________________________ Mb _____________________________

OR
I can offer ...... players transport to Sawtell
I can offer ...... players a bed in my family’s cabin

Player’s Agreement:

I am aware I have the following medical conditions which may require urgent medical attention or supervision during workshops and or rehearsals:

_____________________________________________________________________________

As a member of an Armidale Youth Orchestra ensemble I agree to:
• abide by the current policies and rules of the organisation
• participate in the AYO’s (AYO AYSO, AYWE) activities, namely concerts, workshops and excursions,
• be punctual for rehearsals,
• attend rehearsals regularly and send an apology in advance when not able to attend
• be attentive and cooperative during rehearsals

If attending Sawtell, I am aware that:
• I may not swim at the lagoon without adult supervision. The Surf Beach is only available for swimming when patrolled and with adult supervision.
• if travelling and staying with other AYO families, I will be considerate and cooperative and respect the family “house rules”.

Players’s Signature: _____________________________

PLEASE RETURN this form to NECOM no later than TUESDAY 10 FEBRUARY with payment:
Early Bird incentive finishes 31 Jan
PAYMENT METHOD BY CHEQUE/CASH ATTACHED TO THIS FORM, OR DIRECT DEPOSIT.
NO CREDIT CARD FACILITIES. Cheques payable to Armidale Youth Orchestra.
Please note NECOM office closed until 18 Jan.

OFFICE USE ONLY

Amount paid $_________ Cash/Cheque/Direct Deposit ________(Date paid)

Received by: ________________ Signature: ________________