

Youth Music Awards 2025-26

The Bill Borthwick Young Musicians Encouragement Prize

This prize is for Primary School music students. Applicants must show commitment and enthusiasm towards learning and developing their performance skills as a soloist and/or ensemble member. First prize will be music resources or goods to the value of \$300 and second prize to the value of \$200. Previous winners are ineligible to re-apply.

The Ann and Chris Krans Music Award

This award is for musicians under the age of 18 years with serious aspirations of making music their career. Minimum requirement of AMEB Grade 6 or equivalent standard. The winner, intending to be a professional musician either as performer or educator. The award will be cash, to the value of at least \$500 but may be divided between two winners at the discretion of the judges. Dandenong Ranges Music Council maintains the right to withhold one or both awards if, in the opinion of the judges, the applicants are not of sufficient merit. Previous winners are ineligible to re-apply.

The Mark McAlister Brass Achievement Award

This prize is for a brass musician 18 years and under who is committed, enthusiastic and loves to play for the pure joy of music. They must be a developing soloist and valued contributor to ensembles in their community and/or school. Prize will be cash to the value of \$150. Previous winners are ineligible to re-apply.

The Christopher Durrand Woodwind Achievement Award

This prize is for a woodwind musician under the age of 18 years, who is committed, enthusiastic and loves to play for the pure joy of music. They must be a developing soloist and valued contributor to ensembles in their community and/or school. Prize will be cash to the value of \$150. Previous winners are ineligible to re-apply.

The Jesse Exiner Instrumental Music Encouragement Award

This prize is for aspiring musicians and music students on any acoustic instrument aged 18 years and under and resident in the Shire of Yarra Ranges. Minimum requirement of 2 years learning or Grade 3 AMEB equivalent is necessary. Prize will be cash to the value of \$300. Dandenong Ranges Music Council maintains the right to withhold the award if, in the opinion of the judges, the applicants are not of sufficient merit. Previous winners are ineligible to re-apply.

ADJUDICATION: Sunday 16 November 2025 9.00am – 2.00pm

DRMC, Upwey High School, Block F, 1451 Burwood Hwy, Upwey 3158.

Performances may be accompanied or unaccompanied. **Age at 01.11.25**

ENTRIES CLOSE: Friday 1 November 2025

Entries to be paid by Direct Deposit to BSB 633 000 A/C 109987008 Ref: YMA/Surname

Email Entry Form to: drmuscouncil@gmail.com Further queries: 0424 910 282

ENTRY FEE: \$15

- A separate form is required for each instrument in same award category

PRIZE PRESENTATIONS

All Prize Winners are required to perform at **Youth Music Awards Concert** to be held in **Date TBC in 2026** at the DRMC, Upwey High School, 1451 Burwood Hwy, Upwey at 2.00pm – 4.00pm. This performance opportunity is open to **all entrants** to perform to a friendly, supportive audience.

REQUIREMENTS

Prepare 5 minutes for Borthwick, Durrand, McAlister and Exiner of favourite music.

Prepare 15-20 minutes for Krans and include at least two varying pieces

Be prepared to answer general knowledge and music theory questions

Discuss piece(s) performed, the composer and what inspired this choice

Provide sheet music for the adjudicator

Supply an accompanist or backing track if required/All sound equipment must be supplied by applicant



YMA APPLICATION FORM

NAME _____ AGE@1/11/25 _____

ADDRESS _____

POSTCODE _____ PHONE _____

EMAIL _____

INSTRUMENT _____ TEACHER _____

YOUTH MUSIC AWARD/PRIZE _____

(Borthwick, Krans, McAlister, Durrand or Exiner)

ENTRY FEE PAID ☐ Direct Debit

Please outline the music you will be performing at the adjudication

Details of music education – AMEB level or equivalent, prizes, awards, how long you have been learning and ensembles in which you participate.

List recent performances and upcoming performances

What is your musical dream/goal for the future?

(Krans only) Provide the form/analysis of one piece including main sections, themes, keys and modulations. Present this in diagram form on separate page.
How would this prize benefit you and for what purpose?

APPLICANTS DECLARATION

I hereby agree to abide by the conditions of the award and accept the decisions of the adjudicators.

Signature of Applicant _____

Signature of Parent/Guardian _____

