

MOUNT LAWLEY SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL

Music Support Committee

Date: 5:30pm, Thursday, 6 August 2026

Venue: Music Room 3, MLSHS

Attendees: Michelle deRozario (Performing Arts Coordinator), Dijon Summers (Teacher in Charge Music), Bek Ledingham (Convenor), Helen Pelusey (Secretary), Ana Santos (P&C Vice President), Jennifer Persaud, Grant Ferstat, Shannon Edwick, Julie Eglin (arrived 5:45pm), Howard Anderson, Tim Jewell, Marie Rodatz, Jonathan Baucke

Apologies: Pauline Coi (Treasurer), Kevin Keary, Heath Hastings-Fernance, Tom O'Halloran, Rowena Smith, Preeti Ramdoyal, Trace Luk, Ineke Moyle, Amanda Humphreys, Brad O'Dea

1. Welcome, Apologies and Introductions

- Bek opened the meeting at 5:30pm, noted the apologies and welcomed everyone.
- A quorum was met for this meeting.

2. Previous Minutes

Accept the Minutes of the 4 June 2026 meeting as a true and accurate record.

Resolution: Carried

3. Actions arising from previous minutes

Action	Status
• Finance	
- Sort access and transfer funds to MSC Bank account at the Bendigo Bank (P&C/ Treasurer)	In progress • Concerns about ongoing account access issues. Currently, only the P&C Treasurer, Nabil, can view accounts and make payments. • Nabil proposed a more efficient approach with bulk invoice payments to the school but it's yet to be implemented. Vendor invoices are being paid by the school, but the school has not been paid by the Committee and has chased this up with Michelle. • Some issues with the Bendigo account around the interest and monthly fees incorrectly being charged.
- Investigate Square set up for MSC (Treasurer)	In progress • Attempts to make changes to the SVAPA Square account to add MSC bank details have been unsuccessful. There should only be one square account per ABN, so it is an anomaly that LAA and

	SVAPA have one. Ideally there would be one P&C account with a 'location' for each sub-committee attached to their bank account. In the meantime, MSC will continue to use the SVAPA log in and they will transfer any money to us. ACTION - Ask SVAPA Treasurer to transfer 2025 Sundowner money.
- Request the Semester 2 2025 Music Parent Contributions from MLSHS Finance (Julie Moxley)	Completed – Anna confirmed there is a payment from the school of \$6400 in April to the Bendigo account. This should be the contributions. ACTION - Dijon to confirm \$6400 matches the Semester 2025 Parent contribution amount expected. ACTION – Request Semester 1 2026 Contributions
- Look into feasibility of opening a high interest-bearing account for grand piano funds (Treasurer)	Completed – Gee investigated but P&C President, Vice-President and Secretary need to visit the bank at the same time to set this up. Has been too hard to coordinate so unlikely to be progressed for now.
• Develop an inventory of current instruments including a forecast of instrument requirements in the foreseeable future (Music Dept)	Ongoing
• Promote the art auction through the socials. The information will also be sent via email with promotional content embedded.	Completed

4. Music Department Report

Update on activities and upcoming events:

- Music Camp was in Term 3 Week 1 - Very successful and a great opportunity for students to prepare for festivals and performances.
- Festivals have begun with jazz bands last Sunday, Concert Band 2 are performing tonight, and others are on over the coming weekends.
- 3 major concerts coming up in the Trike Theatre - Musical Theatre, Contemporary, and Jazz/ Big Band. Ticket sales have been great so far. The Jazz concert is less likely to sell out but can be promoted through the school. Will need parent volunteers for ticketing on the night.
- Year 7 music auditions next week.
- School has been undergoing the Public School Review (PSR) process, which has gone well but has been very time-consuming.
- Year 12s will have mock exams in Week 9 and 10 and final Atar exams at the beginning of Term 4.
- Term 4 will see students move to their new ensembles ready for 2027.

Nannup Music Festival

- MLSHS hoped to attend the Nannup Music Festival in 2027. This relied on Mike Gowland's attendance from Fremantle College as he normally provides lighting and staging support for students. Mike won't be attending so without that resource Nannup have said they can only one band. Dijon has accepted that invitation as the school can build on that in future years. Will select the best Yr 12 band to attend.

5. Funding Requests

The following funding requests were considered by the Committee:

- **M2026.08.06.01** Allocate up to \$600 for archiving sleeves for sheet music
 - Will allow sheet music to be stored in a more compact way to save space.
- **M2026.08.06.02** Allocate up to \$1500 for costumes, props and equipment for the Musical Theatre Showcase, Choir Concert and Jazz Concert.
 - **ACTION:** Helen to request an Executive P&C meeting to pass this motion in time for the events.

Resolution: All carried

6. Treasurer's Report

- Commbank balance \$ \$106,970.44
 - Estimated Committed funds \$66,883- much of this has been invoiced and needs to be paid then motions can be closed.
 - Not much activity in last 6 months. Note that \$130 was received in error for a language tour jacket and that will be returned.
- Bendigo bank balance is \$6400

7. Fundraising Events and Activities

Lawley Art Auction 2026 Update

- LAA funds will be split \$28,000 each to SVAPA and Music, \$12,000 to Main P&C and the LAA retain a small amount for running costs for next year. It was hoped that giving funds to the main P&C will encourage participation, raffle ticket purchases etc from the wider school community.

Play it Forward Update - No update

MSC Quiz Night Fundraiser 2026

- Will offer Dolce and Salato for pizzas. They have half and full pizzas in rectangles and do cheese platters serving 15 for \$70. Will see if they will do a half size platter and offer a discount if we advertise them as a sponsor. Ordering options will be added to Humanitix.
- Bek has circulated a video of the hall walk through on the Committee WhatsApp.
- Grant/ Tim will liaise with the Music staff to arrange collection of the AV equipment required including 2 projectors.
- There will be a raffle to win a guitar and amp that was left over from the Art Auction raffle.
- Seeking prizes for first, second and third - hoping to make one prize 8 vouchers that can be split among the table. Donations so far include a box of wine, and a silent disco package from Bek. Grant will approach Lyric Lane for tickets. Other suggestions from Committee: approach Frank Paolino, put out a call to small business on the Music Facebook Group, Members to approach any businesses they use and request donations.
- Volunteers will be needed for various roles. Volunteers can still participate in the quiz. Helen will circulate the sign-up sheet.
- Please promote to friends and book at table or single tickets.

8. NEW BUSINESS / OTHER BUSINESS FOR NOTING

Committee asked to consider ways to increase performance opportunities for students.

- Music staff agreed more performance opportunities always welcome especially for ensembles / instruments that currently have fewer live performances. MLSHS has several independent rock/ contemporary bands and while there are opportunities through Arts Day and the Contemporary concert – there is a limited scope for contemporary ensembles to perform publicly. The classical guitars are similar.
- Another suggestion was to provide recording opportunities for students eg in contemporary bands. The Music Department were very supportive of this and noted it could occur during the day, so puts less pressure on music staff than live evening performances.
- Dijon noted that Fremantle College's main auditorium is also a recording studio and through his contact Mike Gowland (Head of Department) MLSHS may be able to negotiate access at a reasonable cost.
- Grant noted that North Metropolitan TAFE's music area would have students who need practical opportunities to practice recording so that could be an opportunity. Grant has contacts at NMT and can ask if it is possible and get an idea of costs and scheduling. Music Department noted that the 2027 calendar is already coming up in school meetings.
- Dijon noted that Rick Keenan, the visiting artist in residence, suggested that \$5K would fund the equipment needed to turn Music Room 3 into a studio. Not with recording level quality but useful for live feedback on ensemble rehearsals.
- Michelle suggested any parents with students in bands, should encourage them to attend as many open mic nights as they can.

ACTION – Grant to enquire with North Metropolitan TAFE contacts about recording opportunities for MLSHS students within their department.

ECU redevelopment update

- The pressure put on Frank Paolino has had some effect. The DoE are finally engaging with the school and spoke with the Principal and Deputy Principal about what the school needs. This is not saying we will get WAAPA but the issue has at least received some attention.
- Ana has also submitted a question on this for the Minister of Education at the upcoming WACSSO conference to keep up the momentum.
- The Board and P&C have not had a reply to their letters to the Minister. Members believe ministerial letters must be replied to and within a much shorter timeframe than has passed, so this should be followed up.

ACTION - MSC Committee to email the Executive to request a follow up for a response to the letters to Ministers regarding ECU re-development.

9. SUMMARY OF NEW ACTIONS:

1. Ask SVAPA Treasurer to transfer 2025 Sundowner money
2. Dijon will confirm \$6400 matches the Semester 2025 Parent contribution amount expected.
3. Treasurer - Request Semester 1 2026 Contributions
4. Helen to request an Executive P&C meeting to pass this motion in time for the events.
5. Grant will enquire with North Metropolitan TAFE contacts about recording opportunities for MLSHS students within their music department.
6. MSC Committee to email the Executive to request a follow up for a response to the letters to Ministers regarding ECU re-development.

Meeting closed: 6:29pm

NEXT MEETING			
Date: Thursday 3 September 2026, Term 3 Week 7	Time: 5:30pm	Venue: Music Room 3	Please enter school through rear gate off Learoyd St (accessed via Stancliffe St)