

MOUNT LAWLEY SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL

Music Support Committee

Date: 5:30pm, Thursday, 3 September 2026

Venue: Music Room 3, MLSHS

Attendees: Dijon Summers (Teacher in Charge Music), Bek Ledingham (Convenor) (arrived 5:40pm), Helen Pelusey (Secretary), Ana Santos (P&C Vice President), Jennifer Persaud, Grant Ferstat, Heath Hastings-Fernance, Howard Anderson, Tim Jewell, Rowena Smith

Apologies: Michelle deRozario (Performing Arts Coordinator), Pauline Cai (Treasurer), Julie Eglin, Kevin Keary, Tom O'Halloran, Marie Rodatz, Jonathan Baucke, Amanda Humphreys, Preeti Ramdoyal, Amanda Humphreys, Shannon Edwick,

1. Welcome, Apologies and Introductions

- Helen 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 6 August 2026 meeting as a true and accurate record.

Moved: Jennifer Persaud Seconded: Ana Santos

Resolution: Carried

3. Actions arising from previous minutes

Action	Status
• <i>Finance actions</i>	
- Sort access and transfer funds to MSC Bank account at the Bendigo Bank (P&C/ Treasurer)	In progress – Some of the Tresasurers attended Bendigo to get access last week. Will check if Pauline Cai now has access
- Investigate Square set up for MSC (Treasurer)	In progress – Nabil still working on a solution
- Ask SVAPA Treasurer to transfer 2025 Sundowner money.	Completed – motion to be raised at SVAPA meeting today.
- Dijon to confirm \$6400 matches the Semester 2025 Parent contribution amount expected.	Confirmed – Dijon confirmed the amount matches what was due.
- Treasurer to request Semester 1 2026 Contributions	In progress – can also request Semester 2 2026 Contributions
• Helen to request an Executive P&C meeting to pass motion M2026.08.06.02 in time for the events.	Completed – all August financial motions passed

Grant to enquire with North Metropolitan TAFE contacts about recording opportunities for MLSHS students within their department.	In progress
MSC Committee to email the Executive to request a follow up for a response to the letters to Ministers regarding ECU re-development.	Completed – Helen emailed the Executive and Ana confirmed it would be tabled at P&C Meeting on 24 August 2026. Update on ECU redevelopment: Ana Santos recently attended the WACSSO conference and was invited to submit a question in advance for the Minister of Education, Sabine Winton. Minister Winton responded at the conference advising that she has been in contact with Lesley Street and is aware of the school's needs and visited the school recently. She has ensured the DoE is now involved in the development of the business case for the ECU / WAAPA buildings, so the pressure the P&C and MLSHS parents have put on the government has worked.
Develop an inventory of current instruments including a forecast of instrument requirements in the foreseeable future (Music Dept)	Ongoing – Following a busy term of concerts, some equipment needs repair or replacement. Dijon will consult with IMMS teachers to work out what is required and if additional motions are required.

4. Music Department Report

Update on activities and upcoming events:

- 19 ensembles and 11 soloists have attended festivals over Term 3.
- There have been three concerts in the Tricycle Theatre: Musical Theatre, Contemporary and Jazz as well as the ATAR recital.
- The inaugural Music Trivia night run by the Music Support Committee was held on Friday 28th August (see item 8).
- Year 7 auditions are ongoing. When the move to WAAPA was first announced the directive was to expand the program but until there is more information about the move, the number of places on offer will stay the same.
- Year 12 exams are coming up.
- Auditions for the 2027 ensembles will take place in weeks 9 and 10.
- Dijon will be meeting with Nabil (P&C Treasurer), Julie (School Finance Officer), and Shahna (SVAPA Coordinator) to discuss new finance processes. The idea is that all invoices will go through the school rather than be directly paid by P&C. Only parent reimbursements will be direct.

5. Nannup Music Festival

- Need to establish the logistics involved.
- Phaedra Watts, the Nannup Festival Director and Programmer, has advised they can accommodate 10 MLSHS students.

- One group will be Contemporary Ensemble 1 which is expected to have 6 members in 2027 (The bass player will be unavailable so a fill in will be required.)
- It would be great to offer the other spots to an independent / student led ensemble so The Sentinels would be one option. It will be great for younger students to see independent ensembles being given the opportunity as this will encourage them to form their own bands.
- The number is partially limited by student accommodation available. The festival will provide accommodation for students, supervised by teachers, but if any students choose to stay with their family this may open up a few more spots.
- Grant has agreed to assist Dijon with logistics and set up as he will be there anyway and has attended many Nannup festivals so is familiar.

6. Funding Requests

The following funding requests were considered by the Committee:

- **M2026.9.03.01** Allocate up to \$600 for new music folders
- **M2026.9.03.02** Allocate up to \$1,000 for Nannup Music Festival Expenses
- **M2026.9.03.03** Allocate up to \$4,000 for 2027 sheet music
- **M2026.9.03.04** Allocate up to \$1,500 for Arts Day 2027- workshops
- **M2026.9.03.05** Allocate up to \$500 for Arts Day 2027 - Sound Tech
- **M2026.9.03.06** Allocate up to \$1,000 for 2027 Sundowner – Lighting
- **M2026.9.03.07** Allocate up to \$500 for 2027 Sundowner - Sound Technician
- **M2026.9.03.08** Allocate up to \$1,200 for 2027 Sundowner – Food
- **M2026.9.03.09** Allocate up to \$1000 for 2027 Sundowner - Drinks
- **M2026.9.03.10** Allocate up to \$4000 for 2027 Quiz Night – Food, Drinks and Sundries (will probably not need this much unless food has to be prepaid)
- **M2026.9.03.11** Allocate up to \$2,000 for 2027 Piano Tuning
- **M2026.9.03.12** Allocate up to \$2,000 for 2027 Instrument & Amp Maintenance
- **M2026.9.03.13** Allocate up to \$2,500 for 2027 Music Workshops
- **M2026.9.03.14** Allocate up to \$3,000 for 2027 ATAR Music Accompaniment
- **M2026.9.03.15** Allocate up to \$2,600 for 2027 Photography MLSHS
- **M2026.9.03.16** Allocate up to \$1,500 for 2027 Concert Photography ABODA etc
- **M2026.9.03.17** Allocate up to \$500 for 2027 Term 3 Contemporary Concert – Sound Technician
- **M2026.9.03.18** Allocate up to \$1000 for 2027 Sundry expenses and member reimbursement

Moved: Bek Ledingham

Seconded: Heath Hastings-Fernance

Resolution: All carried

7. Treasurer's Report

- No financial report available.
- Lawley Art Auction money is not showing in the Bendigo bank account yet.
- Amanda Humphreys' invoice for 2026 photography has not yet been paid.

ACTION: Follow up with Gee Yap – LAA Treasurer re LAA 2026 Music allocation.

ACTION: Dijon to follow up with the school and request payment of Amanda's invoice

ACTION: At the meeting with Nabil and Julie, Dijon to ask the school for a final list of invoices due for payment by the Committee so that we can ensure all are paid before the end of the year.

Future Motions

The following are to be raised at the next meeting:

Noted as needing improvement / replacement after the Quiz night:

- High-quality power boards
- Better cords for guitars etc
- A long HDMI cord for use with the projector.
- A microphone rack – ideally with a housing mixer in the top.

The motion raised at Item 6 for Nannup Music Festival may not be sufficient as final costs / parent contribution not yet decided. A further motion may be required once this is clear:

- Nannup Music Festival additional costs.

8. Fundraising Events and Activities

Play it Forward Update - No update

MSC Music Trivia Night Fundraiser 2026

- The evening was a great success with around 130 attendees. In total \$4784.49 was raised through ticket sales, bar sales, raffle ticket sales and a small amount on pizza sales as Dolce & Salato gave us a discount.
- The event ran very well especially as it was the first one. The Committee briefly discussed some possible improvements (see below) and further feedback and suggestions for next year will be collated for next year.

ACTION: Helen will set up a shared document for everyone to add any feedback or ideas for the Music Trivia Night.

- The Music Department suggested that due to concerts and festivals in Term 3, holding the quiz in Term 1 or 4 would be better. ATAR students will have exams in Term 4 so it would have to be early eg week 1. The P&C quiz night is in Term 1. Options will be considered.

- Staff and Members congratulated student band The Sentinels and music students Maisie and Ginger on their performances. (Maisie has said she'd be happy to join in again next year if in Perth). It was suggested it would be great to have another group to do alternate sets next year.
- Organising food orders took a lot of effort, so a food truck may be a better option for next year. The event could start earlier to allow people to order food and eat beforehand. To extend the bar licence for this period, entertainment would have to be provided eg students bands.
- A proper screen would look more professional, so if there isn't one available at the venue, one could be purchased out of the 2027 \$4000 motion. The school no longer has any free-standing screens to borrow.
- There were some issues setting up the bluetooth mics so it was suggested using wired mics would be more reliable. Otherwise, a briefing with Dijon prior to the event would be worthwhile.
- The venue worked well and was very reasonably priced but was at capacity so other options to be considered for next year. Needs to have tables and chairs available on site. A few suggestions were raised - Maccabi Soccer Club, Laguna Club, Mount Hawthorn Town Hall. The school gym can't be used as chairs aren't allowed in the as they'll damage the floor.

ACTION: Helen will set up a shared spreadsheet where people can add venue suggestions and any information they can find on them.

Approved Bar Manager role-

- Yet again, Kevin Keary did an awesome job as approved bar manager. It was noted that his ticket will run out next year, so expressions of interest for a new approved bar manager for all P&C events will be needed. Having two would be great so it's not on one person to attend every event. Howard Anderson may be interested.

ACTION: Helen to put Howard in touch with Kevin for more information about what is involved in being the approved bar manager

9. NEW BUSINESS / OTHER BUSINESS FOR NOTING

- SVAPA are holding their first meeting in Term 4 Week 4 (Thurs 5 Nov) as the SVAPA Welcome night is in Week 3 (29 Oct). They've asked if Music would like to move their meeting to align. The Committee discussed but decided to leave the meeting on the 29th. This suits the Music Department who will have to be there to set up music students for the SVAPA Welcome Night anyway.
- Following on from the success of the Quiz night, it was suggested the Committee could think of other opportunities for social events that give the kids the opportunity to perform. This wouldn't necessarily be a fundraising event, so something simple like hiring a venue for a gig that students can choose to participate in would involve minimum organisation but increase performance opportunities. Possible venues - Four5Nine/ Rosemount Hotel, Lyrics Underground, Milk Bar at the Civic Hotel, where a bar is available so only the ticketing and equipment needs to be organised. Another suggestion was organising a Battle of the Bands event. Discuss further at future meetings.
- Ana asked if the MSC has started using their new Music Google account.

ACTION: Helen to follow up with Ana on details of the Music Google Account that the P&C has set up.

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10. SUMMARY OF NEW ACTIONS:

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Meeting closed: 6:45pm

NEXT MEETING 29th October 2026 -

Date: Thursday 29 October 2026,
Term 4 Week 3

Time: 5:30pm

Venue: Music Room 3

Please enter school through rear gate off Learoyd St
(accessed via Stancliffe St)