



ENTRY FORM INFORMATION JAZZ BANDS AND CONTEMPORARY ENSEMBLES

QCMF Award Performance Criteria (revised from 2016)

Please note:

The performance criteria set out below are used to provide feedback based on **each ensemble's performance of their chosen repertoire**. These criteria are not designed as a means of comparison between groups within a section but are to be considered in **direct correlation to an ensemble's performance at a specific point in time**.

Award	Performance Criteria
Gold	An outstanding performance that displayed musical and technical achievement at an excellent level of control and consistency. Whilst there may be some errors, the characteristic style of the piece/s chosen is represented effectively throughout the performance.
Silver	A very good performance that displayed musical and technical achievement at a solid level of control and consistency. There may be numerous opportunities for improvement; however, elements of the characteristic style of the piece/s chosen are generally represented throughout the performance.
Bronze	A satisfactory performance that displayed musical and technical achievement with developing levels of control and consistency. The performance may lack some cohesion, thus affecting the communication of the characteristic style of the piece/s chosen for performance.
Encouragement Award	The performance displayed many areas of opportunity for growth within the ensemble both as a group and as individual members. This award is only to be used in extreme situations and in consultation with the Artistic Director.
Award of Excellence	This award is to be used to recognise excellence in musicianship demonstrated through an individual student's performance. It is expected that students receiving this award demonstrate musical ability far beyond that expected for their age and or section.

EVERY ENSEMBLE is to be categorized as Gold, Silver or Bronze with the exception of the **Encouragement Award**. The **number** and **combination** of awards per section will be at the adjudicator's discretion based on the criteria above.

SECTION CRITERIA

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2025

CODE	NAME OF SECTION AND CRITERIA
JB1A	Jazz Band 1A (Predominantly Years 7 to 12)
	Own choice of contrasting repertoire. (The average level of repertoire performed is at or above level 3) May include vocalist/s. Performance time: Up to 15 minutes
JB1B	Jazz Band 1B (Predominantly Years 7 to 12)
	Own choice of contrasting repertoire. (The average level of repertoire performed is at level 2 to 2.5) May include vocalist/s. Performance time: Up to 12 minutes
JBC	Jazz Band C (Open to all year levels)
	Own choice of contrasting repertoire. (The average level of repertoire performed is up to 1.5) May include vocalist/s. Performance time: Up to 8 minutes

CRA	Contemporary Ensemble – Rock-based A
	Student directed ensemble of 5 plus members (Please check Rules of Participation No. 7 and 8) which contains an amplified backline (i.e. electric guitar, bass, drums, keyboard) and performs music related to the rock genre. May include vocalist/s. This ensemble may contain students predominantly in Secondary school. Own choice of contrasting repertoire covering music that includes greater complexity (i.e. independence of parts, tempo changes, improvisation, etc.). Performance time: Up to 15 min
CRB	Contemporary Ensemble – Rock-based B
	Student directed ensemble of 5 plus members (Please check Rules of Participation No. 7 and 8) which contains an amplified backline (i.e. electric guitar, bass, drums, keyboard) and performs music related to the rock genre. May include vocalist/s. This ensemble may contain students predominantly in Middle and or Primary school. Own choice of contrasting repertoire covering music that includes less complexity (i.e. restricted ranges, doubling of parts, fewer vocal harmonies, etc.). Performance time: Up to 10 min
COA	Contemporary Ensemble – Other A
	Ensemble of at least 7 students, predominantly in Secondary school, that may or may not be conducted. May include vocalist/s. This ensemble may perform repertoire from world, folk, or liturgical genres and may require amplification; please note – this section will be on an outdoor stage. Own choice of contrasting repertoire covering music that includes greater complexity (i.e. independence of parts, tempo changes, improvisation, etc.). Performance time: Up to 15 min
COB	Contemporary Ensemble – Other B
	Ensemble of at least 7 students, of limited experience, that may or may not be conducted. May include vocalist/s. This ensemble may perform repertoire from world, folk, or liturgical genres and may require amplification; please note – this section will be on an outdoor stage. Own choice of contrasting repertoire covering music that includes less complexity (i.e. restricted ranges, doubling of parts, fewer vocal harmonies, etc.). Performance time: Up to 10 min