AUDITION REQUIREMENTS – DIPLOMA OF MUSIC

Each applicant will be required to perform two pieces in contrasting styles. Vocalists may use a live or taped accompaniment if they wish. Instrumentalists may audition solo or with a taped accompaniment. A CD player and guitar/bass amps will be provided. Please bring any other equipment required with you (drum sticks, capo, plectrum etc).

Applicants will also be asked to undertake some simple tests to determine their level of musicality. These will include:

- **Pulse and rhythm** - the applicant’s ability to clap off-beat 8th notes of a constant quarter note pulse, and their ability to repeat a short clapped rhythmic pattern.

- **Pitching** - the applicant’s ability to repeat by singing simple phrases (that are performed for the applicant) such as tones, scales, arpeggios and melodic patterns.

- **Reading skills** - the applicant’s familiarity with written music, and their ability to sight-read simple phrases. Although a great advantage, this is not a necessary skill for acceptance into the course.

We will also ask applicants about their training and experience in music theory, music technology, and performance. Successful applicants may be required to attend a three-day *Music Theory Bridging Course* that is run at the Conservatorium in the week before the course starts.

AUDITION GUIDE

The following pointers are designed to assist you with the audition. We hope they will be of some use and help you enjoy your day.

- Choose pieces that you can relate to and enjoy.

- Wear comfortable clothing, it will help you to keep relaxed and focused.

- Ensure that you are familiar with your piece and make sure you are well rehearsed.

- Be on time for your audition. Remember, auditions are a part of the learning process and although feeling nervous is natural, they are also fun. We look forward to meeting you on the day.

AUDITION DATES

Auditions will be held on **1st December, 2015**.

They are 25 minutes in duration.

If not already booked, Auditions can be arranged by ringing NRCAC on (02) 6621 2266 during business hours, or e-mailing admin@nrcac.edu.au