

Dear VMPC Participants

Today's email is VERY important as it explains how the VMPC works in detail. I know it's long but **PLEASE read** this email carefully. (I promise it will NEVER be so long again!). I will be emailing out the Week 1& 2 program on Friday so please make sure you have read and understood this email before then so you are fully READY TO GO!

Firstly – congratulations to the 77 of you who have signed up to the first intake of the VMPC! I am overwhelmed by your response and enthusiasm. Keep it up and you WILL do well!

Also thanks to the 7 students who filled out the questionnaire to work with my direct support – alongside whatever they are doing at school. If you wish to still sign up to this group you can do so by filling out and returning the attached questionnaire. (If you have already signed up you will receive an additional email from me today).

Remember – the WHOLE point of this course is to help you get the BEST POSSIBLE result you are capable of in the **VCE Music Performance Units 3 & 4 Aural and Written exam**. In a perfect world you will spend between 15 and 20 on some of these tasks each day – even better if you are lucky enough to be doing them in class with your teacher! (If not that's why I'm offering to help via your completed questionnaire).

By following these instructions carefully you will get the most out of this program.

### 1. Which columns do I do?

When you receive your week(s) plan you will see three columns: Learn/Revise; Practice and Set Tasks.

You will need to choose whether you do the activities in the **Learn/Revise** column or the **Practice** column. This is completely your choice. (You will most likely end up doing a bit of both).

The **Learn/Revise** column is for students who have not worked in the book at all before or who have done some but feel they need to revise in order to truly understand the concepts taught. You will want to add some of the activities from the practice column once you have learned a concept so you can continue to improve as you learn other concepts.

The **Practice** column is only for students who really **KNOW** the content taught. If you are doing the practice column, first use all exercises and completed transcription tasks from the book THEN use the additional worksheets attached to email each week or as requested.

### 2. What do I mean by **KNOW**?

If you really **KNOW** something you can:

- a. **aurally recognise** the new element and **write** the new element
- b. **visually recognise** and **write** the new element
- c. **sing, in rhythm names**, the new element
- d. **improvise** and **compose** using the new element

### 3. What are the Set Tasks?

The set tasks are written (theory or transcription) tasks found in the **Musicianship & Aural Training for the Secondary School Level 3** books. All page numbers in the **VMPC Plan** refer to pages in the **Musicianship & Aural Training for the Secondary School Level 3** books. If you do not have access to a Level 3 Teacher Book to check your answers please let me know.

#### **4. What are the Optional activities?**

In addition to this I would encourage you to do the optional tasks each week as these are important aspects of the program. You are welcome to share these with me via dropbox or similar. Please do not email the actual video to me. My inbox won't cope! (If you have completed a questionnaire then these tasks - which may be altered to suit your particular needs - are not optional but compulsory so please email them to me at the end of each week(s)).

#### **5. What do I do if I have questions or need more practice activities?**

If you have anything you would like more information or help on you only need email me. I will either email you a response, create a video showing how to.... or I will suggest we (skype) chat to help you through the problem.

#### **6. But I'm only in Unit 1?**

Congratulations! As you have more than 80 weeks left until the aural and written exam you can take your time. Allow as many weeks as you like for each week of the program – it is more important that you learn things thoroughly than that you learn everything quickly but can't do anything properly!

Please email me with any feedback you have as you are doing the VMPC so I know if I'm creating a resource that is actually helping you achieve your goals!

Regards

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One attachment is included with this email:

1. "VPMC Feb 2016 Unit 3 Questionnaire"

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