

What is the VMPC (the VCE Musicianship Preparation Course)?

The **VCE Musicianship Preparation Course** or the **VMPC** is for **ANY** students (and teachers) undertaking VCE Music performance Units 1 to 4. It is a self-conducted (emailed) course consisting of aural and theory lessons, tutorial and practice videos, worksheets, sightreading sheets, information sheets, practice activities and questions, all designed to help you achieve your best in the VCE Music performance Aural and Written Examination at the end of Unit 4.

How does the VMPC work?

You will regularly receive emails that may include:

- a. concepts to learn and how to learn them;
- b. practice activities and suggestions on how to make sure you really learn the new concepts but continue to improve the known ones and/or
- c. advice on how to learn, practice, study and generally get better at this stuff!

Your job is to do the work, ask for any help I can give where needed and get a great result in the end of year written exam!

What do I need?

All work set comes from the [Level 3 Musicianship & Aural Training 2nd Ed Student Book Elite Version](#). If you do not own this yet or you have purchased the **Level 3 2nd Ed Student Book Standard Version** please email Deb on deborah@dsmusic.com.au

How much does the VMPC cost?

The **VMPC** is **FREE** for all students (and teachers) who own the above book!

How do I sign up?

Simply email me on deborah@dsmusic.com.au with VMPC in the subject line and you will receive an email from me within 24 hours with more information.

When does it start?

The VMPC will begin **Monday 19th March 2017** (which is the day after the [Introduction to VCE Music Performance Music Language Workshop](#) which I REALLY hope you're coming to!)

The final word.

I have many, many testimonials from students who have undertaken the **VMPC** some of which are at the bottom of this email. If you are at all in doubt about whether this will help you or not – read a few of those to find out HOW MUCH the **VMPC** WILL help!
So email me ASAP and tell all your muso friends to join too!

Happy practicing!

Deb

P.S. If you absolutely cannot purchase these texts due to financial reasons – please contact me directly and we will sort something out as I wouldn't want you to miss out! D

Testimonials from previous VMPC Students:

The VMPC is a personalised VCE music language program that allows you to work closely with an experienced teacher all year, going through all the music aural and theory you need to know for the exam. You have the privilege of working at your own pace while also having someone other than your classroom teacher hold you accountable for your efforts and encourage you to improve. Deb will direct you towards the exercises and worksheets you need to compete to strengthen your weak areas, personally create any resources you may need and offer an immense amount of guidance and support throughout the year - these are all things, in my opinion, students at any level will greatly benefit from!

Personally, the VMPC helped me so much last year, and I think it is an incredibly valuable tool for anyone studying VCE music. At first I was sceptical of all the singing involved in the course, but over time my aural skills and understanding of music theory improved without me even realising it! In addition to this, the amount of time and effort Deb put into ensuring me and every other VMPC student was prepared for the exam (this includes correcting countless practice exams, skypeing, creating personalised video and audio files and emails containing countless words of encouragement) was amazing - I cannot recommend this program enough.

Susan Malikoff, Warrnambool College, Warrnambool

The VMPC program is a practically designed guided course for all VCE Music Performance students. Deb takes you step by step in tasks which revise material from her books and applies this knowledge in practical ways. I was very fortunate to be a part of the VMPC Direct program which allowed me to work with Deb personally to improve my music Aural and Theory knowledge on a regular basis throughout the year.

I was recommended Deb's courses through a friend who previously took the VMPC program. I chose Deb's direct program so that I would be continuously working on Music throughout the year without neglect. As someone with existing aural and theory knowledge, these classes were helpful in cementing areas of knowledge which I knew, and drilling down content which were VCE specific (such as modes, half diminished chords etc). The tasks (through worksheets or videos) assigned were tailored towards areas where we needed more work whilst completing the exam's content within the three and a bit terms. For me, Deb created specific tasks and comprehensive videos and explanation sheets to help me understand and make sense of my weak areas.

Having Deb work with me throughout the year (in the direct course) is a decision I am so pleased with. The amount of effort she puts into ensuring you are your best for the exam is so significant - you couldn't ask for more. To have someone coaching you on a regular basis ensures you won't neglect your subject and you are constantly learning on top of any classroom work. No matter how knowledgeable you are at music, Deb's course (especially the direct) is such a strategic and effective tool to learn or cement content and help you do your very best at VCE Music Performance. I highly recommend this program for all students and teachers who are willing to put in the continuous work to see their desired results!

Joyee K, Nossal High School, Berwick

The VMPC is a course that takes you through everything you need to know for the exam in a steady, progressive pace. More importantly, it adds meaning to and consolidates what you learn in class and in the Musicianship & Aural Training book, providing you with lifelong knowledge and a deeper understanding of music. When working with Deb directly, the resources are catered specifically to your needs, something very valuable that is hard to receive in class.

I personally have noticed so much improvement in the areas I used to consider my weaker areas - so much so that I am probably most confident in those! To me, doing the VMPC and working with Deb in the VMPC Direct was basically intense, private tuition!

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