

Australian Honours Ensemble Program (AHEP)

Program Information 2024

Program Name	Australian Honours Ensemble Program
Program Code	AHEP
Program suited to	Instrumental students at AMEB 6 and above; Vocal AMEB 4 and above
Nomination and selection	Students are nominated for the program by their teacher and selection is based on audition
Dates (incl rehearsals and concert)	Wednesday 25 September to Saturday 28 September 2024
Program Fee	\$390
Venue:	Queensland Conservatorium Griffith University, 140 Grey St, Sth Brisbane Queensland
Rehearsal Times	10am – 5pm
Saturday rehearsal and concert:	Saturday rehearsal including concert is approx 5 hours
Ensembles in AHEP	Wind Orchestra, Big Band, String Orchestra, Symphony Orchestra, and Vocal Ensemble
Food	Participants to provide their own food for the program
What to bring	String and Band Students need to bring their instrument and a collapsible music stand. All students: Food (see above) water bottle, lip balm, jacket or jumper
What to wear	Wed - Fri: Participants wear appropriate clothing (same as a free dress at school) and covered flat footwear (no thongs or sandals). T-shirts will be handed out during the first rehearsal session. Saturday: students to wear their formal school/day uniform (not band uniform). Please refer to your school's uniform policy that you would wear to an official school event or school photo day
Accommodation & Travel:	Students/Families attending the program are required to organise their own transport and accommodation throughout.

The AHEP Program gives students the opportunity to:

- Work in an intensive environment of musical excellence with the peers
- Work with a team of eminent internationally recognised Conductors from Queensland Conservatorium Griffith University
- Represent their Schools in a Grand Finale Concert on the Saturday of the program in the Conservatorium Theatre
- Receive a Certificate of Participation and Australian Honours Program Souvenir T-Shirt
- Participate in an instrument specific masterclass with Queensland Conservatorium Griffith University academic staff

Nomination Criteria:

Instrumental: minimum grade 6 AMEB or equivalent

Vocal: Minimum of AMEB grade 4 and high-level choral experience

Instruments: violin, viola, cello, double bass, flute, oboe, clarinet, bass clarinet, bassoon, saxophone, trumpet, french horn, trombone, euphonium, tuba, percussion, and voice (soprano, alto, baritone, tenor)

Audition Process:

- Once nominations have closed students will receive an email from us (shep-conservatorium@griffith.edu.au) that will outline the audition requirements, instructions for upload and audition excerpts.
- Audition excerpts for 2024 will be available from our website [State Honours Ensemble Program \(griffith.edu.au\)](http://StateHonoursEnsembleProgram.griffith.edu.au)
- The audition panel for each instrument will consist of Queensland Conservatorium Griffith University Specialist Staff.
- Students unsuccessful for a place in AHEP will have their nomination transferred to be considered for SHEP Queensland which is held from Thursday 26 September to Sunday 29 September
- Students and nominating teachers will be notified of the outcome of the audition once all auditions have been assessed.

What is the Honours Program?

The Australian Honours Ensemble Program (AHEP) is an extension of the State Honours Ensemble Program. Established in 2018 AHEP has grown to include a wind orchestra, string orchestra, vocal ensemble, symphony orchestra and big band. From over

1000 nominations annually, students are invited to audition for this highly sought-after program. Students who are successful have the opportunity to work with world-class conductors in an intensive environment that challenges and encourages them to extend their pursuit of musical excellence. Students are also provided a workshop, within their instrument area, with select staff of the Queensland Conservatorium Griffith University.

Queensland Conservatorium Griffith University's State Honours Ensemble Program has grown from relatively modest beginnings in 2001. SHEP is now a firmly established aspect of music learning in Queensland, bringing together young people from all over the State, in regional centres and Brisbane to share their passion for making music. Queensland Conservatorium Griffith University provides 4 programs in Brisbane and 11 regional programs. Since first commencing in 2001 SHEP has over 5,000 students attend the SHEP programs annually throughout Queensland, from more than 200 schools: with many of these students progressing from the Middle school programs through to AHEP. A select number of participants have also joined the international arm of SHEP, Pacific Honours Ensemble Program (PHEP), which tours to Seattle each year.

Further information can be found on our website at: [State Honours Ensemble Program \(griffith.edu.au\)](http://griffith.edu.au)