

PARLIAMENT OF NEW SOUTH WALES

JOINT SELECT COMMITTEE ON ARTS AND MUSIC EDUCATION AND TRAINING IN NEW SOUTH WALES

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INQUIRY INTO ARTS AND MUSIC EDUCATION AND TRAINING IN NEW SOUTH WALES HAS COMMENCED

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The NSW Parliament has established a joint select committee to examine arts and music education and training across the state and is now calling for public submissions.

The Chair of the committee, Ms Julia Finn said 'The joint select committee will inquire into the quality and effectiveness of arts and music education and training. In particular, we will look into how the arts, culture and creative industries can coordinate with the education system to support the development of creative skills.'

Ms Finn continued: "The committee will consider how arts and music are taught in schools including at primary, secondary and tertiary levels. It will also explore opportunities for students to learn entrepreneurial skills and gain experience in the arts and music industry. Additionally, the inquiry will examine approaches to creative education used in other jurisdictions.'

The Chair said 'It is vital that arts and music education opportunities are available to every child, regardless of their age, geographic location or social and economic status. We will explore what we need to do to ensure that quality arts and music education is available to everyone, as well as investigate how we can better support our arts and music sectors.'

Have your say

The committee invites interested individuals to have their say through its online questionnaire. The online questionnaire will be available soon.

Other stakeholders, including industry and community groups, government bodies and small businesses are encouraged to lodge a submission online via the 'submissions tab' on the <u>inquiry webpage</u>.

The closing date for submissions and the online questionnaire is Thursday 25 July 2024.

Further information about the inquiry, including the terms of reference, can be found on the <u>inquiry</u> webpage.