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No 108

**INQUIRY INTO ARTS AND MUSIC EDUCATION AND  
TRAINING IN NEW SOUTH WALES**

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To whom it may concern, I am the father of a bright 15 year old daughter. Several years ago her school, PMAS (Port Macquarie NSW) started a music program for all children to learn an instrument and be part of a school band. Under the guidance of their music teacher and band leader Amanda O'Brien, the children have thrived. My daughter has had a surge in confidence and has since been asked to join the Port Macquarie municipal band playing at community events. Music is such a confidence booster for young people. It increases their analytical thinking through learning to read music and makes them part of a team that just works together. Please continue and increase funding for primary music in our schools.