

Joan Sutherland Performing Arts Centre

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CUTTING EDGE MUSIC COURSES AT PENRITH CONSERVATORIUM OF MUSIC

The region's most respected music school - The Penrith Conservatorium of Music is pleased to announce two new exciting music courses as part of its term two curriculum: "Mastering Music" and "Contemporary Popular Music".

Mastering Music. Since the introduction of music technology back in the 1990s, the music industry has undergone significant changes in the way music is produced and performed. While performing will always remain a major focus for music, and rightly so, music technology has an important role to play in providing the skills to assist students to become good all round musicians as well as good performers.

The Joan Sutherland Conservatorium of Music has recognised this and is commencing a music technology course designed to encourage, stimulate and engage students in performing, composing, music production, notation, music theory, aural training and film scoring. The course software will be Mastering Music that contains 400+ multi-task lessons covering all seven of these musical outcomes. This course will provide opportunities for students to be involved within the music industry in areas where they are gifted, which may be other than as a performer.

Mastering Music is designed for ages 8-adult where the principles of how to use this software can be learned in only a few minutes. Thereafter the software focuses you on the learning process providing tips, help pages and video tutorials to guide you through the required steps to complete the task. Using this approach, the teachers and students can work at their own pace thereby providing personalised learning for each student according to their level of experience and ability.

Contemporary Popular Music Courses The new Contemporary Popular Music Course at the Penrith Conservatorium of music is a curriculum based course with the AMEB. This course is graded to provide contemporary popular musicians with goals and standards. The courses are available in Keyboard, Vocal, Drum Kit, Guitar and Bass. The Keyboard course encompasses two levels: Fundamental and Advancing and have four steps in each level. Vocal, Drum Kit, Guitar and Bass are available only at Advancing level, which is designed to meet the entrance requirements of tertiary institutions offering contemporary popular music.

Contact us today to enrol in these innovative music courses – Ph: [47237611](tel:47237611)

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