**MEDIA RELEASE 2018**

**Penrith Conservatorium**

**Applications for the 2019 Music Scholarships are open!**

Penrith Conservatorium, housed at The Joan, is offering six highly sought-after Scholarships through a competitive application and live audition process. The Scholarships recognise future potential and provide the chance for students to take their gift to the next level, offering pathways to pursue a professional career in music.

Scholarships are open to all instruments including voice, however in 2019 the Conservatorium particularly encourages applications of woodwind, brass and orchestral percussion. Candidates need to prepare two contrasting pieces of music that show their abilities in demonstrations of technical ability, musicality, expression, phrasing, sensitivity and solo performance technique.

The Conservatorium team of over 25 tutors have outstanding qualifications as both performers and teachers, offering individual tuition from beginner through to AMEB Grade 8 and beyond to concert standard. Many students go on to become musicians and music educators themselves, whilst many others enjoy the pleasure and excitement music brings into their everyday lives.

Enriching the lives of the local community for over 28 years through its passion for excellence in music education and performance, The Conservatorium has an ongoing commitment to developing and nurturing local talent.

*My scholarship has been amazing. I have gained opportunities from this in the Penrith Youth Orchestra and the Sydney Symphony Youth Orchestra holiday program. I have also progressed 2 grades in a year. The teachers and tutors at the Con are simply the best.* **Dominic Hart,** **2018 Scholarship Recipient**

*The scholarship program has been a tremendous help financially for my family. Not to mention the benefit that my son derived from the* *music lessons towards his speech delay. We noticed that Nathanael can express himself much better with his language after he started tuition at Penrith Con.*

**Sarinah Liawinata (Nathanael’s mother)**

Thanks to the generosity of the Conservatorium’s current sponsors and partners; Penrith City Council, Berger Piepers, Ars Musica and the Joan Sutherland Foundation.

**ESSENTIAL INFO**

**Applications open Monday 17th September
Applications** **close** **Friday 30th November 2018**

**Auditions will be held at The Joan on 18th January 2019**

Scholarships are awarded either as FULL or HALF at the Penrith Conservatorium in 2019

You do not have to be an existing student of the Conservatorium to apply

Open to all residents of the Greater Western Sydney region *(Some Scholarships require residency within Penrith LGA)*

**FULL SCHOLARSHIPS**

The Richard Bonynge Scholarship

The Emerging Talent Scholarship – Open to students aged 12 – 18

The Mayoral Scholarship – Open to Penrith LGA residents

The Malcolm Borland full Scholarship – Piano Only

**HALF SCHOLARSHIPS**

Two Penrith Conservatorium Scholarships

The Regional Talent Scholarship – Open to Penrith LGA residents

**Information and Applications
http://thejoan.com.au/penrith-conservatorium-music/**

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