

THE SONG METHOD

Creative Songwriting & Collaboration Program



The Song Method brings contemporary songwriting into schools, supporting students to develop creativity, communication, and collaboration through the power of music. Our hands-on workshops and programs are designed to inspire young people to find their voice, connect with others, and express themselves through original songwriting.

Supporting creativity, communication & collaboration through songwriting

FOR SCHOOLS

Contemporary songwriting workshops designed for students of all ages and musical backgrounds.

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WHY SONGWRITING?

Music has a unique power to engage young people in ways that other subjects simply cannot. Songwriting brings together creativity, language, emotion, and collaboration in one dynamic process. When students write songs together, they are not just making music — they are developing essential life skills that carry far beyond the classroom.



THE IMPACT

Creative Expression

Songwriting gives every student a voice. It unlocks creative thinking and empowers young people to express their ideas, feelings, and stories in a safe and supportive environment.

Teamwork & Communication

Collaborative songwriting builds real communication skills. Students learn to listen, share ideas, negotiate and co-create — skills that are essential in school, work and life.

Confidence & Wellbeing

Completing and performing an original song builds genuine confidence. Students experience pride in their creative work, boosting self-esteem and a positive sense of identity.



*Songwriting is where
creativity, communication
and collaboration come
alive in every student.*

EDUCATIONAL OUTCOMES

The Song Method is designed to develop essential 21st-century skills through the creative process of songwriting. Students don't just learn about music — they develop transferable skills that support their growth across all areas of learning and life.



SKILLS THROUGH SONG

Creative Thinking

Students learn to generate original ideas, experiment with musical concepts, and develop their own creative voice. Songwriting challenges students to think divergently and embrace the creative process from first idea to final song.

Communication & Collaboration

Working together to write and perform songs builds powerful communication skills. Students learn to listen, contribute ideas, negotiate creative decisions, and support one another — all through the shared language of music.

Confidence & Reflection

Sharing original work builds genuine self-confidence. Students reflect on their creative journey, celebrate their achievements, and develop resilience and pride in what they have made together.

Curriculum Connections

The program supports learning outcomes across:

- ***Music***
- ***Creative Arts***
- ***English***
- ***Media Arts***
- ***Cross-Curricular Creative Thinking Capabilities***

ONE-DAY SONGWRITING WORKSHOP

Creative Songwriting & Collaboration Workshop

A hands-on introduction to contemporary songwriting where students work together to create original songs while developing creativity, communication, confidence, and collaboration skills.



WHAT'S INCLUDED

Students Will:

- Explore how professional songwriters generate ideas
- Develop lyric-writing and storytelling skills
- Create melodies and song concepts
- Learn basic music production and recording techniques
- Collaborate in small songwriting teams
- Present their ideas in a supportive environment

LEARNING OUTCOMES

Students will:

- Create and perform an original song while demonstrating communication, collaboration and creative-thinking skills.
- Build confidence expressing ideas creatively
- Develop teamwork and communication skills
- Strengthen listening and problem-solving abilities
- Gain insight into contemporary music creation
- Experience the complete songwriting process from idea to performance



TAILORED PROGRAMS SUITABLE FOR

- Years 3–6
- Years 7–9
- Years 10–12
- Catholic Schools
- Government Schools
- Independent Schools
- Music Programs
- Wellbeing Programs
- Creative Arts Programs

10-WEEK PROGRAM

A structured 10-week program designed to help students develop songwriting, music production, communication, collaboration, and creative-thinking skills through practical, project-based learning.



WEEKLY BREAKDOWN

Weeks 1–3: Idea Generation, Creativity & Songwriting Foundations

Students are introduced to contemporary songwriting through collaborative activities, lyric writing, melody development, creative-thinking exercises, and team-building activities.

Weeks 4–7: Collaborative Songwriting & Song Development

Students work in songwriting teams to develop original songs while learning how professional songwriters collaborate, give feedback, and refine creative ideas.

Weeks 8–10: Music Production, Recording & Showcase

Students bring their songs to life through recording, production, rehearsal, and presentation activities, culminating in a final showcase of original work.

Learning Outcomes

Students will develop songwriting and music-creation skills
Build confidence in creative expression
Strengthen teamwork and communication skills
Learn contemporary music industry practices
Explore music technology and production
Create and present original music



By week 10, every student has co-written and recorded their own original song.

HOW WE DELIVER

The Song Method is designed to fit seamlessly into your school's schedule and context. Whether you prefer face-to-face workshops on your campus, flexible online sessions, or a blend of both, we have a delivery format that works for you. All sessions are led by experienced songwriting educators and tailored to your students' year level and needs.



*Flexible scheduling to suit
your school's timetable,
term plan, and year level.*

Delivery Options

- 10-Week Program
- School Holiday Intensives
- Songwriting Camps
- One-Day Workshops
- Artist Development Workshops
- Teacher Professional Development Sessions

DELIVERY OPTIONS

In-School Workshops

Our most popular format — we come to you! Fully facilitated workshops delivered on your school grounds using live instruments, keyboards, and music production tools. Minimal setup required from your team.

Virtual Sessions

Can't host us in person? No problem. Our interactive online sessions bring the full songwriting experience to your classroom via video conferencing, with digital collaboration tools and shared creative workspaces.

Hybrid Format

Combine the best of both worlds — begin with an in-school launch session, then continue the creative journey online with weekly virtual check-ins, feedback rounds, and a live final showcase.

THE RESEARCH

The Song Method is grounded in decades of music education research and cognitive development science. Studies consistently show that songwriting boosts creative thinking, strengthens communication skills, and builds student confidence. Our program draws on peer-reviewed research in collaborative learning, social-emotional development, and arts-based education to deliver measurable outcomes for every student.



EVIDENCE-BASED LEARNING

Cognitive Development

Research in music education demonstrates that songwriting activates multiple cognitive domains simultaneously, strengthening memory, language processing, and creative problem-solving in students of all ages.

Collaborative Learning

Studies in collaborative pedagogy confirm that co-writing songs builds communication, empathy, and teamwork. Students learn to negotiate ideas, give and receive feedback, and work toward a shared creative goal.

Wellbeing & Confidence

Wellbeing research in arts-based education shows significant improvements in student self-efficacy and wellbeing. Songwriting provides a safe, expressive outlet that supports resilience, identity, and emotional reflection.



Every Song Method workshop is designed with research at its core, so teachers and schools can trust the outcomes.

MEET THE FOUNDERS

The Song Method was created by two passionate Australian musicians, educators, and researchers who believe in the transformative power of songwriting. With over 40 years of combined experience in music education, Sarah and Steven Manovski have dedicated their careers to bringing creative songwriting into schools across Australia.



*Passionate educators.
Authentic songwriters.
Dedicated to unlocking every
student's creative voice.*

ABOUT US

Sarah Manovski

Sarah is an award-winning Australian songwriter, educator, and researcher with a lifelong passion for music and creativity. She has worked extensively in schools, universities, and community settings, helping young people find their voice through songwriting. Sarah brings warmth, expertise, and an infectious enthusiasm to every workshop she leads.

Steven Manovski

Steven is a celebrated Australian songwriter, music educator, and academic researcher with deep expertise in contemporary music pedagogy. His research into the educational benefits of songwriting has informed the design of The Song Method program. Steven's engaging style and musical depth inspire students of all ages and backgrounds.

40+ Years Combined Experience

Together, Sarah and Steven have developed a research-backed, student-centred approach to songwriting in schools. Their combined experience spans classroom teaching, professional performance, academic research, and curriculum design — making The Song Method both musically authentic and educationally rigorous.

TESTIMONIALS

MUSIC EDUCATOR

"Sarah's songwriting workshop was one of the most engaging creative activities our students participated in all year."

STUDENT

"Before working with Sarah, I never thought I could write a song. Now I've written three and performed one at school."

PARENT

"The confidence my daughter gained through songwriting was incredible. She became much more willing to share her ideas and perform in front of others."

STUDENT

"The Song Method made songwriting feel achievable. I learned how to turn my ideas into real songs."

PRICING STRUCTURE

PROGRAM

2-HOUR WORKSHOP

HALF-DAY WORKSHOP

FULL DAY WORKSHOP

10 WEEK WORKSHOP

PRICE ESTIMATE

\$650 + GST

\$1200 + GST

\$1950 + GST

\$4500-\$6500 + GST

CLASS SIZE

Single class (up to 30 students)

Up to 60 students

Up to 60 students

Class, year-level or customised cohorts

TYPICAL COST PER STUDENT

Approximately \$10-\$20 depending on program size.

CONTACT US FOR A TAILORED QUOTE

Bookings available throughout the school year. Early booking recommended.

WHY SCHOOLS CHOOSE THE SONG METHOD

- ✓ Curriculum aligned
- ✓ Builds student confidence
- ✓ Supports wellbeing
- ✓ Encourages teamwork and communication
- ✓ Suitable for all musical abilities
- ✓ Delivered by professional Australian songwriters
- ✓ Flexible 2-hour, 1-day and 10-week formats
- ✓ Students create original music

SUITABLE FOR

SINGLE CLASS

YEAR LEVEL

MULTIPLE CLASSES

POTENTIAL CURRICULUM INTEGRATION

GET STARTED

The Song Method for Schools



Book a 2027 Workshop

- Available Australia-wide
- Flexible dates
- Curriculum-aligned programs
- Limited school bookings each term

*Bring creativity, collaboration &
confidence to your classroom*

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