

PERFORMING ARTS FESTIVAL

2026 PERFORMING ARTS FESTIVAL TIMELINE

- Thursday 19 March** 2026 Festival Update Announcement from Chair to all schools sent via email to School Coordinators.
Principals will receive the Poster and Memo in the post.
- Sunday 10 May** **CLOSING DATE FOR ALL ENTRIES (BOTH LIVE AND RECORDED PERFORMANCES):**
Note: Entry fee invoices will be sent to schools after all entries have closed (reduced fees apply for recorded entries).
The Privacy Information document for Parents and Students must be made available to Festival entrants
- Friday 22 May** **Closing date for ALL Sheet Music and Stage Plans** (for relevant sections)
Note: Music cannot be photocopied at a venue prior to a performance.
If sheet music, item or entry information are not received by this date or the music choice or entry details are changed after the due date or on the day of the performance, the entry will not be eligible for any awards or shields.
- Thursday 18 June** Timetable Programme and Timetable Package will be mailed to schools today (includes individual/group section timetables, Information Memorandums, Student Info Cards etc).
- Friday 3 July** **TryBooking Sales Open & Dance - Creative Tickets on Sale to Public**
- Monday 20 July** Due Dates for: Dance - Creative: Stage Management Forms & Drama Ensemble (Sec) : Script & Lighting Plans
- Thursday 23 July** Opening Mass at St Mary's Cathedral at 10 am
- Friday 24 July** **PERFORMING ARTS FESTIVAL COMMENCES**
- Friday 31 July** Closing date to upload URLs for Recorded Entries online
- Monday 3 August** Concert Tickets on Sale to Public
- Wednesday 19 Aug** Due date for Drama Ensemble (Pri) : Script and Lighting Plans
- Friday 21 Aug** Final Date for Musical/Drama Production Adjudications
- Friday 4 Sep** Shield Playoffs / PERFORMING ARTS FESTIVAL CONCLUDES
- Tuesday 15 Sep** Festival Finale
- Monday 19 Oct – Fri 23 Oct** **Adjudication of Electronic Recordings**