

Sydney Youth Orchestras COVID Safe Plan

SYO is registered with the NSW Government as a COVID Safe Organisation. To gain this accreditation we have produced a COVID Safe Plan. Outlined below are the measures SYO has put in place to ensure the safety of musicians and staff.

General infection control and contamination prevention

All rehearsal rooms will allow for the 4m2 and social distancing requirement to be observed.

Hand sanitiser stations will be provided at the entrance to all rooms and spaces used by SYO with signs requiring their use by everyone.

All students and staff will be advised to wash their hands on entering the SYO areas.

Soap and disposable towels/air driers will be provided in bathrooms.

All SYO musicians and staff will be required to not to attend rehearsal program if they exhibit any (even mild) symptoms or if someone in their household is exhibiting any symptoms of COVID 19.

SYO undertake a cleaning program before the first rehearsal and wipe-down equipment between all sessions.

SYO musicians will be are required to bring their own stands and mallets for percussion equipment. Each musician will use their own set of music.

SYO will provide players of wind and brass instruments with paper pads to capture any liquids released from their instruments. These will be pick up disposed of by musicians in bins provided at the end of rehearsal.

Restrict break times to the same groups to limit the number of contacts each musician has with others during the day.

Restrict access to Santa Sabina College for families to reduce contact between adults onsite.

SYO Operations Staff required to wear masks at all SYO activities.

Place ensembles in rooms large enough to engage in distancing:

1.5m for string, brass, percussion and reeded woodwind players

3m between flautists and other musicians (in the direction of airflow from their instrument)

Access control at Santa Sabina College campus

Establish an SYO Area within the Santa Sabina campus that prevents the movement of SYO people to other parts of the campus and precludes others from the SYO-used areas.

Establish only one entrance/egress point into the SYO controlled area of the campus.

Exclude all parents, visitors or others from entering SYO controlled areas of the campus.

Minimise the contact between SYO staff deployed at the campus.

Isolate a set of bathrooms at the campus for SYO's exclusive use.

Prevent or actively discourage SYO people accessing common facilities at campus.

Avoiding infection from using public transport

Strongly advise SYO participant against the use of public transport to and from the program.

Provide SYO participants who have to use public transport with advice (from NSW transport etc.) on suitable protection.