



A local school with a global outlook

26 May 2026

Dear Parents/Guardians

EUROPE MUSIC TOUR 2027

The St Margaret's Music Department is very excited to offer students the opportunity to participate in a Music Tour to Europe in 2027. The proposed tour would travel to Munich, Salzburg, Ljubljana, Graz and culminate with the *Summa Cum Laude Music Festival* held in Vienna. This festival brings student musicians from around the world to perform together in some of Vienna's most spectacular music venues including the Musikverein where the Vienna Philharmonic Orchestra is based and St Stephen's Cathedral where some of the world's most famous composers have performed including Haydn, Mozart and Beethoven.

The tour will be open to students in Chamber Strings, Exultate and Sister Helen Wind Symphony (if your daughter is currently not in one of the listed ensembles, she is more than welcome to talk with her respective conductor to discuss potential eligibility for 2027 ensemble inclusion). These kinds of tours provide unique opportunities to students where they perform together in stunning venues with great historical value and where they create very special bonds with each other through these shared experiences. An experience such as this can be life changing, and we would love to have as many students as possible involved.

Travel: The departure date for the tour is **Wednesday 23 June 2027**, returning to Brisbane on **Thursday 8 July 2027**. We are working with WorldStrides (www.worldstrides.com.au) to organise the specifics of the tour (draft itinerary attached). This company has vast experience organising tours for schools.

Payment: Final costs are still to be confirmed and will be dependent on final numbers committing to the tour. As an approximation, the provisional cost provided to us by WorldStrides is \$11,500. **To secure a place on the tour, an initial deposit of \$1,000 is required.** Deposit payments can be made via Parent Lounge. Please note the deposit is fully refundable if insufficient numbers commit to the tour. To confirm your daughter's involvement, payment needs to be made by **Friday 24 July 2026**.

There will be an information session on **Thursday 11 June in The Loft at 6pm** to provide further details. We invite all interested parents and students from Exultate, Chamber Strings and Sister Helen Wind Symphony, and potential students for 2027 for these ensembles, to attend. This will be an opportunity for parents and students to ask questions and find out more specifics as to how the tour will operate, along with the proposed payment schedule. If parents cannot attend this session but would like to receive additional information, please email music@stmargarets.qld.edu.au and we can forward the presentation post meeting.

Yours sincerely

Brad King
Head of Performance



St Margaret's Anglican Girls School

Salzburg-Ljubljana-Graz-SCL Vienna

Exact time of activities will be depending on the final schedule

Wednesday, 23 June 2027

BRISBANE -
MUNICH

Depart on your flight to Munich

Thursday, 24 June 2027

SALZBURG

Arrival at Munich International Airport

- English-speaking tour manager experienced in concert tour management
- Deluxe air-conditioned private coach included

Transfer to Salzburg area

- Driving time approx. 2 h (145 km)

Hotel details Salzburg / Bad Ischl & Salzkammergut area

- Berghof Graml, Hotel JUFA Altenmarkt or similar
- Musicians in more-bedded rooms, adults in twin/double rooms, **including daily buffet breakfast**



Friday, 25 June 2027

SALZBURG

Guided city tour with English-speaking local guide

- Explore Salzburg Dom, Festival Hall, Mirabell Palace
- Entrance to **Mozart's Birthplace** included

Concert Performance (#1) in or around Salzburg

- Get in touch with a local community in or around Salzburg and perform on picturesque town squares, historic churches and many other locations in one of the most beautiful regions of Austria
- Possible venues: Abtenau Market Square, Mondsee Basilica, Nussdorf am Attersee or similar
- Venue confirmation depending on type and size of the ensemble and will be reconfirmed after receipt of the music program



Saturday, 26 June 2027

SALZBURG

Visit Fortress Hohensalzburg including Funicular ride

- Take the Funicular up to the Hohensalzburg Fortress, the former stronghold of the ruling prince-archbishops
- Included: a ride up and down on the funicular, Prince's Chambers, Magic Theater, Tour with audio guide, Castle museum, Rainer Regiment museum, puppet museum, Alm passage exhibition

Guided Sound of Music Tour with English-speaking local guide

- Discover Salzburg in the footsteps of "The Sound of Music" and see the locations where the world-famous film was shot. Some of the highlights and film locations that you will see on your tour include: the Gardens of Mirabell Palace, Leopoldskron Palace, Hellbrunn Nonnberg Abbey, St. Gilgen and Lake Wolfgang.



Sunday, 27 June 2027

SALZBURG → LAKE BLEED → LJUBLJANA

Transfer to Lake Bled

- Driving time approx. 4 h
- Free time

Transfer to Ljubljana

- Driving time approx. 1,5 h

Hotel Details

- **DoubleTree by Hilton Ljubljana** or similar
- Students in more-bedded rooms, adults in twin rooms, breakfast included



Monday, 28 June 2027

LJUBLJANA

Guided city tour of Ljubljana with English-speaking local guide

- Slovenia's capital and largest city is one of Europe's greenest and most liveable capitals; it was the European Commission's Green Capital of Europe in 2016.
- Entrance to Ljubljana Castle included (funicular included as well)

Concert Performance (#2) in Ljubljana or surroundings

- **Academy of Music Ljubljana** or similar
- Venue confirmation depending on type and size of the ensemble and will be reconfirmed after receipt of the music program



Tuesday, 29 June 2027

POSTOJNA CAVES / LJUBLJANA

Transfer to Postojna Caves

- Driving time approx. 1,5 h

Postojna Caves

- Meet the Queen of Caves. Before 1818, visitors could visit a mere 300 metres of the cave, while today more than five kilometres of fascinating cave chambers, passageways and spectacular halls can be seen as part of a cave tour lasting an hour and a half.
- Entrance and guided tour included
- The temperature inside the cave is constant throughout the year (10 °C) regardless of the season, so make sure you are wearing suitable clothing. Warm raincoats are for hire in front of the Postojna Cave entrance, should you need one.



Wednesday, 30 June 2027

LJUBLJANA → GRAZ

Transfer to Graz

- Driving time approx. 3 h

Free time in Graz

Hotel details

- **Jufa Graz, Best Western Graz** or similar
- Musicians in more bedded rooms, adults in twin rooms, supplement for single rooms, breakfast included



Thursday, 1 July 2027

GRAZ

Guided city tour with English-speaking local guide

- Explore the old town of Graz, the Clock Tower and many more sights

Concert Performance (#3) in Graz or surroundings

- Salon Stolz, Festsaal im Augustinum or similar
- Venue confirmation depending on type and size of the ensemble and will be reconfirmed after receipt of the music program



Friday, 2 July 2027

GRAZ → VIENNA

Transfer to Vienna

- Driving time approx. 3 h

Hotel details

- **Eventhotel Pyramide, JUFA Vienna City** or similar
- Musicians in more-bedded rooms, adults in twin/double rooms, including **daily buffet breakfast**



Welcome Ceremony

- At **Konzerthaus Vienna** in the city centre of Vienna (venue subject to reconfirmation)

Saturday, 3 July 2027

VIENNA

Guided city tour with English-speaking local guide

- Explore Vienna Inner City & the Ring Road

Musikverein

- Choir **Competition** & Choir **Celebration**

Concert Performance (#4)

- In Vienna or surroundings
- Possible venues: MuTh, House of Music, Radiokulturhaus or similar



Sunday, 4 July 2027

VIENNA

Musikverein

- Orchestra/Band/Special Performance Group **Competition**
- Orchestra/Band/Special Performance Group **Celebration**

Workshops

- At the **University of Music Vienna**

Concert Performance (#5)

- In Vienna or surroundings
- Possible venues: Meierhof Pötsching, Haydn Park Bad Tatzmannsdorf or similar



Monday, 5 July 2027

VIENNA

Explore “Haus der Musik” (House of Music)

- Interactive **museum**
- Entrance included

Workshops

- At the **University of Music Vienna**



Tuesday, 6 July 2027

VIENNA

Gala Winner's Concert

- At the **Wiener Konzerthaus (venue subject to reconfirmation)**
- Academy Program and Group Picture
- Winners of the Competition on stage, all other participants in the audience



Wednesday, 7 July 2027

DEPARTURE

Departure from Vienna Airport

Thursday, 8 July 2027

End Tour

Arrive Brisbane.

Accommodation

- 3 overnights in Salzburg in **Berghof Graml, Hotel Jufa Altenmarkt** or similar
- 3 overnights in Ljubljana in **Double Tree Hilton Ljubljana** or similar
- 2 overnights in Graz in **Jufa Graz, Best Western Graz** or similar
- 5 overnights in Vienna in **JUFA Wien City Hotel, Eventhotel Pyramide** or similar
 - Musicians in multi-bed rooms, adults in twins/doubles
 - Including daily buffet breakfast

Meals

- Daily three-course-dinner (welcome & farewell dinner included)
- Lunchbox on 3rd, 4th & 5th of July 2027 in order to facilitate a smooth festival schedule
- Reusable SCL water bottle for usage at tap water stations in the city (Austria has the best tap water in the world, right from the Austrian Alps)

Transportation & Tour Manager

- Deluxe air-conditioned private coaches throughout the tour including all costs for the driver
- English-speaking tour manager experienced in concert tour management throughout the entire tour
- 1 Tour Manager per Bus!

Guided Sightseeing Tours

Half-day city tour by professional licensed English-speaking local guide
Salzburg, Sound of Music Tour, Ljubljana, Graz and Vienna

Entrances

- Mozart's Birthplace Museum
- Festung Hohensalzburg (funicular included as well)
- Postojna Caves (guided tour included)
- Funicular Schloßberg Graz
- Haus der Musik in Vienna
- Schloss Schönbrunn Vienna (Grand Tour, audioguide included)

Summa Cum Laude Festival participation fee:

For students, the organization fee per person includes the following festival services (that are not subsidized by public or private sponsors):

- Opening ceremony at Konzerthaus Vienna (venue subject to reconfirmation)
- Two workshops at the University of Music
- Two additional concerts in and around Vienna
- **Competition only:** one performance in front of the jury in the Golden Hall of the Musikverein and possibly (the performing groups will be selected by the jury) a performance during the Gala Winners' concert in the Konzerthaus (venue subject to reconfirmation)
- **Celebration only:** one performance in the Golden Hall of the Musikverein
- Closing ceremony in the City Hall Vienna (venue subject to reconfirmation)
- Diplomas for every participant for the workshops attended at the University of Music
- Online presentation of the biography of the group and the exact festival program
- Printed festival program for every participant and conductor
- Participation certificates for every group and every participant

For chaperones/adults including*

- The Gala Winners' Concert ticket at the Konzerthaus (Cat.3 worth € 95,00 per ticket)
 - Free entrance to all festival activities (except workshops/Academy program) including Closing Ceremony
- *Subject to availability and reconfirmation**

Concerts

1 professionally organized and promoted concert in Salzburg Area

1 professionally organized and promoted concert in Ljubljana Area

1 professionally organized and promoted concert in Graz Area

2 professionally organized and promoted SCL additional concerts in or around Vienna

Concert arrangements include the following:

- Venue Hire, Publicity including flyers and posters for each concert & Concert Program

Other Inclusions

- All local taxes & all gratuities (for hotel and restaurant staff, etc.)
 - 1,5 hrs rehearsal in Vienna hotel prior to competition/celebration and a short soundcheck before each concert included
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