

## Local Media Release

## Maxx Music New School of Music in Rouse Hill Town Centre

Maxx Music is opening a new school of music in Rouse Hill Town Centre which will open its doors to students for the first time on Monday 28 November. Students will be able to learn to play a wide variety of instruments including guitar, piano, vocals, drums, bass, violin and saxophone amongst others instruments.

Maxx Music Lesson Central opens following the success of their music school in Castle Hill which has been teaching people of all ages and abilities to play music since 1997. Maxx Music can claim to have taught more than 5,000 musicians, many of whom have gone on to study and have successful careers in music. The new school of music expands Maxx Music's presence within Rouse Hill Town Centre. Maxx Music's music store has been in the Centre since it's opening just over five years ago, and this expansion recognises Rouse Hill Town Centre is at the heart of a thriving and growing community filled with people who would like to learn to play an instrument or develop their singing. It has great transport networks from all the surrounding areas, car parking and a wide variety of cafes and shops nearby all of which make it the perfect place to open a new music school.

Alex (11yrs) and Indy (9yrs) Mair, are current students at Maxx Music's Castle Hill School of Music. Alex was the first to enrol and has now been having regular lessons for three years. He had always had an interest in music, with his parents buying him a keyboard for his 5<sup>th</sup> birthday. Having tried to learn to play by ear at home, and taking group lessons at school, finding somewhere to take one-to-one piano lessons was the obvious next step. A friend recommended Maxx Music's School of Music and the rest is history. Three years on, Alex is an accomplished singer/songwriter and recently performed at the Ettamogah Hotel as part of Maxx Music's Junior Concert. Alex's sister Indy decided about 18 months ago that she wanted to get in on the act too, with her chosen instrument being the drums. Within this short space of time, she has developed the skills and confidence to perform at the same concert. Proud Dad, Wayne Mair says of Maxx Music's School of Music "It's been fantastic. All the teachers have been great. They are happy and outgoing with great personalities. We have only ever had a positive experience".

Ben Finn, a successful professional musician, with more than 30 years experience in the business and owner of Maxx Music, says "Our schools of music are the real deal. Maxx Music is run by musicians, for musicians to create musicians. No matter what instrument you want to learn, we will help you find the way to do it that works for you. We aim to give you the tools so that you can play whatever sort of music you want in the way you want. Music should be available to everyone whatever your age or ability. Music should be fun and is a very personal thing. I meet all our music teachers, who are employed based on their skills, experience and knowledge but also on their personality and musicianship. We are proud of the fact that our teachers are musicians in their own right, playing gigs and concerts in their spare time. They understand the importance of having an inspiring music teacher and all have stories about the music teacher who changed their life."

A spokesperson for GPT, the company who manage Rouse Hill Town Centre, says "Given the number of residential developments in the area, this school provides an excellent opportunity for new and existing families to develop their kids' music skills locally. It fits in perfectly with the centre being a community based Town Centre."

Learning an instrument can be one of the most rewarding things a person can do, but did you know it is also good for you? Research has shown that learning an instrument can boost your memory and stimulate the brain, relieve stress, build confidence and self-esteem and improve your mood. It has also been shown to help with maths and reading skills in school aged learners. However, the most important reason to learn an instrument or to sing is because you love music and the way music makes you feel. Learning an instrument can make you feel happy and is fun whatever your age and ability.

The new School of Music will open on Monday 28 November. If you are interested in taking lessons or for further information please contact us at <a href="mailto:lessons@maxxmusic.com.au">lessons@maxxmusic.com.au</a> or call us on (02) 9894 0000. Alternatively, you could fill out an Interest Form on our website at <a href="https://www.maxxmusic.com.au">www.maxxmusic.com.au</a> or check us out on Facebook.

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