

SONG COMPETITION

This year's songwriting competition offers two starting points for aspiring songwriters to explore as they get creative.

This year's song competition takes its themes from the 2020 ASPIRE production *The Pecking Order*. There are two starting points we invite young composers and songwriters to think about:

BIRDSONG

Taking actual birdsong as your inspiration see where your songwriting takes you. Many of the characters in 2020's production are birds; how can you use their method of communication as inspiration? This is also an opportunity to create an instrumental track and potentially use technology in the creation of your original work.

THE PECKING ORDER

Definition: A hierarchy of status seen among members of a group of people or animals. One of the overarching themes of ASPIRE 2020 is that of leadership and position within both the human and bird worlds that will be depicted. Where do you see examples of pecking orders in your life

WEEK 8, TERM 4 2019

Entries can be uploaded to the ASPIRE website

WEEK 4, TERM 1 2020

Entries Close: Friday 21 February 2020

WEEK 5, TERM 1 2020

Shortlisting of Entries: Friday 28 February 2020

WEEK 7, TERM 1 2020

Workshopping of shortlisted songs:
Monday 16 March 2020

WEEK 9, TERM 1 2020

Songwriters Showcase Performance
where the winner will be decided
Wednesday 1 April 2020

As with last year's competition after entries close, shortlisted finalists will have the opportunity to workshop their song with professional musicians. The winner will be decided at a live concert where a panel will judge the songs. This year there will be both a primary and secondary winner, both of whom will receive a \$300 Muso's Corner Voucher and have their song professionally recorded at Tommirock Studios. The songs will then be used in the promotion of the 2020 ASPIRE production! To watch last year's winner click [here](#).

HOW TO ENTER

Video or record yourself singing and/or playing your composition, even if this is a work in progress, and save it as an **mp3** file. Attach a **copy** of your lyrics and music e.g. the chords you play with your song. However, writing out your song isn't compulsory. We really want to hear your song! You will be able to enter and upload your files to the ASPIRE website from **Week 8, Term 4 2019** and entries close Friday 21 February 2020.