



grow
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Ignite Young Stars

**Music
without
Barriers**

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Because opportunity shouldn't depend on circumstance.

\$10,000 Inaugural Partnership Opportunity



**Grow a Star × University of Newcastle
Conservatorium of Music × Indie College**

The Opportunity

Talent, creativity and potential exist in every community. Access to opportunity doesn't.

Ignite Young Stars: Music Without Barriers is a new Term 4, 2026 pilot designed to give ten young people from Indie College access to quality music tuition, mentoring and experiences through a **partnership with Grow a Star** and the **University of Newcastle Conservatorium of Music**.

We are seeking an inaugural funding partner to invest \$10,000 to help remove the financial and practical barriers that can prevent young people experiencing disadvantage or hardship from accessing opportunities like these.

The Program

At the heart of ***Ignite Young Stars: Music Without Barriers***, ten students will each receive nine one-hour music tuition lessons delivered through the University of Newcastle Conservatorium of Music.

That's 90 hours of individual music tuition, but we don't want the opportunity to end there.

The funding partnership will also enable us to build support around each student, helping them participate fully and creating pathways for those who discover a passion for music they want to pursue.

The \$10,000 partnership will support:

- 90 hours of individual music tuition for ten students during Term 4.
- The ***Music Pathways Fund***, established as part of the ***Ignite Young Stars: Music Without Barriers*** program, providing flexible, individualised support.
- A Conservatorium experience, exposing students to music, university and future creative pathways.
- Continuation opportunities for students who demonstrate an interest in pursuing music beyond the initial program.

The Music Pathways Fund

Through Grow a Star, we've seen that sometimes the difference between a young person participating and missing out can be something relatively small.

The ***Music Pathways Fund*** is designed to respond to those individual needs. By keeping part of the partnership funding flexible, we can address the practical barriers that might otherwise prevent a student from participating fully, while also supporting opportunities to continue their musical journey beyond the initial program.

The ***Music Pathways Fund*** could assist with:

- An instrument or instrument hire.
- Music books, strings, reeds, drumsticks, headphones or other equipment.
- Transport to lessons or music activities.
- Additional tuition beyond the initial nine lessons.
- Participation in workshops, ensembles or other music programs.
- Performance-related costs or opportunities.
- Other practical support identified with the young person that will help them continue their musical journey.



The Impact

Your \$10,000 investment will provide:

- **10 young people** with the opportunity to explore their musical potential
- **90 hours** of individual music tuition
- **9 weeks** of learning, connection and encouragement
- **Individualised support** to remove barriers
- A shared University of Newcastle **Conservatorium experience**
- **Pathways** to continue beyond the program

Beyond these numbers, we hope to see young people build confidence, develop new skills, experience achievement and discover interests and abilities they may never have had the opportunity to explore.

\$10,000.

Ten young people.

One opportunity that could change much more.

Partner Recognition

As the inaugural funding partner of Ignite Young Stars: Music Without Barriers, your organisation will be recognised as a key partner in making this opportunity possible for ten young people.

Partnership recognition will include:

- Exclusive recognition as the inaugural funding partner of Ignite Young Stars: Music Without Barriers.
- Logo recognition across relevant program collateral, communications and the final Impact Report.
- Acknowledgement across Home in Place and Grow a Star social media and communication channels, with opportunities for recognition through partner channels where appropriate.
- Recognition in media and promotional activity associated with the program, where applicable.
- Access to approved photography, stories and program outcomes that demonstrate the impact of your investment.
- A tailored Impact Report capturing participation, student and tutor feedback, outcomes and stories from the program.
- Opportunities to explore ongoing involvement should the pilot develop into a longer-term program.

Most importantly, your organisation will be directly connected to an initiative that removes barriers and creates meaningful opportunities for young people who may otherwise never have access to music tuition and the pathways that can come with it.

Want to learn more?

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A young woman with dark hair tied back, wearing a light-colored V-neck top, is seated and playing a violin. She is looking slightly to her right with a focused expression. The background is dark and out of focus.

What is Grow a Star?

The Grow a Star program was created by Home in Place and is the first of its kind to be designed and operated by a community housing provider.

Since its launch in 2012, the program has assisted hundreds of young people to pursue their academic, artistic and sporting goals at grass-roots and representative levels.

Grow a Star is a program that delivers opportunities for young people. We believe that every person has a right to participate in an activity they enjoy and can excel in. To engage in activity, is to engage in life and society.

Grow a Star aims to build the capacity and self-confidence in young people to achieve their highest ambitions. Activities such as learning, sport and the arts connect young people to their peers and to their communities. A young person engaged in this way will be more likely to engage in positive learning, positive health and eventually positive employment experiences. However, for many disadvantaged and vulnerable young people there are many barriers that get in the way of them participating in their interests and enthusiasms. Too often an opportunity to excel is closed off because of financial and family circumstances that prevent participation.

This is where Grow a Star comes in.

We work with young people and their families to enable them to follow a hobby, an interest, a passion or an ambition. We encourage collaboration between other agencies and mentors – specifically support networks, welfare organisations, sporting partners, government bodies and corporate contributors.

We remove barriers by:

- Funding specialist lessons or coaching
- Purchasing equipment or specialist clothing
- Funding sports club registration and representative fees
- Providing mentoring and support

These are just examples and the possibilities are numerous.

Meet our Stars

Every young person we support has a story.

Scan the QR code to meet some of our Stars and see where their opportunities have taken them.

growastar.org/star-stories-1





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