

# TOPOLOGY



# TOP UP IN SCHOOLS

CREATIVE PROGRAMS IN SCHOOLS



# TOPOLOGY BELIEVES THAT EVERYONE IS CREATIVE

Topology believes that **EVERYONE** is creative, and that cultivating creative thinking should start in the classroom. This is why we are passionate about music education and creating new music with young musicians.

The Topology Top Up program encourages young musicians to write and perform their own music through hands-on workshops no matter what level of music-making they're at. Topology has brought this program to schools throughout Queensland, working with students in urban, regional, remote areas at all skill levels and working from an ethos of creative equality.

At the end of each workshop, young musicians will have experienced an immersive creative process and have a new piece of music they can call their own. So, what are you waiting for? Music-making starts now!

**"Giving them a chance to realise their creative potential was a lovely thing to see. To perform music written by their peers rather than by someone they don't know."**

- TULLY STATE HIGH SCHOOL, QLD

**"To a rural teacher this is like winning the lottery!"**

- ST MARY'S CATHOLIC COLLEGE, KINGAROY QLD



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## IN SCHOOLS PROGRAMS

Our workshops are tailored to suit the level of experience of each classroom. Whether you want to inspire your young musicians with a one-day workshop of creativity or engage them in a series of sessions so they can perform their work and develop an in-depth knowledge of music-making, there's a Top Up program suited to your students.



### INSPIRE

**Age Group:** Kindy – Years 12

#### One-Day Workshop

Inspire with a one-day workshop giving them an initial engagement into music-making, rhythm, harmony and generating musical ideas. Our tutors will spend the entire day with young musicians learning about and experience creativity. These sessions can be with or without instruments.



### ENGAGE

**Age Group:** Years 3 – 12

#### 3–8 Sessions

Engage with a series of workshops spread-out across the school term or year.

Young musicians will explore arrangement, improvisation, orchestration and composition. Topology's artists will guide them through the creative process and build on their compositions with each visit.



### PERFORM

**Age Group:** Years 10 – 12

#### 3–8 Sessions

Emerging musicians will engage in an in-depth series of sessions working on composition, arrangement and orchestration. Where possible, these workshops culminate in a public performance in the host community or school and can be aligned with Topology tours.



Topology is a Brisbane-based not for profit organisation, operating successfully for 25 years. Established in 1997, Topology are leaders in musical creativity in Australia, prolific creators of new original work, expert collaborators across genres and art forms and award-winning music educators. Topology as performers were nominated for a 2014 ARIA Award for Best Classical Album (Share House), and has a well-established reputation for their signature work. The quintet experiments with surprising combinations of music genres, theatrical staging and cross art form collaborations to create exciting, thought-provoking music experiences for audiences of all ages, backgrounds and tastes.

For over 25 years, Topology have toured throughout regional Queensland educating in schools, running creative bootcamps and developing close relationships with communities. They are leaders in music and creative arts education and are dedicated to connecting artists and enriching communities.



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# JOHN BABBAGE

COMPOSER, SAXOPHONIST AND FOUNDING MEMBER OF TOPOLOGY

Leading Topology's Top Up program throughout regional Queensland is composer and saxophonist John Babbage. John has been performing and teaching for over 30 years, touring Australia, Europe, the US, Canada, India, Singapore and Indonesia and has released 16 albums.

A driving force of music education and community engagement, John has worked with thousands of students across Queensland and Australia, teaching music creativity and working with young musicians and songwriters.



## WHAT CAN YOUR STUDENTS LEARN?

Topology's Top Up program is inspired by music regardless of the art form. Singing, dance, and movement are all work hand in hand with music, and so our Top Up programs - whether you want your students learning percussion and dance, or singing and guitar - draw on the creativity of music-making as a foundation. Our tutors specialise in many art-forms to suit various learnings.

Top Up programs can be tailored to instrument education, music genre exploration and composition, and learning resources and curriculum milestones.



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