



THE WAY







ESSENTIALLY ELLINGTON

On Wednesday 5 September, the Intermediate Stage Band participated in the Essentially Ellington program.

This is an excellent touring program from New York City, where two professional musicians visit Australia as part of the 'Down Under' tour, representing the Jazz Academy program at the Lincoln Centre. Our students had the opportunity to perform a 20 minute set for these musicians, and then we had a 30 minute workshop with amazing drummer **Jerome Jennings**. He had some positive feedback and insight for our students, and brought a great energy in his education to the students. Our students also loved his American accent!



The event was held at the prestigious Sydney Conservatorium of Music. Our students had the privilege of warming up in one of their professional practice rooms, equipped with state of the art equipment, and then performed in one of their recital halls.

Overall, this was a great experience for our students; performing in a great inspiring environment, receiving professional advice from American musicians, and watching other schools perform as well. They even got to watch the Sydney Conservatorium Big Band rehearse at lunchtime in the con café, which was excellent!

Well done everyone!

Mr Byron Mark

Manager of Ensembles