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## SENIOR STAGE BAND

### Senior Stage Band made the Grand Final in National Band Competition

Over the weekend, our Senior Stage Band participated in the grand finals of the national song writing competition! Each song entered into the competition had to be original music and lyrics of the students, and it was a fantastic achievement to make the finals out of many submissions

across the country. The song our students entered was called “1995”, with lyrics composed by Keona H in Year 11. All the band members worked together to arrange the music, featuring Tinashe M (keys); Pierson F (bass); Tomas S (drums); Joshua C (guitar); Petar L (soprano saxophone); Tahlia K (tenor saxophone); Benjamin A (baritone saxophone); Tim W & Stratos D (trumpet); and Henry L (trombone).

It was a great afternoon where the students were able to meet the other finalists, and experience the buzz and excitement of performing to a new audience. The judges of the competition included a range of music industry icons; Kirk Pengilly (INXS), Paul Christie (Mondo Rock), and Tania Doko (Bachelor Girl). Our students didn’t win, however they were the highest ranked band in the competition. The fact that our students made the final was a win in itself, and definitely a great step forward in their musical development.

Congratulations to all musicians on this great achievement, and we look forward to more opportunities like this in the future! Thanks also to the many parents who came along to support the event, and a special shout out to our Principal Ross Whelan who also attended to cheer on the students.

This was an initiative put forward by Australian singer and vocal coach Rachael Berry, and was also setup to raise and support awareness of mental health amongst youth, donating many of the proceeds to Beyond Blue.



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