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MUSIC AND FELLOWSHIP AT BAND JAM

Band Jam is a unique annual collaboration between regional Anglican schools, bringing together Intermediate and Senior bands for an immersive day of learning new music, building friendships and performing as a spectacular grand ensemble.

This year, 160 talented students from Thomas Hassall, Broughton Anglican, Danebank Anglican, and Oran Park Anglican joined forces for an intensive workshop with acclaimed guest conductor Joan Thorp. A Sydney-based musician, educator and arranger with 25 years of professional experience, as well as an accomplished French Horn player. Joan brought incredible expertise and energy to the podium.

Throughout the day, students were challenged to learn three completely new, distinct pieces from scratch:

- - **"Lightning"** – An exciting, high-voltage piece that electrified the room.
- - **"Ijo Ajoyo"** – An African celebration dance filled with complex and rewarding rhythmic challenges.
- - **"You're the Voice"** – The iconic Australian anthem, specially arranged for concert band by Joan herself.

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While the diverse repertoire pushed our musicians to their creative limits, they rose to the occasion beautifully, finding a deep sense of camaraderie and shared purpose with their peers from neighbouring schools.

The memorable day culminated in an evening showcase for parents and families. The grand band delivered a powerful, full-bodied concert performance that beautifully celebrated the hard work and collaboration of the day.

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Head of Music Ensembles

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