



AYO Rehearsal Policy

All AYO musicians are expected to attend each orchestra event, including rehearsals, workshops, tutorials, performances and special events.

Full commitment to your orchestra is critical to its success. An important part of this is consistent attendance and punctuality, which is essential to maintaining a high quality musical experience for all members. Absences are detrimental to the orchestra's progress and counterproductive to each member's personal development.

If you are absent on more than three occasions during the year, AYO reserves the right to re-evaluate your player status. If you arrive late for an important dress rehearsal or concert, AYO reserves the right to change your seating position within the orchestra.

You must always notify NECOM office in advance AND text your conductor if you are absent due to illness, a compulsory school/uni activity or another serious reason. Attendance and behaviour records are considered alongside musical standards in the annual auditions.

All AYO musicians are expected to prepare for rehearsals which includes personal practice on repertoire between rehearsals. Each group's effectiveness depends on every member – be a considerate team member and be prepared!

AYO Performance Policy

All members are expected to attend every performance. During public performances, we ask that each member act as an ambassador of the Armidale Youth Orchestra. At all times, the AYO encourages members to behave in a responsible, cooperative and dignified manner. As a measure of respect for all musicians, the AYO asks members stay until the conclusion of each concert, performance or event. Whenever possible, AYO members are to listen to the other AYO groups in AYO concerts.

Concert Dress

Members representing the AYO at concerts and other events are requested to wear the correct uniform, which includes:

AYO Members: black long pants & black shoes, socks (NOT converses or like); black socks with AYO embroidered shirt. AYO Embroidered shirts are available for purchase at ACE Embroidery in the Mall.

AYSO, AYWE and AYPE Members: black long pants & black shoes, (NOT converses or like), black socks. T-shirts are provided by AYO on the day of the concert.