

# Bright Summer Intensive 2026

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## About the camp

Commencing in 2017, this week long music camp held at the Bright Chalet each January, includes expert music tuition, accommodation and meals in a fun and supportive environment.

Participants develop their ensemble playing, make new friends, and showcase their talents throughout the week culminating in a free public concert in Centenary Park Bright, Saturday afternoon.

No matter what stage in your musical journey, there is something for everyone. Our tutors are experienced in teaching beginners through to advanced students. We offer a number of ensembles of various levels of ability so there is always a place for you.

To see the happenings at last year's camp, check out Skunkworks Community Facebook page.

## How many people attend camp?

The camp averages around 100 attendees, with around 75 players and 15 tutors/conductors and 10 camp volunteers.

## When is the next camp?

Sunday 4 January - Sunday 11 January, 2026

## Where is the camp held and how do I get there?

The camp is held at the Bright Chalet, 113 Delany Ave, Bright, Victoria.

**Car** - Bright is a 4 hour drive from Melbourne.

**Public Transport** - There is a VLine train and connecting bus to and from Melbourne. The chalet bus can collect participants from the Bright Bus stop and take them to the chalet. (This option is popular for many of our Melbourne participants.)

**Plane** - Albury is Bright's closest airport. Please contact us if you require transfer to camp.

## What are the fees and discounts available?

Camp fees are set at \$995 for the 2026 camp. Family discount of 10% available if 3 or more attendees are from the one household. Bursaries are available, please contact us for more information or a link to our bursary policy and application form.

## What is included?

**Music Tuition** - Participants are assigned to one of three ensembles. Participants also attend sectionals and the opportunity for additional sessions with tutors.

**Accommodation** - Participants share twin, triple, dormitory or family rooms, all with ensuites.

**Meals** - All meals are catered for by Chalet staff. Dietary needs can be catered for.

**Electives** - Previous afternoon electives have included Choir, Big Band, Percussion ensemble, Uke ensemble.

**Evening Activities** - Previous years evening activities have included Trivia, Solo and small ensemble concerts, Board Games, Bright's Got Talent, Amazing Race.

## What instruments are played at Camp?

Bright Summer Intensive caters for instruments played in standard configurations of a Brass Band:

E♭ Soprano Cornet	Tenor Trombone
B♭ Cornet	Bass Trombone
Flugel Horn	E♭ Tuba
Tenor Horn	B♭ Tuba
Baritone	Percussion (Kit, Turned, Timpani, Auxiliary)
Euphonium	

- Trumpets can be played instead of cornets in the Intermediate and Beginner Band.
- French Horns are welcome but you'll need to be able to transpose.

Participants can bring other instruments for the 'Bright's got Talent' Concert, Friday night.

## How many ensembles are there?

Participants are allocated to play in one of three bands based on players ability and number camp applications for each instrument:

Beginner (up to Grade 2)

Intermediate (~ Grade 3 - 5)

Advanced (~ Grade 6 +)

## Who are the Tutors?

Our tutors will work with each ensemble during the week. They include players from the Melbourne Symphony Orchestra and top brass bands from the east coast of Australia.

## What does a typical day look like?

7:00 am		Morning Exercise		
8:00 am		Breakfast		
8:45 am		Camp Choir		
9:15 am	Session 1	SESSION 1	SESSION 1	SESSION 1
10:30 am		Morning tea		
11:00 am	Session 2	SESSION 2	SESSION 2	SESSION 2
12:30 pm		Lunch		
1:30 pm	Session 3	SESSION 3	SESSION 3	Band 3 FREE TIME
3:00 pm		Afternoon tea		
3:30 pm	Session 4	Electives		
5:00 pm		Free time		
6:00 pm		Dinner		
7:30 pm		Evening Activity		
10:00 am		Lights Out		

## What age ranges can attend?

Camp is open to all ages. The suggested minimum age for a participant is seven years as at the start of Camp. There is no maximum age for Camp!

Participants need to have completed primary school to be un-accompanied minors.

Several places are reserved for parents wishing to accompany their child in primary school or if you would like to be a Camp Volunteer.

## Is there a concert at the end of camp?

A free concert showcasing the talents of participants will be held at Centenary Park, Bright from around 4pm Saturday 10th January 2026.

Parents/Guardians are also welcome to join us for Friday night's *Bright's Got Talent* Showcase at Bright Chalet from around 7:00pm.

## Child Safety

As this is an all ages camp, all attendees over 18 are required to be familiar with our Child Safe Policy, sign a Code of Conduct, show photo identification to camp registration, and attend a Child Safe information session. More on our Child Safe Policies can be found on our website.

## How can I stay informed?

In the lead up to camp, keep an eye out for emails and also via Facebook.

During camp, parents & friends can keep updated of daily activities via Facebook page.

## Cancellation and Withdrawal Policy

If Skunkworks cancels the camp, all fees paid will be fully refunded.

If a participant withdraws from the camp:

1. Prior to the closing date, we will refund fees paid less a \$50 administration fee.
2. After the closing date, we will refund fees paid, less a \$100 administration fee (depending on the circumstances of the withdrawal.)
3. After camp commencement, we will refund fees paid, less a withdrawal fee calculated on a daily attendance pro-rata basis and a \$100 administration fee.

## Additional Questions

Any additional questions can be directed to [contacttheskunk@gmail.com](mailto:contacttheskunk@gmail.com) or call us on 0402 143 876.

The camp is organised by Skunkworks Community Limited, a registered charity that supports musical education and community music making. You can find out more about Skunkworks by visiting our website.