MOST 2027 FAQ

MOST (**M**usically **O**utstanding **St**udents) is a biennial residential music program for up to 80 outstanding instrumental music students from Queensland state secondary schools.
Here's what you need to know before nominating!

1 Who is MOST for?

MOST is for musically outstanding students who are ready to take their playing to the next level! If you enjoy making music, love learning new things and are excited to play alongside other passionate young musicians, MOST could be for you. Students should demonstrate strong instrumental skills, a commitment to their music and a willingness to challenge themselves and grow as musicians. Selection is based on audition footage and the requirements of the program.

2 What do I include in my audition video?

Your audition must include a short introduction and 2 contrasting pieces or excerpts, with a combined playing time of no more than 5 minutes. Most instruments must also demonstrate a chromatic scale across their full range. Check the audition requirements for any additional instrument-specific requirements.

3 What are your top audition tips?

- Choose contrasting pieces that show your musical strengths.
- Practice until you feel confident and prepared.
- Record in a quiet space with clear sound and good lighting.
- Position the camera so the panel can see and hear you clearly.
- Check your video and ensure it meets all submission requirements before sending it to your teacher.

You don't need professional recording equipment! A clear, well-prepared performance is what matters.

4 Can students/parents complete the nomination process themselves?

No, only registered teachers/school staff may submit student nominations. Chat to your Instrumental Music teacher, Arts Head of Department or principal if you are interested in applying!

5 How will MOST impact school and assessment commitments?

MOST runs from Thursday 24 June to Thursday 1 July 2027. Students should check their school calendar, speak with their teachers early and plan how to manage missed lessons, schoolwork and assessments. Students remain responsible for catching up on missed work, and assessment arrangements should be discussed with their school.

6 What are the costs, accommodation and travel arrangements?

The participation fee is $320, due Monday 24 May 2027. The Department subsidises most program costs, and confidential financial assistance may be considered on written request with principal endorsement.

Students stay at QCCC Brookfield with supervising teachers and residential staff. All meals are provided, and dietary requirements are accommodated.

The Department arranges and pays for regional students' return travel to Brisbane and manages all transport during the program. Students from Brisbane, the Gold Coast, the Sunshine Coast and Toowoomba arrange their own travel to and from camp.

7 Can I nominate for both MOST and CGEN – State Schools Onstage?

Yes! Students can nominate for MOST 2027, Creative Generation – State Schools Onstage (CGEN), or both programs using the same audition footage. Your coordinating teacher will indicate your nominated program or programs during the online nomination process.

Nominations and audition footage due Friday 19 February 2027.
Visit the MOST website for the full participation guidelines, audition requirements and further information.
Questions? Contact the MOST Program Manager at most.program@qed.qld.gov.au or 0472 821 281.