

Kodály Australia

The Kodály Music Education Institute of Australia Incorporated



Dear **Level 1 Participant**

Congratulations on beginning your journey towards completing the Australian Kodály Certificate (AKC)!

The AKC is a professional learning course to assist teachers in delivering Kodály-inspired music education. Established some 30 years ago, thousands of teachers have now completed AKC level courses. Singing is fundamental to the learning experiences in this approach, and we believe in fostering the development of the teacher as musician. Each level is a combination of musicianship, pedagogy, and ensemble education. Together they combine to provide a holistic approach to music teaching and learning.

Participants choose to study one specialisation at a time (Early Childhood, Primary, Secondary or Colourstrings) and typically complete the certificate over three years of part time study with an accredited Course Provider. The curriculum (<https://kodaly.org.au/akc/curriculum/>) is comprehensive, rigorous and involves a mixture of both practical and lecture style tuition. Peer education is an important part of the training, and the course is delivered by accredited lecturers who are experts in their specific field of Kodály study.

To be eligible to receive the AKC, participants must complete three levels of study in their chosen specialisation and submit the capstone video and lesson plan assessment to the Education Committee of Kodály Australia.

Level Requirements

As the course is designed to be sequential and developmental in nature, participants of the Primary, Secondary and Colourstrings streams are expected to complete the levels in order (Level 1, Level 2, Level 3). In the case of the Early Childhood stream, while the preferred pathway is to complete the levels in numerical order, the possibility exists to complete the pathway in any order, e.g., Level 3, 2 and 1. Candidates who complete Early Childhood Level 1 and Early Childhood Level 2 courses are eligible to apply for the Australian Kodály Award (AKA).

Capstone Video and Lesson Plan Assessment

Candidates for the AKC must submit a video presentation and detailed lesson plan of their teaching to demonstrate their realisation of the AKC objectives. This is assessed by a nominated person/s of the Education Committee. Further guidance can be found on our website (<https://kodaly.org.au/akc/application/>).

Kodály Australia Membership

By embarking on this study, we welcome you into the Australian Kodály community. We are a not-for-profit charity and underpinned by a culture of volunteer contribution. Annual membership of the association will grant you access to local and national professional learning opportunities, resources, and support from like-minded teachers who care about quality and inclusive music education. You can join today on our website (<https://kodaly.org.au/membership/>).

It is our hope that you find the course personally and professionally enriching. Best wishes for an enjoyable and musical journey.

Yours sincerely

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