

Kodály Australia

The Kodály Music Education Institute of Australia Incorporated



Dear AKC Candidate

Congratulations on choosing to complete 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 the interaction of musicianship, pedagogy, and ensemble education. Together they combine to provide a holistic approach to music teaching and learning. The curriculum (<https://kodaly.org.au/akc/curriculum/>) is comprehensive, rigorous, and involves a mixture of both workshop 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.

Specialisation Levels

Candidates choose to study one specialisation at a time (Early Childhood, Primary, Secondary, or Colourstrings) and complete three levels with an accredited Course Provider. As the course is designed to be sequential and developmental, candidates of the Primary, Secondary, and Colourstrings streams must complete the three 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).

Folio

AKC candidates will present a song folio collection and retrieval file for assessment during their Level 3 course. The folio consists of all core materials studied throughout the three levels of your specialisation. You are encouraged to familiarise yourself with the folio requirements in the AKC curriculum and begin collating material from Level 1. Further support materials are available on our website (<https://kodaly.org.au/akc/supporting-resources/>).

Application

After successfully completing Level 3 of your chosen specialisation, you can apply for the Australian Kodály Certificate. The application form outlining the required documentation is on our website (<https://kodaly.org.au/akc/application/>). You should carefully store your level certificates as you will be required to present these as part of your application and a fee may be incurred to have these reissued. Your application will also include the capstone video and lesson plan assessment.

Capstone Teaching Video and Lesson Plan

The teaching video and detailed lesson plan demonstrate your 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/supporting-resources/>).

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 association membership 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/>).

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

Yours sincerely

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