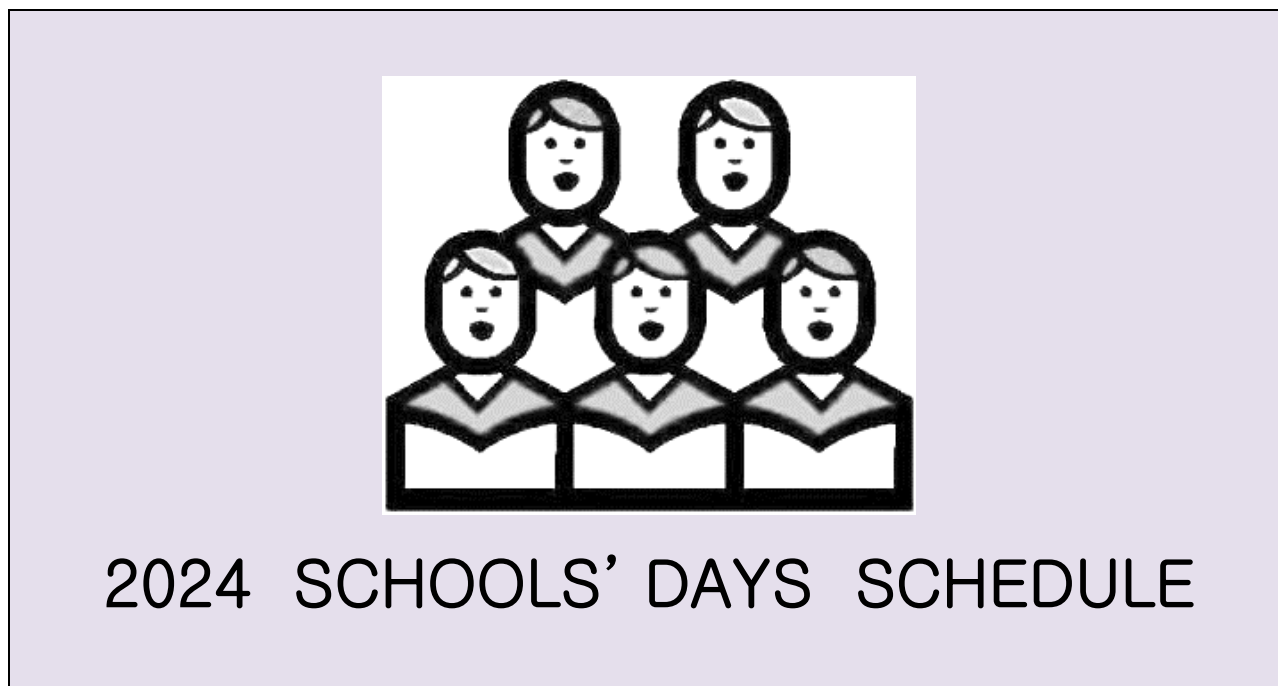
	70th Annual Grafton Eisteddfod
ABN: 25 536 393 358	<i>(Last updated December 2023)</i>



Dates: Tuesday 4th and Wednesday 5th June 2024

Venue: The Hall, South Grafton High School, Tyson Street, South Grafton

Adjudicator: TBA

Co-ordinator: Diana Welch phone: (02) 6643 3384 (*business hours*)
 eMail: graftoneisteddfod@gmail.com

Entries Open Online: Monday 18 March 2024

Last Day for Online Entries: Sunday 12 May 2024

ENTRY FEES (per section):

- \$15 for an infants' section
- \$15 for a Small Schools section
- \$15 for a Primary or High School section

Late entries will be accepted up to a week (7 calendar days) after the closing date, but will be charged a \$25 late entry fee.

Lodging Your Entry

1. Enter and pay online at our website: <http://www.graftoneisteddfod.org.au>

IMPORTANT NOTES

1. UPDATES

- All updates and changes will be posted on our Facebook page.
- If you have any questions that aren't covered in the Rules, please ring or email the Co-ordinator (see page 1).

2. RULES

- These notes cover some commonly asked questions but not all of the Rules.
- Please read the *Rules and Conditions of Entry* before you enter. They can be read or downloaded from our website.

3. ENTERING SECTIONS

- All entries are online via our website.
- School groups must consist only of enrolled students of that school.
- The minimum number to form a dance troupe is five (5) dancers.
- There is a limit of three (3) entries per school for each section - but each group must have different students.
- "Small Schools are those with 160 students or less. This means that within our Clarence Valley area small schools are currently considered to be Ulmarra PS, Copmanhurst PS, Tucabia PS, Coutts crossing PS, Gillwinga PS, Nymboida PS, Wooli PS. We are advised that these schools meet collectively as a cohort for meetings etc and are all considered small schools.
- We are open to suggestions from schools about what sections and age groups should be included.

4. THE PROGRAMME AND RUNNING ORDER

The Programme

- Until the new Programme is issued, the Programme from last year is a reasonable guide to roughly when different sections might run.
- If a school has a specific issue that might affect the Programme or when they can perform (eg travelling to Grafton), please ring the Co-ordinator and discuss it early on.
- The Programme will be put together after entries close and will be emailed to participating schools.
- Schools can give/ email the Programme to their students and their families.
- There is NO cost to Schools for the Programme.
- An outline of the Programme will be put on our website – showing the sections (in order) for each session on each day.
- The audience can buy a Programme on the day at the door.

Start and End Times.

- Each day will start at 9.30 and end by 2.00 pm.

- There will be no breaks (for lunch or morning tea).

5. SAFETY

Safety of the Performance Items

- All items presented must have been risk assessed by the entrant's teacher / school.
- Grafton eisteddfod takes no responsibility for any item that is presented on stage that poses a risk to the safety of the entrant.

Content and Safety of Dance Routines

- It is especially important that all dance items presented have been risk assessed by the students' teacher / school.
- We expect that the routine will primarily be a dance routine, and that the main focus will be on dance technique and choreography.
 - Acrobatic or gymnastic moves may be included in a dance routine if they are appropriate and complement that routine. We support creativity and expression in dance, and understand it is a constantly evolving art form.
 - The Adjudicator will decide on the day the value of any content to the routine.
 - A "trick" or "acro move" is usually defined as any move where the hips go over the head. This includes moves like: walk-overs, round-offs, aerials, baranis, hand-springs, chin-stands, cartwheels, leg mounts, knee drops.

6. MUSIC AND TEXTS

- Please provide a copy of the sheet music or text being performed for the Adjudicator so they can follow along.
- Backing tracks for choirs must not include vocals.
- No backing tracks are allowed for instrumental or band sections.
- Please bring any backing music on a USB. Music should be in a format compatible with a Windows/ Microsoft system (not Apple).
- A piano is available on site.
- Music stands and chairs can usually be arranged if given notice.

7. PHOTOGRAPHY

- Parents, friends and other audience members are **not allowed** to photograph or video the performances.
- **Teachers are allowed** to take videos or still photographs of their own students at and during the eisteddfod if they have asked the parents' permission beforehand.
- Teachers taking photos or videos must sign the photography register at the back table on the day.
- The local newspapers might also send a photographer to take some photos.

8. CANTEEN

- The canteen in the foyer will be open throughout the competition.
- It will have hot and cold drinks and light snacks.

9. EPIDEMICS AND PANDEMICS

- If the health situation changes, we will immediately make changes so we comply with the NSW government's rules for community sports. Like in 2020 and 2021, government restrictions might affect who can enter, who can come and watch, cleaning, and costumes etc.

AWARDS

First Place: = \$20 + certificate
2nd Place: = certificate
3rd Place: = certificate
Highly Commended = certificate

Note: There are no trophies are issued in this competition.



LIST OF SECTIONS YOU CAN ENTER

INFANTS SCHOOLS

001 Infants Choir (K – Year 2)

- *Not less than fifteen (15) voices.*
- *Two (2) songs of contrasting character – own choice.*
- *One (1) song with no hand or body movement, one (1) song may have some.*

002 Infants - Instrumental Group (K – Year 2)

- *Any variety or combination of instruments.*
- *One (1) selection.*

003 Infants - Creative Dancing (K – Year 2)

- *One (1) creative dance.*
- *Minimum of five (5) dancers.*

004 Infants - Choral Verse Speaking (K – Year 2)

- *Minimum of ten (10) voices.*
- *Two (2) selections.*

SMALL SCHOOLS

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008 Small Schools - Instrumental Group (Years K - 6)

- *Any combination of instruments OR all play the same instrument (eg Gamalong, recorder, flute).*
- *One (1) selection.*

009 Small Schools - Choir (Years K - 6)

- *Not less than six (6) voices and no more than twenty (20) voices.*
- *Two (2) contrasting pieces.*
- *One (1) song with no hand or body movements, but one (1) song may have them.*

010 Small Schools - Creative Dancing (Years K - 6)

- *One (1) creative dance.*
- *Minimum of five (5) dancers.*

011 Small Schools - Choral Verse Speaking (Years K - 6)

- *Minimum of five (5) voices.*
- *Two (2) selections.*

PRIMARY SCHOOLS

015 Primary Schools - Junior Choir (Years 3 - 4)

- *Minimum of fifteen (15) voices.*
- *Two (2) songs of contrasting character – own choice.*
- *One (1) song with no hand or body movement, but one (1) may have some.*

016 Primary Schools - Senior Choir (Years 5 - 6)

- *Minimum of fifteen (15) voices.*
- *Two (2) songs:*
 - *One (1) song with two (2) parts.*
 - *One (1) song of own choice (rounds not acceptable).*

017 Primary Schools - Instrumental Group (Years 3 - 6)

- *Minimum of fifteen (15) players.*
- *Two (2) contrasting pieces.*
- *Brass, woodwind or any mixed instruments.*

018 Primary Schools - Small Instrumental Group (Years 3 - 6)

- *Maximum of fifteen (15) players.*
- *Two (2) contrasting pieces.*
- *Brass, woodwind or any mixed instruments. May include a group all playing the same instrument (eg recorder, Gamalong).*

019 Primary Schools - Guitar Group (Years 3 - 6)

- *Two (2) contrasting pieces.*

020 Primary Schools - Instrumental Group – Special Education Children (Years 3 - 6)

- *One (1) selection.*

021 Primary Schools - Dance Group - Creative Dancing (Years 3 - 4)

- *One (1) creative dance.*
- *Minimum of five (5) dancers.*

022 Primary Schools - Dance Group - Creative Dancing (Years 5 - 6)

- *One (1) creative dance.*
- *Minimum of five (5) dancers.*

023 Primary Schools - Small Choir (Years 3 - 6)

- *Minimum of six (6) voices.*
- *May include a combination of junior and senior singers.*
- *Two (2) songs of contrasting character.*

024 Primary Schools - Junior Choral Verse Speaking (Years 3 - 4)

- *Minimum of ten (10) voices.*
- *Two (2) selections.*

025 Primary Schools - Senior Choral Verse Speaking (Years 5 - 6)

- *Minimum of ten (10) voices.*
- *Two (2) selections.*

026 Primary Schools - Percussion / Drumming (Years 3 - 6)

- *Time limit of five (5) minutes.*

HIGH SCHOOLS

029 High Schools - Junior Choir (Years 7- 10)

- *Two (2) contrasting pieces.*
- *Combined time limit of ten (10) minutes.*

030 High Schools - Senior Choir (Years 11 - 12)

- *Two (2) contrasting pieces.*
- *Combined time limit of ten (10) minutes.*

031 High Schools - Band (Years 7 - 12)

- *Two (2) contrasting pieces.*
- *Combined time limit of ten (10) minutes.*

033 High Schools - Percussion / Drumming (Years 7 - 12)

- *Time limit of ten (10) minutes.*

034 High Schools – Dance Group (Years 7 - 12)

- *One (1) piece.*
- *Maximum of twenty five (25) dancers.*
- *Time limit of five (5) minutes.*

035 High Schools – Dance Group (Years 7)

- *One (1) piece.*
- *Maximum of twenty five (25) dancers.*
- *Time limit of five (5) minutes.*

036 High Schools - Dance Group (Years 8)

- *One (1) piece.*
- *Maximum of twenty five (25) dancers.*
- *Time limit of five (5) minutes.*

037 High Schools - Dance Group (Years 9)

- *One (1) piece.*
- *Maximum of twenty five (25) dancers.*
- *Time limit of five (5) minutes.*

038 High Schools - Dance Group (Years 10)

- *One (1) piece.*
- *Maximum of twenty five (25) dancers.*
- *Time limit of five (5) minutes.*

039 High Schools – Senior Dance Group (Years 11 - 12)

- *One (1) piece.*
- *Maximum of twenty five (25) dancers.*
- *Time limit of five (5) minutes.*
