



SONG COMPETITION 2026

WHAT IS A MEMORY? HOW DOES THE BRAIN WORK?
WHAT IS REDEMPTION?

About the show:

Aspire 2026 deals with a student who has lost their memory and is struggling to get their brain to switch back on. With this in mind, the starting points for each age group this year are memory, the brain and redemption.

The Song Competition will be broken into 4 categories- Primary School (individual), Primary (class), Year 7-9 and Years 10-12. Using the story for the production, the themes below will be the song writing focus for these allocated year groups.

PRIMARY SCHOOL

(INDIVIDUAL AND WHOLE CLASS CATEGORIES):

MEMORY

What is a memory?
What makes something memorable?
What are some examples of good memories?

YEARS 7, 8 OR 9: THE BRAIN

How the brain works.
Thoughts, feelings and actions.
Themes of curiosity.

YEARS 10, 11 OR 12: REDEMPTION

What is redemption?
Exploring the theme of redemption within a story.

CRITERIA:

Lyrics and/or music reflect the category theme.
Quality and creative use of musical elements e.g. melody, chords, structure, rhythm and dynamics.
An interesting and engaging song.

Once entries close, shortlisted finalists will have the opportunity to workshop their song with industry musicians and ASPIRE Musical Director Jessica Lopez. The winner for each category will be decided at a live concert where a guest panel will judge the songs. There will be 4 winners, one for each category (Primary- Individual, Primary- Class, Years 7-9 and Years 10-12).

Prize is a \$300 Musos Corner voucher and individual winners will have their song professionally recorded.

CONDITIONS: Music and lyrics must be created by the nominated students. Some students, particularly classes and younger students, may use backing tracks, or samples they have arranged themselves, but must create the lyrics themselves. Some students may seek feedback from their teachers or tutors, but the final product must be the students' own work. Submissions may be lyrics and music, or music only. Artificial Intelligence is not to be used in any aspect of the work submitted. The quality of the performance or recording will not impact selection.

THURSDAY 26TH MARCH 2026

ASPIRE Song Competition Closing Date

TUE 28TH APRIL- THURS 30TH APRIL

Workshop Week

THURSDAY 14TH MAY 2026

ASPIRE Song Competition Finalist Concert

HOW TO ENTER

1. Video or record yourself singing or playing your song.
File formats: MP3, MP4 or MOV
2. A copy of your lyrics File format: Word document (NOT PDF or a photo)
3. If you can, include the chords or notation.
This is not compulsory.
4. Your song must be **no longer than 3 minutes 30 seconds.**

CLICK BELOW TO REGISTER:

[2026 ASPIRE SONG COMPETITION ENTRY FORM](#)

The ASPIRE Song Competition Entry is an online process, upload via the ASPIRE website form.



1. Click the button above or scan the QR code:

<https://forms.office.com/r/DDRS ECjt9L>

2. FILL IN THE FORM TO ENTER AND UPLOAD YOUR FILE