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Dear parents and players,

We are delighted to once again, be asked to perform as part of the **Compass North Coast 2026**, presented by The Arts Unit of the NSW Department of Education. This event provides valuable opportunities for students and teachers across NSW to engage in creative and performing arts. As the accompanying ensemble for this year's festival, the Bellingen Youth Orchestra is proud to support the celebration of five years of the Compass Music Festival on the North Coast. This event continues to grow, giving regional and rural primary and secondary students the chance to perform locally while strengthening music education and fostering creative expression. We are excited to work alongside students and teachers as they prepare for a high-quality performance in a professional setting, contributing to a positive and memorable experience for all involved.

Event Title: COMPASS MUSIC FESTIVAL 2026

Event Venue: Wiigulga Sports Complex, Solitary Islands Way, Woolgoolga NSW 2456

Rehearsal Date: Sunday **May 24**

Event Date: Monday and Tuesday Evenings **25 and 26 May**.

REHEARSAL INFORMATION Sunday MAY 24, 2026

11am BYO Truck Arrival – Unload and set up in Main Hall. We will need parent assistance with this and will be extremely grateful for extra hands. David will be coordinating. If you can assist, please text him on **0421 808 357**.

11.45am – All BYO players arrive and set up, ready for a 12.00pm start.

5.00pm – Parents to collect BYO players – **Collection point TBC**

Can players please bring lunch and a water bottle. Thank you. They will get breaks.

PERFORMANCE TIMES and ARRIVAL/PICKUP Monday MAY 25, 2026 and TUESDAY MAY 26

1.30pm – 4.15pm Arrival and set up 1.30 and rehearsal (starts at 2.00pm) with breaks.

4.20pm – 5.30pm – **Dinner Break** – players will be under the supervision of Annie and other BYO Music Teachers.

5.30 – 6.00 pm – Final preparation Orchestra to be seated

6.30 pm – 7.30pm – **COMPASS PERFORMANCE**

7.45pm – 8pm – Players picked up. Players must be picked up at a designated spot – TBC. Please note that **We will need players to assist with the pack up on Tuesday evening, so the pick up time will be 8.20pm.**





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TICKETS

Tickets will need to be purchased for this event and **sell quickly**. Here is the ticket link. <https://events.humanitix.com/2026-compass-music-festival-north-coast> Sales have started, tickets are \$15.00 each. It is a great idea to get your tickets as early as possible, if you are coming.

PERFORMANCE SHIRT COLLECTION/DRESS INFORMATION

You can collect your performance shirt from Belinda during the Monday dinner break from 4.20pm onwards. All players should come dressed in performance blacks (for both performances) with skin covered. Black shoes and socks please!

FOOD

It is important that **players bring food to sustain themselves over the period of time they are rehearsing and playing, as well as a bottle of water to ensure sufficient hydration etc.**

TRANSPORT

Consider chatting with other parents at the end of rehearsals over the next few weeks to organise carpooling to reduce trips over the three days. The BYO is not arranging transport but if you require assistance with transportation to the event, please let Annie or admin know ASAP.

Please note that **no player is to leave the venue**, unless they have spoken with Annie on the day or sent an email through to Rainee, prior to the event.

PLEASE let Annie know ASAP if you are unable to make the performance or rehearsal. We are hoping that all players can make this event.

Kind regards, Annie Phelan – BYO Director 0403 686 179

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