

Jennie MacDonald



Jennie is currently a leading teacher and Manager of Performing Arts at Elizabeth College in Hobart. She is an enthusiastic music educator who specialises teaching year 11 and 12 music and coordinates a large instrumental program. Passionate about providing opportunities for young composers, her students are regularly involved in such programs as the TSO Composers' Project and, previously, in the SSO Sinfonietta Project. Jennie is also heavily involved in music theatre within the College working as musical director.

Jennie strives to extend every student to be the very best they can. Within this context she frequently networks to provide exciting workshop opportunities. As a committed lifelong learner she is very involved in professional learning, both as an active participant as well as providing resources and opportunities for others. As a long-term member of the TASME state committee she has worked on numerous state conferences as an organiser, presenter and participant. Along with holding various leadership positions within her College and the wider year 11/12 sector, Jennie has trained many preservice and new teachers, guiding them towards high quality pedagogical practices. A highly proficient flute teacher, she is also a woodwind examiner for the AMEB.

Many of Jennie's students have moved onto successful careers in music as performers, composers, teachers and music therapists throughout Australia as well as in Europe and the USA. Some are specialists in classical music, whilst others major in jazz or contemporary music styles. The common thread through their many varying careers comes from the holistic training they received as students to be motivated, hardworking, considerate, compassionate and open-minded as well as to commit to lifelong learning.

In 2006 Jennie was the inaugural recipient of the Tasmanian Symphony Orchestra Jetstar Music Educators Award for her outstanding contribution to educating young Tasmanians in orchestral music. She continues to work for the best music education outcomes for all Tasmanian students.