

YouthRock 2026

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Entry Qualifications

1. The Competition is open to all amateur high school youth contemporary music bands in New South Wales. Including rock, grunge, reggae, R&B etc
2. The maximum number of band members is ten (10).
3. At least 50% of band members currently attend a high school.
4. The maximum number of band members not attending school is two (2).
5. Any person born before 19/4/2006 is ineligible to compete in YOUTHROCK unless they currently attend a high school. A further exemption to this rule applies due to cancellation of YouthRock 2025. If your band would have been eligible to enter YouthRock 2025 then this band automatically will be eligible to enter YouthRock 2026.
6. If a band consists of musicians whose members are in more than one band entering YouthRock, then this matter must be discussed with Project Manager, Alan Smith, beforehand (0414 433 969)
7. No teachers may perform with the band.
8. All material must be original compositions only.
9. Previous first place winners of YouthRock are ineligible to enter.
10. At the discretion of the YouthRock Committee, special circumstances relating to entry conditions 3, 4 & 5 above, may be considered with respect to eligibility. For example, if ALL members are 18 or younger we will most likely consider the entry as long as one member attends the nominated high school. Example 2 If all members except for one are at school and the one not at school has only recently turned 20 (say within the last 6 - 8 weeks)
11. Bands will be required to **perform for approximately 16 minutes** if they get through to the **Semi-Finals**. The number of songs is obviously affected by the length of your songs and how you run your show eg how you flow from one song to the next, communication with the audience etc.

If you get through to Grand Final there is no requirement to perform different songs, same songs as Semi-Final is fine.

{Remember YouthRock is about young people, original songs and above all their bands}

First Expressions of Interest due: Sunday 7 December 2025 9.00pm

Final Expressions of Interest due: Sunday 8 March 2026 9.00pm

Entries close: Sunday 22 March 2026 9.00pm

Notification: Wednesday 25 March 2026 by email only

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Proposed Schedule

Semi Final 1	Wednesday 15 th April, 2026	7.15pm - 10.15pm
Semi Final 2	Thursday 16 th April, 2026	7.15pm - 10.15pm
Semi Final 3	Friday 17 th April, 2026	7.15pm - 10.15pm
Semi Final 4	Saturday 18 th April, 2026	5.30pm - 8.30pm
GRAND FINAL	Sunday 19 th April, 2026	3.00pm - 7.00pm

Venue

Hurstville Entertainment Centre, Marana Theatre
16 MacMahon St
HURSTVILLE

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EXPRESSION OF INTEREST (new for 2026)

This is a very simple process and is compulsory if you want your entry to be considered.

Just send an email to **youthrocknsw@gmail.com** stating you are considering entering YouthRock 2026 and listing the following details

Band Name

Your Name

Email Address

Mobile Contact

School Name

If you miss the cut off date for the FINAL EXPRESSION OF INTEREST please phone Alan Smith on 0414 433 969 to sort out.

This is not a commitment to enter, but it establishes communication between YouthRock and yourself and gives us advanced knowledge of potential entries.

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APPLICATION FORM / TAX INVOICE

ABN: 18 246 198 266

Name of Band:

High School Name:

School Street Number
and Street Name:

School Suburb:

Post code:

School Telephone:

Fax

School Email:

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Type of Music Played:

Drop Down Menu - Yes/No

Is your drummer left handed (and does not play right handed kit)?

Yes / No

Please complete all band member details below:

NAME	INSTRUMENT PLAYED	VOCALS (Y/N)	AGE & Date Of Birth	SCHOOL ATTENDING

Preferred semi-final:

Days you *definitely* CANNOT attend:

N.B. Priority for Saturday evening will be given to bands travelling from Regional Area.

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Please fill in details for all three contacts

1. School contact (a teacher):

Teacher Name:

Position:

Telephone:

Fax:

Mobile:

Email:

2. Band contact: (for contact outside school hours - this should be a band member)

Name:

Street:

Suburb:

Post code:

Telephone:

Fax

Mobile:

Email:

Instrument:

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3. Parent/Guardian contact: (This should be a parent/guardian of a band member)

Name:

Street:

Suburb:

Post code:

Telephone:

Fax

Mobile:

Email:

Band member related to:

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OTHER BAND MEMBER DETAILS (apart from band contact)

2. Musician 2:

Name:

Street:

Suburb:

Post code:

Telephone:

Fax

Mobile:

Email:

Instrument:

3. Musician 3:

Name:

Street:

Suburb:

Post code:

Telephone:

Fax

Mobile:

Email:

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4. Musician 4:

Name:

Street:

Suburb:

Post code:

Telephone:

Fax

Mobile:

Email:

Instrument:

5. Musician 5:

Name:

Street:

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Telephone:

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Mobile:

Email:

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6. Musician 6:

Name:

Street:

Suburb:

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Telephone:

Fax

Mobile:

Email:

Instrument:

7. Musician 7:

Name:

Street:

Suburb:

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Telephone:

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Mobile:

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8. Musician 8:

Name:

Street:

Suburb:

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Telephone:

Fax

Mobile:

Email:

Instrument:

9. Musician 9:

Name:

Street:

Suburb:

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Telephone:

Fax

Mobile:

Email:

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FINAL EXPRESSION OF INTEREST DATE: Sunday 8 March 2026

CLOSING DATE: Sunday 22 March 2026 9.00pm

For an entry to be considered valid THREE items MUST be returned by closing date

(i) Application Form and (ii) a hires Band Photo *via email to*

YouthRockNSW@gmail.com

AND

(iii) **Administration/Entry Fee: \$33** (incl GST of \$3 *ie* \$30ex GST + \$3 GST = \$33)
via one of the following payment methods

PAYMENT METHODS

(i) **Cheque/Money Order** (payable to "Belmore Boys High School - YouthRock")

write band name, school and phone number on reverse side of cheque/money order

(ii) **Inter School Journal (ISJ)** (If School paying the fee email youthrocknsw@gmail.com for ISJ form)

(iii) **Direct Deposit** (email youthrocknsw@gmail.com for specific details)

(iv) **Credit Card** (limited - must go to Belmore Boys High in person - recent DET rule)

Email youthrockNSW@gmail.com *for more details on alternative payment methods (ii) & (iii).*

If paying by cheque or money order mail to:

YOUTHROCK
PO Box 481
Kingsford NSW 2032

NOTE: Application fees from bands not chosen to compete will be returned.

This document will be a tax invoice for GST when you make a payment pages 3-7.

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Biographical Information

Please provide information on the band

1. How did you get your name

2. Genre of music played & how long have you been together?

3. List any gigs you have done

4. Musical Influences:

5. Any other bands that members have been in (especially ones that have been in previous YouthRocks)

6. Any other competitions you have won, recordings you have done, publicity you have received or anything else that would be interest

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Internet Presence

1. Website address

2. Facebook link

* 3. Youtube link for your video clip

4. Instagram Link

5. Other

*** Must ensure you have uploaded video to YouTube and provide us with a link - this is how we judge you**

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Authorisation Form

The following is an acknowledgement of the validity of this entry.

From a school perspective it says that (band name) is

officially recognised by the school as representing the school (School Name)

From a parent perspective you are stating your awareness of their entry and consent to their participation both from a performance and promotional perspective. This meaning that you are happy for them to be interviewed by media to promote their entry. Further this consent extends to the broadcast of any recordings made at YouthRock as well as the use of video, audio and photographs for promotional purposes. This includes material provided as part of the entry.

Band Contact - this signature is provided, in consultation with, for and on behalf of, all other band members.

Name (please print):

Signature: _____

Parent of band contact this signature is provided, in consultation with, for and on behalf of, all other parents.

Name (please print):

Signature: _____

Principal of school

Name (please print):

Signature: _____

For further information please contact Belmore Boys High School on 0414 433 969.

Please make sure the original Authorisation Form is signed and **mailed** to:

YouthRock PO Box 481 Kingsford NSW 2032.

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ENTRY CHECKLIST

Items with an asterisk * should be in your envelope for mailing. *Please click on each check box to tick*

- EXPRESSION OF INTEREST** email done by no later than Sunday 8 December.
- ENTRY FORM** completed electronically (type in text boxes provided). Please email Word document version (NOT pdf, jpeg etc) to YouthRockNSW@iinet.net.au
- Scanned copy of signed Authorisation Form - page 10 also emailed .
- Video uploaded to Youtube.**
- * **Original Authorisation Form** with ***Principals signature*** and ***Parent signature***.
- * **Payment made by one of methods described on page 7** ; if paying by method (i) then include cheque/money order in envelope otherwise just email payment confirmation.
- Audio CD (optional but if you have one we would like it).**
- Digital photo** emailed to YouthRockNSW@iinet.net.au Hires please (300dpi - about 1.5MB - 2.5MB. Do not compress original using imaging software, send as is.
- Colour Photo** - standard size (approx. 15cm x 10cm) - *good quality* (only necessary if you don't have a hi-res digital photo to email).
- Band name, school and contact details on reverse side of Colour Photo OR included with your emailed Digital Photo.
- Band name, school and phone number on reverse side of cheque or money order.
- If you have not provided a personal cheque with drawer details on the front please write **name for cheque reimbursement on the reverse of your Bank Cheque or Money Order** in the event your entry is unsuccessful.
- ALL EMAILED correspondence MUST have BAND NAME in EMAIL SUBJECT and BODY of the email** - this is critical, so please remember every time you email us, even with questions, if you don't, then we have a problem identifying you.

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* Mail to:

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