

## NZMEB news

NZMEB has been in existence for three years now. The board and staff appreciate your support in making it a successful option for NZ music students in the past three years. Numbers have been fairly steady each year and we are anticipating growth in the next few years.

### Philosophy

A reminder that our philosophy is to have specialist examiners for each student – eg a string player examines a string candidate. It's all about technical work and variety in the syllabus, too. We think our NZ musicians are well educated when they complete and are examined on the NZMEB syllabus.



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### New Zealand Focus

Because we are a New Zealand institution, we are able to take feedback from teachers into account when our syllabus team completes the annual syllabus. We like to hear any good suggestions from experienced teachers and we like to include NZ composers where possible. You can send in your suggestions to us at [NZMEB@xtra.co.nz](mailto:NZMEB@xtra.co.nz).

### Practical Exams 2008

All certificates have been posted for the successful candidates who have also completed the theory requirements. Remember a student has 36 months to complete the theory requirements after taking and passing the practical exam.

### Theory Exams 2008

At the time of writing all marking is complete and teachers will be posted the results in the first week of December. Certificates will then be printed and sent.

## Syllabuses for 2009

These will be available on our website early January 2009.

## Dates for 2009

Practical entries due in by **April 30<sup>th</sup>**

Practical Examinations **1<sup>st</sup> to 31<sup>st</sup> August**

Theory entries due by **August 31<sup>st</sup>**

**30<sup>th</sup> September** Practical Certificates printed – successful candidates with the theory requirements will have theirs sent out **mid October**.

Theory examinations **first Saturday after Labour Weekend**

**30th November** – all theory papers marked

**Mid December** – Theory certificates posted.

## Website Tips:

When downloading the syllabus for a grade, use the "Syllabuses" tab. When downloading the whole syllabus for an instrument, use the "Resources" tab.

## Teaching Tips:

This is contributed by Pauline Alexander of Tauranga. Many students do better when they feel that both teacher and parent support them fully in their musical education. For this reason Pauline asks parents to sit through her lessons. She has a couch in her studio and a small box of toys for younger siblings (quiet toys, of course!) as well as a friendly cat that the parents and siblings love.

Contribute your tips to us at [NZMEB@xtra.co.nz](mailto:NZMEB@xtra.co.nz) with "tips" in the subject line.

And finally....

NZMEB Trustees and office staff wish all NZMEB teachers and associates a very enjoyable Christmas break and look forward to an enjoyable 2009!