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Holiday Bands Expands To Three Sites and Throws Its Largest Combined All-Ages Showcase Yet

Adelaide, Australia - This January, South Australia's favourite school-holiday music program, Holiday Bands, will expand across three creative hubs for the first time. Running from 18 – 22 January 2026, the program will run concurrently across Northern Sound System (NSS), Base 10 and Carclew, before culminating in a combined all-ages gig at the Adelaide UniBar on Thursday 22 January at 6pm.

Designed for young people aged 13 – 17, Holiday Bands is the front door to Adelaide's music scene. Connecting young musicians with creative community, experienced mentors and practical skills, the program builds real-world industry pathways through all-ages opportunities such as AGSA's Neo Teen Takeover events, and All-Ages friendly venues including The Metro, The Gov, Jive, Arthur's Art Bar and Adelaide UniBar.

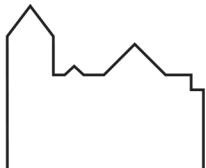
Over four days, participants will:

- Form bands and write original music with guidance from emerging and established artists
- Jam, record and workshop practical skills like booking gigs and creating merch
- Record a demo of an original track and shoot press photos
- Perform at a live gig featuring bands from all three programs at Adelaide UniBar

“Just imagine the future of Adelaide’s music scene when we’re creating heaps of new bands every school holidays,” says Nick O’Connor, Music Specialist at Carclew. “We are on the lookout for partners from all over the state who are interested in running iterations of the program in their communities. Is that you?”

Program Details:

- Locations, Dates & Registration:
- Northern Sound System (NSS), Elizabeth – City of Playford (Jan 18 – 22) – [book here](#)
- Base 10, Reynella – City of Onkaparinga (Jan 19 – 22) – [book here](#)
- Carclew, North Adelaide (Jan 19 – 22) – [book here](#)
- Times: 10:00 AM – 4:00 PM daily
- Ages: 13 – 17



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Holiday Bands Live Showcase Details:

- Date: Thursday, 22 January 2026
- Time: 6:00 PM
- Location: Adelaide UniBar
- Tickets: Free Entry | All Ages

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Link to images by Nash Blight: [Holiday Bands Images](#)

About Carclew:

Carclew is Australia's largest multi-artform cultural institution dedicated to children and young people. The heart of Carclew is our historic house in North Adelaide, which the government of South Australia gifted in 1971 as a promise that all children and young people have access to art, culture, and creativity.

We believe in the power of children and young people as creators, innovators, and world shapers. Through participation in the arts, we inspire and nurture creativity and agency in children and encourage boldness and innovation as they grow.

Carclew exists to elevate the youth arts sector, amplify children's voices and provide opportunities for safe creative expression, access to audience experiences and career development pathways.

Vision

To be the home of youth arts and creativity.

Mission

To connect all children and young people to the world of creative possibilities as artists, learners, and audiences.

Core Purpose

To have the greatest impact for the greatest number.

Link to 2024-2028 Strategic Plan: <https://carclew.com.au/who-we-are/>

