



2020 McGregor Music Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

The Essentials

Why choose McGregor Music?

Our program is structured to allow for every students to have one on one time with tutors and become part of a community of musicians. The team at McGregor music are talented, experienced and well connected music industry professionals which means you will receive specialised tuition, and industry knowledge that they won't receive elsewhere. Our tutors are 'real mentors' who are qualified and have blue cards.

When is McGregor Music 2020?

McGregor Music Retreat 2020 takes place from Monday 13 January - Friday 17 January.

Check in for those staying on campus is Sunday 12 January, check out is Saturday 20 January.

Where does McGregor Music Retreat take place?

McGregor Music Retreats is held at USQ's Toowoomba Campus – approximately 6 kms from the Toowoomba city centre.

Address:

University of Southern Queensland
West St
Darling Heights QLD 4350

Who can attend McGregor Music Retreat

The McGregor Music Retreat takes students from ages 12 and up.

I'm under 18, can I attend? (Juniors)

McGregor Music accommodates juniors from 12 years of age.

Juniors are required to have parental permission to attend and will be under the care of the resident house parents during their time at McGregor. All of the McGregor Music staff have blue cards.



Getting here / when you're here

How do I get to Toowoomba?

By Air

Fly direct to Toowoomba (Toowoomba Wellcamp Airport):

You can fly directly into Toowoomba from Sydney, Melbourne and Townsville. The Airport is called Toowoomba Wellcamp Airport (WTB) when making bookings. The airport is located to the west of Toowoomba and is about a 25-30 minute drive from the campus.

There are transfer options – for more information visit www.wellcamp.com.au.

Flying to Brisbane Airport:

Brisbane Airport can sometimes offer a wider range of direct flights and can sometime be more economical for participants. Brisbane Airport is about 2 hours from Toowoomba.

Con-X-ions (previously The Airport Flyer) runs a door-to-door service from the airport to anywhere in Toowoomba daily. Website www.con-x-ion.com – phone 4630 1444 or 1300 956 203

Or catch the Airtrain (0 7 3217 3308 or email info@airtrain.com.au) to Roma Street Transit Centre (07 3236 2020) and board a Greyhound Coach (1300 473 946 or www.greyhound.com.au)

By car

Toowoomba sits atop the Great Dividing Range and connects to the New England Highway running north/south, Warrego Highway running east/northwest and Gore Highway from the southwest.

Toowoomba is the heart of the Darling Downs and is about a 2 hours drive from Brisbane.

What is the accommodation like?

When you select the 'accommodation option' through the McGregor booking process you will be provided with an applicable room at one of the USQ Residential Colleges for the



length of the school – plus breakfast and dinner. It’s a great way to complete your McGregor retreat and fully immerse yourself in creativity!

However if you’d prefer not to stay on campus Toowoomba does offer a host of other accommodation options bookable through normal channels such as AirBnb, WotIf and Booking.com.

On campus rooms

USQ Residential college rooms are fitted with a single bed and a desk. The rooms are basic student style accommodation, meaning they are clean, tidy and come with linen. Private and shared bathroom options are available, prices are listed in the pricing and payment section accessible from the applicable retreats webpage.

McGregor College is the first preference for on campus accommodation, however other on campus colleges including Concannon are used if required. There is NO SMOKING allowed on the university campus including in residential colleges.

The McGregor Office will endeavour to meet special accommodation requests such as staying next to another student, however we do reserve the right to make changes according to room availability.

What about couples? Residential colleges does not offer twin-share or double bed options for couples. Couples can however request a room with a shared bathroom.

Why stay on campus?

Aside from being quite cost effective, staying on campus provides you with a bit of ‘old-school camp’ fun with activities planned for each night following classes.

Additionally there is a special excitement in the air at the residential college as you join with others from across Australia, all keen to experience the vibrancy of McGregor Arts Retreats. The opportunity to share meals and conversations with like minded people, including your tutors makes for a memorable time.

Are there activities to do at night/ outside of class time?

Yes there surely are. All students (staying on campus or staying off campus) can join in the special activities during McGregor Summer Retreats.



These include:

- Weeknight concerts featuring the talented McGregor music tutors and students.
- Tutor Presentations – students can attend visual presentations by the amazing art tutors teaching at the accompanying Summer Arts Retreat.
- McGregor Market Night – take home your very own piece of McGregor art as tutors and students showcase and sell their pieces. Free to attend, open to students and the public.
- Trivia Night – quickly becoming a crowd favourite, a fun night for all to enjoy. Free to participate.
- Life Drawing – if schedules allow, art models will provide nightly life drawing sessions (minimal fees apply).

We are a smoke free campus

Please note, as of the 31 May 18, USQ is a smoke-free campus. Smoking is not permitted anywhere on campus. Visitors who wish to smoke will need to do so off the campus grounds.

I'm flying in, how do I get around Toowoomba?

Toowoomba is Australia's second largest inland city – you'll find it is fairly easy to get around with bus, taxi and Uber all available from the USQ.

For Taxi's call Garden City Cabs 133 222

Buses check out [Translink](#)

Uber can be accessed via the mobile app as normal.

Is there parking available?

Yes! There is adequate parking at the residential colleges for those staying on campus. For those not staying on campus there are several car parks around the campus. Most are free of charge, however a couple are metered, while others are reserved for staff.

Please take note of parking instructions around the campus as anyone parking in restricted zones will be fined by campus services.

Wi-Fi?

Wifi is available on the USQ campus in most areas.



Please note computers are not supplied to students – you will need to provide your own internet capable device to access the Wifi.

Access in the accommodation area is not guaranteed, however there is guest wifi access in all common rooms and dining rooms.

Toowoomba weather?

Toowoomba's Summer can be very warm, so please pack accordingly.

What's the deal with food?

Complimentary tea and coffee is provided (byo mug), however food is not included in your tuition. You can purchase food from the outlets on the USQ Campus or bring your own – fridges and microwaves are available on campus.

A short drive from the campus you'll also find various fast food outlets and restaurants including Sushi, McDonald's, GYG and Super Rooster. The McGregor team are always happy to direct you.

Over a weekend, a light lunch is included on Saturdays and Sunday – as on campus outlets will be closed.

Parent's Corner

Is there someone to look after my child?

If your child is staying on campus, you will meet with the house parent and/or McGregor Team member at time of check in to discuss the daily routine, medical, dietary requirements and the program. If your child is attending daily (but staying elsewhere or is local) we will meet you on the first day to introduce you to the team and ensure any requirements are noted.



Why send my child to McGregor Music and what's it going to cost me?

There are many studies to support that learning music helps the brain to develop, it's fun, it teaches our children to focus and relieves stress, helps them with their academic studies, it's a form of self-expression and boosts self-confidence.

- They further develop their music skills with professional teachers who are also active performers in the music industry.
- Get lots of career advice.
- Support from USQ Creative Arts Lecturers is available and you can meet some of the lecturers too if you'd like to chat further about future learning for your child.
- Students from ages 12 to 17* can attend the 5-day workshop for \$475. That's less than \$100 a day for an immersive learning experience as well as being in a safe and fun environment.
- Pay off the registration – you don't need to pay it all at once. You can set up a manageable payment plan that suits you.
- Breaks up the long Christmas school holidays with fun and learning.
- If your child is staying on campus overnight they are accompanied and monitored by a Blue Card issued House Parent.

Further information for parents

If you have a child attending between the age of 12 and 17 during the retreat you may have additional questions. You are very welcome to phone or email your queries through to the program coordinator Cassy Stephan on 07 4631 1111 or mgregor@usq.edu.au

Other Information

What happens if I enrol and then can't attend?

We understand that sometimes life can get in the way of our plans. If you make a booking and are unable to attend the school that you have enrolled into you are able to cancel your booking and receive a refund of your course costs less a \$100 non-refundable deposit if the cancellation is made before the final cutoff date for cancellations



(usually 1 month before the commencement of the school). Cancellations made after this date would receive no reimbursement of fees paid. Please also note, cancellation of your accommodation after commencement of McGregor Winter School will also incur a \$50 fee.

The McGregor Office may waive or reduce the cancellation penalties if a student has cancelled due to a medical condition or bereavement. We ask that a registrant provide evidence of their inability to attend the school.

You can join our E-News list to be one of the first to know when a new school is available for enrolment or when new classes have been added. Simply send an email to McGregor@usq.edu.au with your name and email address requesting to be put on our E-News list.

Workshop cancellations?

The McGregor team reserves the right to cancel a class if minimum enrolments are not reached or if any unforeseen circumstances occur. If your class is cancelled you will receive a full refund or the option to transfer to another class.