



Staying Safe in BandIt

Your rights and the rules, in plain words.

Playing music in BandIt should be fun. It should also be safe. Everyone in BandIt wants you to feel happy, respected and safe. This guide tells you your rights, the rules adults follow, and what to do if something does not feel right.

Your rights

In BandIt, you always have the right to:

- **Feel safe.** At every rehearsal, concert and band trip.
- **Be respected.** No matter who you are, where you are from, or how well you play.
- **Be heard.** Got an idea, a worry or a problem? We will listen and take you seriously.
- **Say no.** If anyone asks you to do something that feels wrong, you can say no.
- **Keep your privacy.** We do not share your details or photos of you without asking first.

The rules adults follow

Adults in the band have rules too. Knowing them helps you spot when something is not right.

- **No private messages.** Adults will not text, email or message you on their own. They talk to your parents, or in a group everyone can see.
- **Never alone.** A grown-up should not be alone with you in a room with the door shut.
- **No secrets.** No secret gifts. No secret lessons. No telling you to keep things from your parents.
- **Be kind and clean.** No rude words around you. No showing you things you should not see.
- **Never ignore a problem.** If a grown-up sees something wrong, they have to do something about it.

What we ask of you

- Be kind to everyone in BandIt.
- Never bully or tease anyone. Not in person. Not online.

If something does not feel right

Trust your gut. If something feels wrong, weird or uncomfortable, it probably is. You will never get in trouble for speaking up.

Tell someone if:

- someone is bullying you
- a grown-up is breaking the rules
- you are worried about a friend in the band

Who you can tell

1. Noel Hunt, our Band President
2. Dean Hunt, our Music Director
3. The Child Safety Officer
4. Your mum, dad or carer
5. Any grown-up you trust

Big emergencies

In danger right now? Call the Police on 000.

Worried about a kid being safe? Call Strong Families, Safe Kids on 1800 000 123. Anyone can call.

Getting picked up

Your parent or carer drops you off and picks you up inside the building. If they are running late adults from the band will wait with you until you are safely picked up.

Want to know more?

Ask a adult for the full safety policy which is available from our website.

www.gccb.org.au .

Music should always be fun and safe. We are so glad you are in BandIt!