



AMEB Exams

Piano & Keyboard

SYLLABI

- **Piano** - this is considered the "classical" syllabus. The exam organises music repertoire into Lists (usually A to C or D, depending on the level) and students are required to prepare at least one piece from each list. The Lists move through the ages of Western musical development or may have a particular purpose. List A is usually a study or technical piece. List B features the Baroque or early Classical period. List C focuses on the Classical and early Romantic period. List D features the Romantic period and more contemporary repertoire like the Impressionist period and Avant Garde styles (for example).

- **Piano for Leisure** - often considered "easier" than the Piano syllabus, its only real difference is the choice of repertoire. This syllabus features more contemporary music including jazz styles, musical theatre tunes and popular music. There are no set lists in this syllabus, students can choose any pieces from the series books they desire.

- **RockSchool** - a reasonably new syllabus, RockSchool focuses on the tools and skills needed to play contemporary music, usually within a band context.

LEVELS

- P Plate Piano (levels 1, 2, 3) - for young beginners.
- Preliminary - first formal graded exam.
- Grade 1 to Grade 8

TYPES

Piano, Piano for Leisure & RockSchool syllabi offer Comprehensive (Graded Certificate) or Repertoire (Performance Certificate) exams. Repertoire exams only require candidates to present a number of prepared pieces. Comprehensive exams include the same prepared pieces as Repertoire exams, but also require candidates to present technical and aural work (scales and arpeggios; listening tests; sight reading).

COST

Each examination level requires an entry fee. They begin at around \$100 and increase per graded level.

Each level requires students to purchase the music for the exam. Usually one book will suffice and these are approximately \$30-\$40 each. All other resources will be provided by KBE teachers.

LOCATION

Examinations are held at the AMEB Queensland office in Ashgrove, Brisbane.

TIMING

AMEB Queensland offers several examination sessions throughout the year. It is anticipated that most students would complete one graded exam level per year, particularly school-aged students and beginner adult students. In consultation with your teacher, you will select your session and enroll by the due date. There is the ability to postpone an exam if need arises for a small fee. All exams occur during the working day. Adult candidates can request weekend exam slots if they work full time, but this is not guaranteed.