

## Early Intervention

### Special Needs Access Program

Making music is a great way to bring people together and develop new skills in a fun and interesting way. This new program for families who have a child, or children, with special needs will see participants creating and sharing music together.

Held over six 45 minute sessions in small groups, the program is run by Registered Music Therapists and is tailored to suit the individual needs of the children.

Goals of the program include:

- Positive interaction between family members
- Shared music making
- Developing communication skills
- Developing social skills

Participants will have the opportunity to:

- Create music together
- Use music technology (including *The Special Access Kit™*)
- Learn strategies for using music in other settings

All participants must be accompanied by an adult for the duration of the sessions. A Music Therapist will be in contact with you prior to sessions commencing to obtain relevant information in order to plan for individual needs.

**REGISTER YOUR INTEREST NOW: PLACES ARE LIMITED!**

Thank you to the generous donors who support the Special Needs Access Program:

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Music Therapy is the planned and creative use of music to attain and maintain health and wellbeing. It may address physical, psychological, emotional, cognitive and social needs of individuals within a therapeutic relationship. Music Therapy is a registered allied health profession.



### *The Special Access Kit™*

The Special Access Kit™ is a unique system designed to enable people with disabilities to access the wonderful world of music, sound and communication. The kit consists of specialised software and a Banana Keyboard (pictured above) on which you can play whatever instrument or pre-recorded sound you choose.

For more information on the Special Access Kit™ visit [theartscentre.com.au/snap](http://theartscentre.com.au/snap) where a short film gives a glimpse of the current program within Special Education.

<b>Suitability</b>	Ages 3 - 5
<b>Venue</b>	the Arts Centre's Digital Learning Hub
<b>Times</b>	10.15am, 11.30am or 1.30pm
<b>Dates</b>	Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup> May – Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup> June (6 weeks)
<b>Duration</b>	45 mins per session
<b>Cost</b>	\$80 (in total for 6 sessions)