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St Albans Heights Primary School students transform their education with music!

St Albans Heights students are working with The Song Room in a six-month, tailored music program designed to improve social, emotional, and educational outcomes at their school. Students are learning from Song Room Teaching Artist Lena Mitchell; a singer-songwriter with a passion for writing songs that link with the Australian curriculum.

This six month in-school music program gives St Albans Heights students the opportunity immerse themselves in music education, which is proven to increase school attendance, school grades and social-emotional wellbeing. Students will also have the opportunity to showcase and celebrate their achievements at performance events such as the STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, & Maths) Week performance at their school, and The Song Room's annual end-of-year performance event at Melbourne Town Hall.

During their music lessons, students are learning to sing, write songs and use music as a tool to unlock their passion for education. Lena and the students have written a song for STEAM Week that reinforces students' learning of the workings of the brain. The Neuron Song backs up students learning in science around neural pathways, the different lobes in the brain and how brain neurons carry messages to each other and down the spine to control our muscles. Packing this information into a catchy pop song sparks the interest of all students and engages them in science in a fun and active way.

The Song Room is a national not-for-profit organisation that brightens the futures of Australia's most disadvantaged children with tailored, high-quality music and arts programs, delivered in partnership with schools across the country. The Song Room also provides innovative, curriculum-aligned online arts education to over 6,000 Australian schools through the free *ARTS:LIVE* platform.

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