

Nick Parnell Academy

2026 Percussion Summer School



Places are Limited - Book Early!

An exhilarating two-day percussion summer school for school-aged students led by award-winning percussion performer and educator, Dr Nick Parnell. Learn new skills, experience a wide range of percussion instruments, and take part in inspiring masterclasses — all in a welcoming, inclusive and fun atmosphere. The event concludes with a mini concert for family and friends, where all participants come together to perform. Places are limited so book now!

Jan 14 to 15th 2026 – Adelaide

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What's Involved:

- Masterclasses
- Explore new percussion instruments
- Group practice sessions
- Learn new music
- Percussion ensemble rehearsal and performance to conclude the event
- Having fun!

Details:

- For percussionists ages 12 – 18 years who are currently at school
- Concordia College - Adelaide

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About Nick Parnell Percussion Academy

The Nick Parnell Percussion Academy aims to support percussionists and teachers of all levels strive for musical excellence.

Nick Parnell is celebrated as one of most exciting vibes and percussion players in the world today. Born in the Australian outback, Nick Parnell began teaching himself drums in his parents' sheep shearing shed at the age of ten. Such humble beginnings ignited a passion in Parnell that has led to accolades including first place in the International Melbourne Percussion Competition, a Centenary of Federation Medal awarded by the Australian Government and the Dame Roma Mitchell Churchill Fellowship. He holds a Ph.D. in performance from the University of Adelaide.

Parnell has recorded for ABC Classics and performed with likes of pianists David Helfgott (Shine) and the West Australian Symphony Orchestra. A passionate educator, Parnell has presented hundreds of masterclasses including the Sydney Conservatorium of Music, Elder Conservatorium of Music, West Australian Academy of Performing Arts, University of Melbourne as well as many schools.