



Exciting electronic possibilities for AMEB teachers

Technology and the internet are changing the way we gather information, and the way in which we communicate with each other.



AMEB Facebook page: www.facebook.com/AMEBexams

A great way to keep up to date with AMEB happenings, ask questions about any AMEB topic, and generally feel part of the AMEB community.

AMEB NSW website: www.ameb.nsw.edu.au

This site has some excellent resources for both teachers and students, such as 'helpful hints from examiners', and 'guide to preparing Diploma candidates'.

It is quite astounding to reflect that most of our students have no understanding of the world pre-internet, and for most of the younger students, learning without the aid of a computer is akin to the Dark Ages.

As teachers, we need to recognise and embrace this ever-changing environment to ensure we remain not only relevant to our students, but also be kept up-to-date with the latest happenings at the AMEB at both State and Federal levels. Here are some suggested online resources that teachers may or may not be aware of:

AMEB state website: www.ameb.adelaide.edu.au

The first point of reference for all matters concerning the AMEB in South Australia/Northern Territory. This website contains examination dates, closing dates for entries, State news, teacher events. Entry forms may be downloaded from this website and it is planned that in the not-too-distant-future it will be possible to lodge entries directly online.

AMEB federal website: www.ameb.edu.au

This Federal website contains information regarding specific syllabi, planned reviews and new releases. AMEB publications may also be purchased directly from this website, along with individual syllabus details.

YouTube: www.youtube.com/user/amebpiano

The AMEB's YouTube Channel features official recordings of AMEB piano works from the classical syllabus. (There are lots of other amateur recordings of AMEB works on YouTube; this can be a useful resource not only for recordings, but also to assist students in discerning positive performance aspects by comparing recordings.)

Much has already been published regarding AMEB Online Theory courses and exams, but further information may be obtained either from the state or federal websites. Regrettably AMEB recordings have been temporarily withdrawn from the iTunes store, but will return shortly.

We really are fortunate to live in an age where comprehensive information is only a mouse-click away. I'd urge all teachers to at least familiarise themselves with basic Internet navigation, which will in turn open up a new confidence of electronic possibilities.

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