

# Simple method to learn

AUSTRALIAN-developed piano and keyboard program Simply Music is offering a breakthrough in music education.

Balwyn North piano teacher Kerry Hanley has been teaching piano for almost 20 years.

And about 10 years ago, she started teaching the Simply Music method.

"The unique hands-on approach has children, teens, adults and seniors, playing great sounding blues, classical, contemporary and

accompaniment pieces from their first lessons," Mrs Hanley said.

"I have never seen these kinds of results anywhere else."

Mrs Hanley said the results were not limited to a talented few, but were typical of what her students accomplished.

The method dispels the notion that learning to play means enduring years of lessons, boring practice sessions and relentless hours of drills.

Mrs Hanley said Simply Music

temporarily delayed reading and introduced a revolutionary playing-based approach.

"In fact, expecting students to read music before they've learned to play, is like insisting that very young children first learn how to spell and read as a means of learning how to talk," she said.

Mrs Hanley will hold free introductory sessions on Saturday, July 12, in Balwyn North.

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