

Learning piano as simple as abc

ENDLESS scales and theory could be a thing of past for piano students thanks to a breakthrough method that challenges the basis of traditional teaching.

Simply Music is a playing-based method that translates pieces into simple shapes and patterns for students to visualise on the keyboard.

Developed by Australian-born teacher Neil Moore the program has had success in the United States and Australia.

Riverton resident Joanne Jones is a traditionally trained pianist who has embraced the Simply Music method, which she said allowed students to make music from their first lesson.

Mrs Jones said beginners built a repertoire of songs in a range of styles that provided an important foundation when they begin the reading process in later levels and allowed them take their playing as far as they wanted.

“The goal of Simply Music is to maximise the likelihood that all students have music as a companion for the rest of their lives.”

For more information visit www.simply-music.com.



Music student Anne Maloney and Joanne Jones.

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