

History

The Murwillumbah Festival of Performing Arts (eisteddfod) began in 1923 as the “Murwillumbah Music Festival”. Gradually the Festival enlarged to include Speech and Drama as well as Dance. Originally the Festival was approximately 3 days in length but has now extended to approximately 4 weeks.

The earlier Festivals were held at the end of Term 1 of the school year, when the year was a 3 term year. Today it is always held at the end of Term 2 of the school year as schools now have a 4 term year. Speech and Drama is usually the 2nd and 3rd last weeks of the term, Music is usually the last and 2nd last weeks of the term and Dance is usually the first 1½ weeks of school holidays.

The Schedule is available at the end of January of each year and the closing date for entries is usually in middle of April (Music and Speech) to late May (Dance).