

# Copyright for Schools

National Liturgy Office

Are you  
copying music,  
projecting lyrics,  
or creating  
worship aids?

You need a  
licence for that!

The celebration of **liturgy and prayer is distinct from education.**

In order to **engage with contemporary liturgical music publishers**, such as GIA, OCP and Willow, a copyright licence specific to liturgical music is required. (Hymns and songs for worship are not covered by the NZSTA licence for education).

Church music copyright agencies provide **affordable, accessible and legal means to reproduce music for prayer and worship.**



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## 3 Key Measurements for Checking Copyright Compliance

1. Do you **own** an original published edition of the music you wish to copy?
2. Does your licensing agency **cover copyright** for this particular music title?
3. Are you regularly **reporting usage** of each title every time it is used to your licensed copyright provider for liturgical music through one or more liturgical copyright providers?

*If any of the above is missing then your school is not yet correctly licensed for copyright of liturgical music.*

In order to become copyright compliant for liturgical music, **help is at hand!** Each diocese has people who have been trained to assist schools.

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