



# St Joseph's College

## Music Program

*...developing a powerful beat...*



At St Joseph's College, it is believed that the gift of Music, is one that should be fostered and encouraged. Research indicates that learning Music enhances a student's ability for all learning and leads to positive benefits in other areas of learning. St Joseph's College has developed a strong performance program and provides many opportunities for students to pursue their passion in music and become the best they can be.

### GETTING INVOLVED

All students will be given the chance to participate in classroom music in either Year 7 or Year 8. During these lessons, students will learn some basic skills on drums, piano, guitar and singing. However, for many students, this is not enough and they want to study more music and participate in one of the school music ensembles. Students can sign-up for junior choir and junior band or string ensemble if they play an instrument. There are also opportunities to play in other ensembles if they are musically ready.

### TUITION

Private tuition is available for most instruments, including voice. Qualified tutors, in consultation with the College, offer their services within school hours. Parents enter a contract with the tutor and fees are paid directly to the tutor. Students are encouraged to take up a musical instrument or voice, as it is lots of fun and can be a gift that lasts a lifetime. However, students must understand that regular practice is vital for improvement and should give careful consideration to all of their commitments (family, study and sport) before commencing in the instrumental program.

### LOAN OF INSTRUMENTS

St Joseph's College is able to loan instruments to students including flute, clarinet, alto saxophone, tenor saxophone, trumpet, trombone, French horn, baritone, violin, viola, cello and double bass. Guitar, drums and percussion instruments are NOT able to be loaned.

### MUSIC CAMP

Each year the ensembles participate in an annual Music Camp. All Vocal and Instrumental students attend and participate in 3 days of concentrated rehearsals with the ensemble tutors. Lots of hard work, but lots of fun!

#### Rehearsal Days and Times

|                  |                           |
|------------------|---------------------------|
| String Ensemble  | Monday 3:15 - 4:30pm      |
| Concert Band     | Tuesday 3:15 - 4:30pm     |
| Boys' Choir      | Wednesday 3:00 - 4:00pm   |
| Girls' Choir     | Thursday 3:15 - 4:30pm    |
| Jazz Ensemble    | Thursday Lunchtime        |
| Junior Band      | Monday Lunchtime          |
| Junior Choir     | Tuesday Lunchtime         |
| Percussion Group | Wednesday 8am             |
| Brass Group      | Wednesday 8am             |
| Guitar Ensemble  | Thursday 8am or Lunchtime |

#### What can I learn in music?

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|--------------|-------------|----------|
| Singing      | Piano       | Clarinet |
| Flute        | Guitar      | Drums    |
| Violin       | Viola       | Cello    |
| Double Bass  | Saxophone   |          |
| Trumpet      | French horn |          |
| Trombone     | Euphonium   |          |
| Glockenspiel | Bass Guitar |          |

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#### Would you like to sign up for Music?

Please complete and return the **Expression of Interest** form.

### SCHOOL WEBSITE

Information for Music Camp, Music lessons, music uniform and rehearsals is available on the school website.