

St Joseph's College

Music Camp 2019

This year Music Camp was exceptional with 85 students bringing their 'A' game to every rehearsal and making outstanding progress in our College ensembles. Alexandra Park Conference Centre provides a wonderful venue for our music camp, with lots of rehearsal spaces (now air-conditioned), easy beach access (5 mins walk) and an abundance of fresh healthy food.

Our annual Music Camp is a very important part of the Joey's Music program. It helps our students connect on a social level which, in turn, improves the team work in the music ensembles. There are also many opportunities for social and emotional growth on camp, apart from musical development. I am always reminded of how awesome our music students are when I see the little acts of kindness and support from students during camp time. Developing a culture of mutual respect and musical excellence is what camp is all about.

During camp, all the ensembles learn new pieces and we are lucky at SJC to be able to purchase new repertoire every year. Students rehearse at every session and every ensemble receives priority time with its members. In total, students with their directors, **rehearsed for 16 hours**. Well done to our younger students, who joined in the hard-working spirit of music camp and showed exceptional musical talent this year. Camp finished with a concert where each ensemble performed a piece to show off their musical progress.



Thank you to our Staff

- To the Joey's staff, Miss Debbie Newton, Mr Michael Murtagh and Mr Mitchell Wheeldon, who supervised students, drove buses, attended to medication, conducted bands, sang in choirs, took photos and gave their whole weekend to support the music department.
- To the music tutors for their enthusiasm, energy and support of Joeys Music, including Elizabeth Lawrence (Strings), Jon Maskell (Boys' Choir), Kaitlyn Michael (Girl's Choirs) and Laura Chegvidden, accompanist and assistant in Strings.
- To Miss Scott for her energy, passion and commitment to ALL things MUSICAL at St Joseph's College.

Thank you to our Year 12 Students

I'd like to take this opportunity to thank the Year 12 Music Students who attended their 5th and final music camp this year. Thank you for your dedication and passion in music, for your support and helping hands and for your sense of humour and comradery over the last five years. You will be missed – a small cohort this year in 2019 - Eleanor Anderssen, Elizabeth Ardika and Genevieve Spalding.

Boys' Choir (Jon Maskell)

Another successful music camp for the Boys' choir. Some boys spent every rehearsal of the camp at a choir rehearsal, and they kept their focus and enthusiasm right through. I feel very grateful to the YR 9 boys who are unexpectedly the oldest boys in the choir this year. They have stepped into their leadership role admirably.



String Ensemble (Elizabeth Lawrence)

This was the first music camp for many of our string players, and I am very proud of the efforts of all students, for taking on the challenge. into the challenge of a very intensive weekend of music making. We focussed on learning a large volume of new music and broke up our rehearsals by practising improvisation skills. A special thank you to Laura Chegwiddden, who joined us for some sessions to guide our cello and bass students.



Girls' Choir (Kaitlyn Michael and Megan Scott)

Wow! Girls Choir just seems to get bigger every year. It is a pleasure to witness so many girls enacting their love of singing. And such talent! We are truly blessed to have so many talented singers and are never short of volunteers for solos! Of course with so many girls in the choir, it is super difficult to choose the lucky 16 who sing in the auditioned choir, Chamber Choir. Music Camp is always beautifully timed for Joey's choirs, because it allows us to prep for the upcoming Toowoomba Choral Eisteddfod in May.

Junior Choir has again been blessed with a number of students who have brought their love of choral singing with them from primary school. We have just finished voice matching the choir and what a lovely sound! We hope to sing in public soon.



Thank you to all the girls and boys who put so much energy and love into their singing.

The Bands (Madeleine Minns)

This year, SJC gained a lot of new musical talent in the younger years. Junior Band saw an influx of clarinet and lower brass – what a treat! Camp saw all the instrumental students rehearsing in 3 combinations – Junior Band, Senior Band, Jazz Ensemble and Combined Band. Thank you to Mr Wheeldon for ably leading the Junior band rehearsals. The Immersion program for 2018 also boosted the String and Band program. Together we played some fantastic new music which the students impressively managed. Thank you to the more senior players who offered lots of support and leadership.



Finally, THANK YOU to our Music Students

Your passion and commitment to making music at St Josephs', makes the job of teaching music, a pleasure. This year, you guys were exceptional – your attitude and energy at rehearsals and your care and compassion of each other, made the whole camp an absolute pleasure. Every tutor left camp, commenting on the positive vibe of camp and Ms Scott and I, were very proud of you.



Performance Dates in 2019

- Toowoomba Jazz Club – Friday 8th March – Jazz Ensemble
- Anzac Day Liturgy 24th April - All Choirs and Bands
- Toowoomba Vocal Eisteddfod – 17-21 May – Girls and Boys Choirs to perform
- Open Day – 21st May - Strings Ensemble, choir and bands to perform.
- College Musical - **High School Musical 2** - Thurs 6th June & Fri 7^h June - Armitage Theatre
- Mini Tour to Primary Schools – Wednesday 26th June - Strings and Junior Band
- Community Performance – Wednesday 26th June – Boys Choir
- Toowoomba Instrumental Eisteddfod – July/August All Instrumental ensembles to perform
- Skits and Semiquavers – Friday 16th August - All ensembles – Highfields Cultural Centre
- Award Night – Tuesday 29th October – All ensembles to perform





Music Tuition

- For ALL instruments and voice
- Qualified and professional music tutors
- Assorted fee structures - Immersion, Fast-track, shared lessons (pairs or trios) and individual.
- Rotating lesson times each week
- Enrolment forms are available on the College Website or can be collected from the Music Office
- Theory class Thursdays 7.30am FREE

Rehearsal Times

- Concert Band - Tuesdays 3:15 – 4:30pm
- String Ensemble – Monday 3:15 – 4:30pm
- String Quartet - Monday Lunchtime
- Girls' Choir - Thursdays 3:15-4:00pm
- Chamber Choir – Thursday 4:00 – 4:30pm
- Boys Choir - Wednesday 3:15 – 4:15pm
- Junior Band – Monday Lunchtime
- Junior Choir – Tuesday Lunchtime
- Jazz Ensemble – Thursday Lunchtime
- Guitar Ensemble – Monday 8:15
- Brass Ensemble – Friday 8:15am



Music Uniform for Performances

All music students in Choirs and Bands, need to wear the College Music uniform for Performances. This is a formal purple, long-sleeved shirt with trousers for boys and with skirt and black stockings for girls. Uniform may be obtained from the Music Office. A small fee will be added to your College account.



