

Music Programs

EARLY LEARNING TO YEAR 12



YARRA VALLEY
GRAMMAR



WE ARE VERY PROUD OF OUR MUSIC PROGRAMS AT YARRA VALLEY GRAMMAR THAT ARE AVAILABLE TO ALL STUDENTS AT THE SCHOOL, ELC TO YEAR 12. APART FROM LEARNING TO PLAY A MUSICAL INSTRUMENT AND DEVELOPING SKILLS AND ABILITIES, STUDENTS WILL HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO JOIN ONE OF OUR MUSIC GROUPS AND DEVELOP CONFIDENCE TO ACHIEVE THEIR BEST.

CLASSROOM PROGRAM

EARLY LEARNING

Our 3 and 4-year-olds participate in a weekly Music and Movement session led by the Junior School Performing Arts teacher. Children use musical instruments and engage in creative dance and movement. Musical vocabulary and concepts are explored including pitch, rhythm and tempo.

JUNIOR SCHOOL

In Junior School (Prep to Year 6) we foster a holistic approach to music education. Our curriculum draws upon the teaching philosophies and methodologies of Zoltan Kodaly and Carl Orff. It is an approach to which all may contribute and experience success. From the earliest stages of singing nursery rhymes, speech and movement combine with sound or body percussion including clapping, stamping and finger clicking. The practical activities lay the foundation for broad musical development which transfers easily to instruments; simple tambourines to xylophones, glockenspiels and recorders.

All students participate in a Junior, Middle and Senior Primary choir session each fortnight.

FOUNDATION

In Prep, Year 1 and 2 all students take part in a classroom Music program which involves the development of rhythm, pitch and general music appreciation. The Junior School program is taught by our enthusiastic and highly qualified music specialists. This program provides a good foundation for any further music studies.

YEAR 2 STRING PROGRAM

In Year 2, students participate in our String program. This involves group tuition in either violin, viola or cello for one term during which specialist tuition and instruments are provided at no extra cost. After the first term, students present a concert to family and friends and may choose to join our Instrumental program.

YEAR 5 INSTRUMENTAL PROGRAM

In Year 5, students participate in a classroom Instrumental program experiencing ensemble type tuition at no extra cost. The students present a short concert to parents and friends and have the opportunity to join our Instrumental Music program.

YEAR 7 MUSIC PROGRAM

In Year 7, all students participate in a classroom Instrumental Music program for the year. In Semester 1, students are provided with instruments and specialist tuition on a brass, string, or woodwind instrument.

After this semester of tuition, students present a concert to parents and friends at a special evening performance in the George Wood Performing Arts Centre during the Year 7 Music Festival. Students then have the option of joining our Instrumental Music program.

Please note there is a compulsory fee for instrument hire as part of this program in Semester 1.



"MUSIC BENEFITS THE INTELLECTUAL, SOCIAL AND PERSONAL DEVELOPMENT OF YOUNG PEOPLE. I AM PROUD THAT WE ARE ABLE TO OFFER SUCH DIVERSE LEARNING EXPERIENCES IN MUSIC TO OUR STUDENTS."

Mr Steven Majstorovic
Director of Performing Arts



ENSEMBLE PROGRAM

The Ensemble program has strong links with the classroom and the co-curricular programs. The program encourages students to work cooperatively to achieve musical goals. It provides opportunities for performance and exposes students to a diverse range of music. Students who take private or group lessons are encouraged to be part of one or more of the sequentially based groups which operate throughout the School.

VOCAL/CHORAL GROUPS

- Junior School Choir
- Year 7 Choir
- Middle School Choir
- Senior Choir
- Chamber Choir
- Small Vocal Groups

BAND PROGRAM

- Junior School Band
- Year 7 Band
- Foundation Band
- Concert Band
- Symphonic Band

JAZZ PROGRAM

- Big Band
- Zoned In
- Small Jazz Ensembles
- Project X

STRING PROGRAM

- Year 2 String Program
- Junior School Orchestra
- Training Orchestra
- String All Stars
- Chamber Strings
- Kreisler Strings
- String Quartets
- Symphony Orchestra

YEAR 8 MUSIC PROGRAM

- Songwriting using online tools
- Composition and Music history

YEAR 9 MUSIC ELECTIVES

- Songwriting Course
- Music Exploration

YEAR 10 MUSIC

- Music Performance

YEAR 11 MUSIC

- VCE Units 1 & 2
Music Performance

YEAR 12 MUSIC

- VCE Units 3 & 4
Music Contemporary Performance
- VCE Units 3 & 4
Music Repertoire Performance

PRIVATE INSTRUMENTAL TUITION

Private musical tuition is available for the following instruments:

Brass

Trumpet
Trombone
Euphonium
Tuba
French Horn

Woodwind

Bassoon
Clarinet
Flute
Saxophone
Oboe

Strings

Violin
Viola
Cello
Double Bass
Guitar
Classical Guitar

Keyboard

Piano

Percussion

Drums
Percussion

Voice

Singing

All instruments are available for hire except for Guitar, Percussion and Piano.

FEES

Students receive eight lessons per term. Individual lessons are available in 30, 45, or 60 minute sessions.

Musical theory classes are also available before school for 30 minutes.

INFORMATION

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