PERFORMANCE CO-CURRICULAR PROGRAMME INFORMATION 2013

Joining A Group

Macarthur offers a wide variety of co-curricular activities and ensembles for students to participate in. Please refer to the String, Choir, Band, Drum Corps, and Drama information sheets to obtain the specific information you need for the variety of groups and ensembles available. If your child wishes to join any of the groups please encourage them to attend a rehearsal on the day specified on the relevant co-curricular information sheet. Each teacher will keep a weekly roll on attendance.

ALL Music ensembles and Drama groups will commence in Week 3 of the Summer Term 2013.

Enquiries

Please direct any enquiries you may have to the ensemble Conductor or Teacher specified on the co-curricular information sheets. Mrs Marrable is available if you have any queries or questions on 4629 6269.

Attendance

Commitment to weekly attendance is a fundamental requirement for all Music and Drama co-curricular groups. Absentee notes regarding non-attendance are requested for all after school Performance activities. Students who miss rehearsals on a regular basis will be asked to reconsider their commitment to the ensemble or group. Attendance at all performances including Eisteddfods, Performing Arts Festival, the Annual Benefit Concert and Speech and Awards Night are an expectation of all ensemble members.

Rehearsals

The first rehearsal for all groups is in Week 3 of the Summer Term. Rehearsals for all Music and Drama Co-curricular groups run for the entirety of each term. Each term rehearsals will re-commence immediately after the holidays in Week 1 (including those groups who rehearse on a Monday).

Half-Yearly Examination week (Years 8-12), Trial Examinations (Year 12), Yearly Examination week (Years 7-11) and the week of the School Musical are the only times that rehearsals are not held for all involved students.

A late bus to Camden is available for students to catch at 4.25pm.

It is an imperative that all students are collected by parents promptly at the completion of the scheduled rehearsals times.

Music Buttons

All Music students in Years 5 to 12 participating in the Music co-curricular programme will be presented with a Music Button to be proudly worn on the lapel of the School blazer. The Choir, Orchestra or Band button will be issued to all students after one term of involvement and participation in their chosen ensemble and is to be worn for the duration of the time that they are committed to the ensemble.

If a student withdraws from the given chosen area of involvement the right to wear the button is withdrawn. Students who consistently miss ensemble rehearsals (three or more in a term) will be placed under review and the right to continue wearing the button will be determined by Mr Cartwright, Dean of Students.

Small Ensemble Groups

Students are encouraged to form ensemble groups, trios, quartets and small groups with friends and like-minded musicians. Lunch time rehearsal opportunities are made available to all Music students and are supervised by Macarthur Music staff. Students are encouraged to request a lunch time room booking for their ensemble group.

Renting Or Hiring An Instrument

Students who have been issued a band or string instrument in Years 4, 5 and 6 as part of the curriculum String and Band Programmes are encouraged to use their instrument in a Music co-curricular group. If your child is in Year 7 or above then outside rental opportunities may be pursued. Musicorp or Studio 19 are reputable firms who will provide you with short term rent or rent to own options. There are also many second hand options which may be pursued. Please speak to Music Faculty staff for further advise.

If you have any further enquiries please do not hesitate to contact Mrs Inés Marrable on 4629 6269 or Mrs Belinda Fellows at the Heads of School Office on 4629 6239.