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Music and Performance Co-curricular Programme

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Find your place at Macarthur where opportunities abound
Joining a group is easy!

Macarthur offers a wide variety of co-curricular activities and ensembles for students to participate in.

Please refer to the Orchestra, Choral Programme, 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.

In Summer Term each year, ALL Music ensembles and Drama groups will commence in Week 3.

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 4647 5333.

For further information and online forms please go to the website under the ‘Parents’ tab and click the ‘Forms’ link or click here: http://www.macarthur.nsw.edu.au/forms

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

Rehearsals for all Music and Drama Co-curricular groups run for the entirety of each term. In Summer Term each year, ALL Music ensembles and Drama groups will commence in Week 3. Autumn, Winter and Spring Term rehearsals will commence immediately after the holidays in Week 1 (including those groups who rehearse on a Monday).

It is imperative that all students are collected by parents promptly at the completion of the scheduled rehearsals times. If a Year 1 - Year 6 student cannot be collected, they must go to After School Care.

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

On several occasions throughout the year rehearsals are not held. In such circumstances, such as Examination periods, students will be notified as necessary.

Music Buttons

All Music students in Years 3 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 Year 5 to Year 12 students after one term of involvement in their chosen ensemble and is to be worn for the duration of the time that they are committed to the ensemble. Students in Year 3 and Year 4 will receive a Performance Button.
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.

**An Ongoing Commitment is Required**

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**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 4647 5333.
Orchestra Programme

The year promises to be a very exciting one for our Macarthur Music students.

Preparatory Orchestra

Day: Monday
Time: 2.45pm to 3.45pm
Venue: MC01
Student involvement: Years 5 to 9
Conductor: Mrs Meaghan Rotgans and Miss Catherine Bucknell
Requirements: Students are required to be receiving String lessons and between First Grade to Third Grade standard of playing. Please consult with your Peripatetic tutor for recommendation to join this ensemble.

School Orchestra

Day: Monday
Time: 2.50pm to 4.15pm
Venue: Rehearsal Hall
Student involvement: Years 7 to 12
Conductors: Mrs Inés Marrable
Requirements: Students to have reached a 3rd Grade standard on their instrument and are working at a 4th Grade level and above.

String Orchestra

Day: Monday
Time: 4.30pm to 5.30pm
Venue: Rehearsal Hall
Student involvement: Years 7 to 12
Conductor: Mrs Antonia Todorova
Requirements: Students to have reached a 4th Grade standard on their instrument and are working at a 5th Grade level and above.
Band Programme

All Middle and Senior School students who enjoy playing woodwind, brass and percussion instruments are encouraged to participate in the new and exciting Concert, Swing and Stage Band options.

**Middle School Swing Band**
- **Day:** Tuesday
- **Time:** 2.45pm to 3.45pm
- **Venue:** MC01
- **Student involvement:** Years 5 to 9
- **Conductor:** Mr Jimmy Garden

**Concert Band**
- **Day:** Thursday
- **Time:** 2.45pm to 4.15pm
- **Venue:** Rehearsal Hall
- **Student involvement:** Years 7 to 12
- **Conductor:** Dr Rebecca Bennison

**Stage Band**
- **Day:** Thursday
- **Time:** 4.30pm to 5.30pm
- **Venue:** Rehearsal Hall
- **Student involvement:** Years 7 to 12
- **Conductor:** Dr Rebecca Bennison
- **Requirements:** Students are required to have reached a 4th Grade standard on their instrument and are to be participating in the Concert Band
Students who enjoy singing are encouraged to join the Choral Programme and participate in a number of ensemble groups.

**Boys Vocal Ensemble**

- **Day:** Wednesday
- **Time:** 2.45pm to 3.30pm
- **Venue:** Rehearsal Hall
- **Student involvement:** Years 5 to 12
- **Conductors:** Mr Timothy Norman

**Years 5 to 12 Girls Choir**

- **Day:** Wednesday
- **Time:** 2.45pm to 3.30pm
- **Venue:** Rehearsal Hall
- **Student involvement:** Years 5 to 12
- **Conductor:** Ms Jodie McGuren

**Years 5 to 6 Choral Ensemble**

- **Day:** Wednesday
- **Time:** 3.40pm to 4.20pm
- **Venue:** Rehearsal Hall
- **Student involvement:** Years 5 to 6
- **Conductor:** Mr Timothy Norman
Senior Choir

Day: Wednesday
Time: 3.40pm to 4.20pm
Venue: Rehearsal Hall
Student involvement: Years 7 to 12
Conductors: Ms Jodie McGuren and Mr Timothy Norman
The Macarthur Pipes and Drums provides students with the opportunity to either commence or continue to hone their skills in the Middle School and Senior School Drum corps ensemble groups.

The Macarthur Drum Corps will prepare for School and Community performances throughout the year.

**Middle School Drum Corps - Years 5 to 9**
- **Day:** Monday
- **Time:** 1.00pm to 1.35pm
- **Venue:** GC 10/11
- **Teacher:** Mr Mark Lambert

**Senior Performance Drum Corps - Years 7 to 12**
- **Day:** Monday
- **Time:** 2.45pm to 4.15pm
- **Venue:** GC 10/11
- **Teacher:** Mr Mark Lambert
Drama Programme

Macarthur Drama Club is organised for students to meet once a week to participate in drama activities and learn about theatre. Students from Years 5 and 6 will have the opportunity to participate in Drama Club which is held at lunchtime, with Years 7 to 12 meeting after school on Friday. Students will be taught skills in operating theatre equipment and learn about technical aspects such as lighting and sound. Drama Club members will be involved in helping and supporting Senior Drama students in their performances using the skills acquired.

Students will also learn about different theatre styles and will have the opportunity to participate in various performances during the year.

There will be a continued opportunity for students interested in AV, lighting and sound production to be involved in the Technical Support Team Club.

Students in Years 7 to 12 are required to purchase Macarthur Performance uniforms in order to participate fully in Drama activities. This is available from the Macarthur Uniform Shop.

**Drama Club Years 5 and 6**

Day:     Friday  
Time:     1.00pm to 1.35pm (students to come with their lunch)  
Venue:    GC 6/7  
Teacher:  Mrs Allie Margin

**Drama Club Years 7 to 12**

Day:     Friday  
Time:     2.45pm to 4.15pm  
Venue:    GC 6/7  
Teachers: Mrs Allie Margin

**Technical Support Team Club Years 7 to 12**

Day:     Friday  
Time:     2.45pm to 4.15pm  
Venue:    Macarthur Chapel  
Teacher:  Mr Kent Palmer
All Junior School Music Co-curricular ensemble groups commence in Week 3 of the Summer Term. If you wish your child to participate in one of the Junior School ensemble please send your child on the day, time and to the room as listed (and if relevant with their musical instrument). All students are encouraged to bring afternoon tea to eat prior to the scheduled rehearsal time, which will be supervised by staff. It is essential that parents collect their child at the conclusion of the rehearsal time. With all after school Music Co-curricular activities if your child is not collected they will be taken up to After School Care by the responsible teacher.

**Junior School Recorder Ensemble**
- **Day:** Monday
- **Time:** 2.45pm to 3.15pm
- **Venue:** SP3
- **Student involvement:** Years 1 to 4
- **Teacher/ Conductor:** Mrs Di-Anne Pleskun

**Junior School String Ensemble**
- **Day:** Monday
- **Time:** 8.00am to 8.25am
- **Venue:** SP3
- **Student involvement:** Years 1 to 4 (All participating students are to be Peripatetic Tutor recommended)
- **Teacher/ Conductor:** Miss Catherine Bucknell
Junior School Choir - Years 1 and 2

Day: Tuesday
Time: 8.00am to 8.25am
Venue: SP3
Student involvement: Years 1 and 2
Teacher/ Conductor: Mrs Rachael Freestone

Junior School Choir - Years 3 and 4

Day: Thursday
Time: 2.45pm to 3.30pm
Venue: SP3
Student involvement: Years 3 and 4
Teacher/ Conductor: Mrs Katrina Ha

Information for Instrumental Peripatetic lessons and online Expression of Interest forms are accessible from the website under the ‘Forms’ tab in the Parents menu. Lessons for students continuing their Peripatetic instrument from last year will recommence in Week 2. Lessons for students desiring to start a new instrument will be scheduled to commence from Week 3.

The String Programme for Year 4 students will commence in class time on Week 3. Each student will be issued with an instrument as per the choices that they made towards the end of the year. It is expected that students take their instrument home each week for practice. Students will be required to take adequate care of their instrument throughout the year.
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