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# Music Performance

Providing delightful experiences for the enjoyment of others



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, and Drum Corps information sheets to obtain the special 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, time and room 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 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 'Parent Information and Online Forms' link and click Music and Performance Forms.

## Attendance

Commitment to weekly attendance is a fundamental requirement for all Music 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 the Festival of Performing Arts, the Annual Benefit Concert and Speech and Awards Night is an expectation of all ensemble members.

## Rehearsals

Rehearsals for all Music Co-curricular groups run for the entirety of each term.

Summer Term will commence in Week 3.

Autumn and Winter Terms will commence immediately after the holidays in Week 1 (including those groups who rehearse on a Monday).

Spring Term Junior School Music ensembles will commence immediately after the holidays in Week 1 (including those groups who rehearse on a Monday). All other Ensembles will commence Week 2.

It is imperative that all students are collected by parents promptly at the completion of the scheduled rehearsals times. If a Years 1 to 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.

In exceptional circumstances rehearsals may need to be cancelled. Where possible prior notification will be provided.



## **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 Years 5 to 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 Years 3 and 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 see Music staff 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. Musiccorp is a reputable firm 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 staff for further advice.

If you have any further enquiries please do not hesitate to contact Mrs Inés Marrable on 4647 5333.

## **Orchestra and String Programme**

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

### **Preparatory String Orchestra**

Day:	Monday
Time:	2.45pm to 3.45pm
Venue:	Chapel / MC01
Student involvement:	Middle School
Conductor:	Mr Nicholas Mercer
Instruments:	Strings
Requirements:	AMEB or equivalent, Grade 1 - Grade 3. Students are required to be receiving String lessons. Please consult with your Peripatetic tutor for recommendation to join this ensemble.

### **Macarthur School Orchestra**

Day:	Monday
Time:	2.45pm to 4.15pm
Venue:	Rehearsal Hall
Student involvement:	Middle/Senior School
Conductor:	Mrs Inés Marrable
Instruments:	Strings, Woodwind, Brass, Percussion
Requirements:	AMEB or equivalent, Grade 4 and above. Instrumental lessons are recommended for students.

### **Senior Chamber String Orchestra**

Day:	Monday
Time:	4.30pm to 5.30pm
Venue:	Rehearsal Hall
Student involvement:	Middle/Senior School
Conductor:	Mr Robert van Gend
Instruments:	Strings
Requirements:	AMEB or equivalent, Grade 5 and above. Students are required to be receiving Instrumental lessons.

Information and the Peripatetic Music Programme Online Enrolment Form are accessible from the website under the 'Menu' tab, under the 'Parents' header, click the 'Parent Information and Online Forms' link, click Music and Performance Forms then under Instrumental Lesson Opportunities click Peripatetic Music Programme Online Enrolment Form.

## **Band and Jazz 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.

### **Swing Band**

Day:	Tuesday
Time:	2.45pm to 3.45pm
Venue:	Rehearsal Hall
Student involvement:	Middle School
Conductor:	Mr Merv Lawrence
Instruments:	Woodwind, Brass, Percussion, Rhythm Section
Requirements:	AMEB or equivalent, Grade 1 - Grade 3. Students are required to be receiving Instrumental lessons. Please consult with your Peripatetic tutor for recommendation to join this ensemble.

### **Macarthur Concert Band**

Day:	Thursday
Time:	2.45pm to 4.15pm
Venue:	Rehearsal Hall
Student involvement:	Middle/Senior School
Conductor:	Mr Merv Lawrence
Instruments:	Woodwind, Brass, Percussion, Rhythm Section
Requirements:	AMEB or equivalent, Grade 2 and above. Instrumental lessons are recommended for students.

### **Performance Stage Band**

Day:	Thursday
Time:	4.30pm to 5.30pm
Venue:	Rehearsal Hall
Student involvement:	Senior School
Conductor:	Mr Merv Lawrence
Instruments:	Woodwind, Brass, Percussion, Rhythm Section, Voice
Requirements:	AMEB or equivalent, Grade 5 and above. Instrumental lessons are recommended for students. There is a selection process for this group

### **Dixieland Jazz Band**

Day:	Tuesday
Time:	4.00pm to 5.00pm
Venue:	Rehearsal Hall
Student involvement:	Senior School
Conductor:	Mr Merv Lawrence
Instruments:	Woodwind, Brass, Percussion, Rhythm Section
Requirements:	AMEB or equivalent, Grade 5 and above. Instrumental lessons are recommended for students. There is a selection process for this group

## Choral Programme

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: Chapel  
Student involvement: Middle/Senior School - Boys  
Conductor: Mr Joshua Condello

### Girls Chamber Choir

Day: Wednesday  
Time: 2.45pm to 3.30pm  
Venue: Rehearsal Hall  
Student involvement: Middle/Senior School - Girls  
Conductor: Ms Kirsten Jones / Mr Mark Reid

### Performance Choir

Day: Wednesday  
Time: 3.40pm to 4.20pm  
Venue: Chapel / Rehearsal Hall  
Student involvement: Middle/Senior School  
Conductor: Ms Kirsten Jones / Mr Mark Reid  
Requirements: Recommended for students to be involved in Boys Vocal Ensemble or Girls Chamber Choir

### Macarthur Voices

Day: Wednesday  
Time: 4.30pm to 5.30pm  
Venue: Chapel / Rehearsal Hall  
Student involvement: Senior School  
Conductor: Ms Kirsten Jones / Mr Mark Reid  
Requirements: Vocal lessons are recommended for students. There is a selection process for this group



## **Drum Corps Programme**

The Macarthur Drum Corps Programme provides students with the opportunity to either commence or continue to hone their skills in the Middle School and Macarthur School Drum Corps ensemble groups.

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

### **Middle School Drum Line**

Day: Monday  
Time: 1.00pm to 1.35pm  
Venue: GC08  
Student involvement: Years 5 to 9 - Middle School  
Teacher: Mr Mark Lambert

### **Performance Drum Corps**

Day: Monday  
Time: 2.45pm to 4.15pm  
Venue: GC08  
Student involvement: Years 7 to 12 - Middle/Senior School  
Teacher: Mr Mark Lambert  
Requirements: There is a selection process for this group



## Junior School Co-curricular Music Programme

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 ensembles 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 String

Day:	Monday
Time:	8.00am to 8.25am
Venue:	GC08
Student involvement:	Junior School (All participating students are to be Peripatetic Tutor recommended)
Teacher/ Conductor:	Mr Nicholas Mercer
Requirements:	AMEB or equivalent Instrumental lessons are recommended for students.

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## Junior Voices

Day: Friday  
Time: 8.00am to 8.25am  
Venue: St T04  
Student involvement: Years 1 and 2 - Junior School  
Teacher/ Conductor: Mrs Katrina Ha

## Junior Choir

Day: Tuesday  
Time: 8.00am to 8.25am  
Venue: St T04  
Student involvement: Years 3 to 4 - Junior School  
Teacher/ Conductor: Mrs Katrina Ha

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.



## Tech Crew Years 7 to 12

Macarthur Anglican School offers opportunities for students interested in AV, lighting and sound production to be involved in the Tech Crew. The Tech Crew meets weekly and provides students detailed knowledge of technical aspects of music production.

There involvement in the School is vast, from running sound and visuals for weekly Chapel Services and Assemblies, to tech production of the School's Musicals, Performances and Speech Night.

It's a student lead group with senior members training and mentoring the new members, under the supervision and guidance of Mr Palmer.

Students get to work with an array of industry technology and learning skills they may not get to achieve the classroom.

Day:	Tuesday
Time:	2.45pm to 4.00pm
Venue:	Technology Courtyard
Student involvement:	Years 7 to 12 - Middle/Senior School
Teacher:	Mr Kent Palmer



## School Musicals

Macarthur Anglican School presents a musical every year, in Week 2 of Winter term. This opportunity is offered to students from Years 3 – 11, biannually to suit different age groups across the school.

### Senior Musical

In each odd year (2015, 2017, 2019 etc) the students from Years 7 – 11 are invited to audition for the senior musical. This musical is a full musical.

The students audition in the Spring term prior to the year of performance and then rehearse on Tuesday and Friday afternoons from after school through till approx. 6.00pm, in both the Summer and Autumn Terms. The senior musical also involves rehearsals in the Winter term vacation in July, prior to the performance week.

Previous Senior Musicals performed:

2015 AIDA School Edition, 2017 Cinderella, 2019 Les Misérables



### Junior Musical

In each even year (2014, 2016, 2018 etc) the students from Years 3 – 6 are invited to audition for the junior musical. This musical is a shortened, usually, one hour musical.

The students audition at the beginning of Summer term and then rehearse on Tuesday and Friday afternoon from after school through till approx. 5.00pm, in both the Summer and Autumn terms.

Previous Junior Musicals performed:

2014 Into The Woods Jr, 2016 The Little Mermaid Jr, 2018 Aladdin Jr

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