



# MUSIC INFORMATION GUIDE

Students of all musical abilities are welcome to become involved in the Co-Curricular Music program.

## INDIVIDUAL LESSONS

Private tuition is available to students during the school day with students attending a 30-minute lesson once a week. Days and times vary and lessons will be on a rotating timetable so that students do not miss the same classroom lesson every week.

The following instruments are available: trombone, tuba, trumpet, French horn, euphonium, saxophone, clarinet, bass clarinet, oboe, flute, double bass, cello, viola, violin, voice, classical guitar, electric guitar, piano, electric bass, drums and percussion.

Students who participate in individual lessons are expected to join an ensemble.

## ENSEMBLES

Our Music program provides a diverse range of ensembles (bands, choirs, drum corps, small ensembles and groups).

Beginner students are invited to attend rehearsals in the first semester and participate when ready.

Inclusion in some ensembles requires an audition.

## FEES

The annual Music Fee is \$100. Individual lessons are charged separately. Performance uniforms are an additional cost and must be purchased from JSXpress.

## COLLEGE MUSICAL

The College Musical production is a major biennial event. Students audition for performance places, while backstage, make-up, stage crew, lighting, sound and costume teams are also required.

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## CONTACT DETAILS

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### CONCERT BAND (All year levels)

This band covers a variety of musical styles including movie themes, rock and classical and regularly perform at school events and external competitions such as ABODA. All students in Concert Band are involved in events where orchestra is performing.

### BIG JAZZ BAND (Audition Entry – All Year levels)

Big Jazz Band focuses on Big Band, Stage Band and Jazz arrangements. They perform at school events and work towards competing at ABODA.

### ROCK BANDS (Audition Entry – Years 8–12)

These small rock groups provide students an opportunity to focus on popular and rock songs. They will be determined depending on group availability and instrumentation within year levels.

### WIRE CHOIR (All Year levels)

This electric guitar ensemble focuses on guitar based music and includes a bass player and drummer. Wire Choir performs at school events including Cabarets, Showcases and Rock Band events.

### FESTIVAL CHOIR (Year 7)

This preparation choir aims at introducing students to group singing and performance. The group primarily prepares for performance at the annual Catholic Schools Music Festival at the Adelaide Festival Theatre, and is also involved with some combined choir performances at the College.

### CABRA CHORUS (Years 7–9)

This choir introduces students to part singing and performing. Focussing on a range of different styles of music, they perform at school events including Chamber Concerts and combined choir events.

### BOYS CHORUS (All year levels)

This choir provides an opportunity to sing in an all-male ensemble, performing at school events such as Chamber Concerts, Cabarets and combined choir events.

### CABRA SHOW CHOIR (Years 8–12)

This is a larger choir that performs repertoire across a range of styles. The ensemble represents Cabra at a variety of school and community events such as Showcases, Masses and Cabarets.

## SPECIALIST JAZZ VOCAL CHOIRS

### (Audition Entry – Years 8–12)

Students have the opportunity to audition for one or two of our smaller jazz choirs such as Harmony or Soul Train. These Jazz Vocal Choirs perform a range of music from jazz to pop at school and community events including Cabarets, Showcases and Masses. They may also have the opportunity to compete in a range of external competitions. All students involved in these choirs are also required to be a part of the Show Choir.

## BEGINNER DRUM CORPS (Years 7–9)

This is a one year program tailored specifically to building the skills required to join Junior Drum Corps.

## JUNIOR DRUM CORPS (Audition Entry – Years 8–12)

This is a feeder group that focuses on further advancing skills to enable the possibility of the student to join the Senior Drum Corps. All students in this ensemble also attend a weekly sticks training session.

## SENIOR DRUM CORPS (Audition Entry – Years 10–12)

As Cabra's most advanced drum corps ensemble, students are involved in a range of events that have previously included ABODA, Adelaide Fringe, Catholic Schools Music Festival, SANFL Grand Final and Christmas Pageants. Students involved in Senior Drum Corps are welcome to attend a weekly sticks training session, and this is an expectation for those who do not take individual drum lessons.

## PRODUCTION CREW

This is a dedicated group for learning about sound and event production. This group supports school events by setting up and managing PA, sound, equipment and video.

## ORCHESTRA

Concert Band, Wind Ensemble, String Ensemble and Brass Ensemble join together for events where the Orchestra is scheduled to perform.

## COMBINED CHOIR

All vocal ensembles including Festival Choir, Cabra Chorus, Boys Chorus, Show Choir, Harmony and Soul Train join together for major school events and concerts.

## GUITAR ENSEMBLE (All year levels)

This acoustic guitar ensemble focuses on popular and chamber music and performs at school events such as Principal's Tours and Chamber Concerts.

## STRING ENSEMBLE (All year levels)

Performing at school events such as Principal's Tours and Chamber Concerts, this ensemble focuses on string-based popular and chamber music. Instruments included are violin, viola, cello and harp. Members may also have the opportunity to participate in the Combined Strings Orchestra with other Catholic Schools. All students in String Ensemble are also involved in events where the Orchestra is performing.

## WIND ENSEMBLE (All year levels)

This ensemble performs at school events including Principal's Tours and Chamber Concerts and focuses on woodwind-based popular and chamber music. Instruments included are clarinet and flute. All students in Wind Ensemble are involved in events where the Orchestra is performing.

## BRASS ENSEMBLE (All year levels)

Performing at school events such as Principal's Tours and Chamber Concerts, this ensemble focuses on brass band-based music. Instruments included are trumpet, trombone, French horn, euphonium and tuba. All students in Brass Ensemble are involved in events where the Orchestra is performing.

