CABRA Dominican College



Information Guide

Music

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, with lessons on a rotating timetable so that students do not miss the same classroom lesson every week.

Specialist tutors are engaged to provide lessons on their instrument/voice. A full list of instruments is available on the nomination form.

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).

Joining an ensemble is a fantastic way to further musical ability and is also a great opportunity to meet like-minded students outside of class groupings.

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 $120. Individual lessons are charged separately. Performance uniforms are an additional cost and must be purchased from the Uniform Shop.

College Musical

The College Musical production is a major biennial event. Students audition for roles in Semester 2 of the preceding year, with performances held in mid Term 2.

Co-Curricular Ensembles

Concert Band (All Year Levels)

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

Year 7-9 Band (Year 7–9)

This group is designed to provide beginner instrumentalists with an opportunity to learn the fundamental ensemble skills required to join Concert Band.

Jazz Combo (Audition Entry, All Year Levels)

This ensemble extends students skills in the genres of jazz, soul and blues. Brass, woodwind, and rhythm section instruments are all welcome and auditions may be required for instruments where places are limited.

Rock Bands (Audition Entry, Year 8–12)

These small rock groups provide students with an opportunity to focus on pop and rock songs. They are determined depending on group availability, experience and instrumentation.

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 a 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.

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Cabra Chorus (Year 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.

Cabra Show Choir (Year 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.

Soul Train (Audition Entry, Year 8–12)

A Jazz Vocal Choir that performs a range of music from jazz to pop at school and community events including Showcases, Masses and external events. All students involved in this choir are expected to be a part of the Show Choir.

Beginner Drum Corps (Year 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, Year 8–12)

This is a feeder group that focuses on further advancing skills to enable the possibility of students to join the Senior Drum Corps. All students in this ensemble have the opportunity to perform at both school events and external performances.



Senior Drum Corps (Audition Entry, Year 9–12)

As Cabra's most advanced drum corps, 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.

Production Crew (Year 8–12)

This group is dedicated to learning about sound and event production and 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.

Guitar Ensemble (All year levels)

This acoustic guitar ensemble focuses on popular and chamber music and performs at school events such as Showcases 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 pop and chamber music. Instrumentation includes violin, viola and cello, and a piano accompanist of Grade 5 AMEB level or equivalent (by audition). 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 Showcases and Chamber Concerts and focuses on woodwind–based pop and chamber music. Instrumentation includes 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 Showcases and Chamber Concerts, this ensemble focuses on brass band–based music. Instrumentation includes trumpet, trombone, French horn, euphonium and tuba. All students in Brass Ensemble are involved in events where the Orchestra is performing.