

# The Arts

**THE ARTS: DRAMA** – Subject Type: Split; 1 Semester or Full Year

This course aims for students to experience the elements of Drama as a performing art in a way that is current and relevant. Students learn to explore their own creativity through an understanding of the fundamentals of performing arts theory, practice and performance techniques.

Students work collaboratively in improvisational and group-devised activities. They demonstrate their understanding of play analysis and develop confidence in their own skills by participating in a whole group performance to a peer audience, either in an on-stage role as an actor, or an off-stage role as a theatre practitioner.

They will also view live theatre as an audience member as part of their studies and learn to critically evaluate, analyse and reflect upon the dramatic works created by themselves and others in written and oral theoretical tasks.

**Pathways** – Year 10 Drama; Youth Theatre Ensemble

**THE ARTS: GENERAL MUSIC** – Subject Type: Split; 1 Semester or Full Year

The General Music course is designed for students who have not yet started lessons to learn a selected instrument as well as those who have already begun learning an instrument (which can include voice). Students learn about and develop music knowledge, basic techniques, skills and processes to explore music practices and to make music, which can include singing. Students explore, respond to, analyse and interpret music.

Students take part in a variety of practical musical activities, which involve instruments including percussion, guitar and keyboard. The theory component covers basic music theory concepts.

**Pathway** – Year 10 Music

**THE ARTS: SPECIALIST MUSIC** – Subject Type: Split; Full Year

The Specialist Music Program offers successful Year 8 graduates the opportunity for further performance opportunities, as well as an intensive study of music. We strive for a tradition of excellence and achievement in Music, and a program that is vibrant and innovative.

## **Specialist Music Entry into Year 9**

Entry into Year 9 Specialist Music will be dependent on the grade achieved in Year 8 Specialist Music, as well as the level of commitment to the underlying principles of our PASS Specialist Music Program.

### **Specialist Music students:**

- Are committed to the intensive study of music within the context of a balanced music education.
- Are committed to the Specialist Music Program from Years 8 to 12.
- Attend all Instrumental Music lessons and retain a high grade

- Intend to study Music to SACE Stage 2 (Year 12).
- Participate in school ensembles/bands (lunchtime and/or after school), attend rehearsals and performances outside of school hours.

Topics covered in this Music Program include:

- Extended Music Theory
- Further Aural Training and Development
- Extended Composition and Arrangement
- Concert Practice
- Solo and Ensemble Performance

### **Note**

All Specialist Music students MUST undertake Music Instrumental Lessons either at school through the regional Instrumental Music Service or through a private teacher.

All students must attend Concert Band rehearsal after school 1 day per week.

### **Pathway - Year 10 Music**

THE ARTS: VISUAL ARTS AND DESIGN - Subject Type: Split; 1 Semester or Full Year

Visual Arts encompass a selection from the principle areas of:

- Painting
- Drawing
- Sculpture
- Printmaking
- Design
- Art appreciation

Students identify and compare the works of artists, their themes and media used. They develop and refine their skills in a range of practical areas and media. Students analyse, discuss and write about their own and others work, using appropriate terminology. Students keep a developmental work book and are encouraged to plan works, compiling preparatory and final sketches.

Students undertake a range of practical and theoretical tasks to demonstrate the development of concepts and ideas, exploration of media and experimentation, practical application, analysis and responding.

Pathways - Year 10 Visual Arts and Design; After School Arts Club