

Music at John XXIII College

Opportunities for Year 7 Students

Year 7 students are presented with many co-curricular opportunities in their first year at John XXIII College. Getting involved in Music is an excellent way to immerse themselves in the life of the College and build friendships with like-minded peers. Outlined below are the various ways Year 7 students can involve themselves in co-curricular Music. For further information, please refer to the Music Handbook or contact the Music Office.

Instrumental Tuition

Music is a compulsory classroom subject in Year 7, however, if students wish to learn an instrument at the College they will need to enrol in the Instrumental Tuition Program. Students receive 18 lessons per semester, which require them to come out of class for a 30-minute block each week. The cost is \$34 per lesson.

Students can choose from a variety of musical instruments (some of which can be hired) as follows:

WOODWIND	Flute, Oboe, Clarinet, Saxophone, Bassoon
STRINGS	Violin, Viola, Cello, Double Bass
BRASS	Trumpet, Trombone, French Horn, Euphonium
GUITAR	Bass Guitar, Electric Guitar, Acoustic Guitar
VOICE	Classical, Musical Theatre, Contemporary
PIANO	Classical, Contemporary
PERCUSSION	Drums, Orchestral Percussion

Enrolments will only be accepted up to the end of **Week 2, 2018**. Enrolments that are submitted after this date will not be processed until Semester 2.

Ensembles

There are a number of ensembles open to Year 7 students. All students who are enrolled in instrumental tuition at the College are expected to be part of an ensemble. Students who learn an instrument outside the College are also strongly encouraged to participate. Please see details of each ensemble below:

Treble Choir (*Year 7-9 boys and girls*)

The Treble Choir is an auditioned choir for students who enjoy singing and wish to perform choral repertoire in various styles. Auditions will take place on Wednesday 7 February from 3:15pm–4:15pm in the Gonzaga Barry Lecture Theatre (GBLT). Rehearsals are on Wednesday afternoons from 3:15pm–4:15pm.

Chapel Choir (*Year 7-12 boys and girls*)

The Chapel Choir performs liturgical music at all College Masses and Liturgical events. All are welcome (no audition necessary). The Chapel Choir rehearses on Thursdays before school from 8-8.30am in the Gonzaga Barry Lecture Theatre (GBLT), and perform at Community Mass every Friday from 8-8.30am. Interested students should contact the Music Office.

The **Wind Band** (intermediate level) and **Concert Band** (advanced level) are open to Year 7 students via audition. Auditions for Year 7 students will be held on Friday 2 February from 7:30-8.30am in the Performing Arts Centre (Rehearsal Room). Students can play a short piece of their choice for their audition. Students who are hiring an instrument need to pick one up prior to their audition.

Chamber Orchestra

The Chamber Orchestra is open to all Year 7 students who are learning a string instrument and entry is via audition. Auditions will be held on Wednesday 7 February from 7-8.30am in the MacKillop Room. Students need to sign up for an audition time and collect the audition excerpt at the Music Office.

Senior Guitar Ensemble

This ensemble comprises students who are learning guitar at the College with Mr Barry Weeks, but is also open to students who learn outside the College. Students need to speak with Mr Weeks if they wish to participate in this ensemble.

Percussion Ensemble, Flute Ensemble, Saxophone Ensemble, Clarinet Ensemble, Junior String Quartet

These small ensembles are available for students who wish to further develop their musicianship and ensemble skills. Students need to speak with their Tutor regarding participation in these ensembles.

Performance Opportunities

There are a number of performance opportunities for students who are enrolled in the Instrumental Tuition Program and/or involved in a College ensemble:

Twilight Recitals

Sunday evening recitals open to students learning an instrument.

Autumn Soiree / Spring Soiree

Concerts where all the College's large ensembles perform.

Music Eisteddfod

A College Eisteddfod that all students who learn an instrument are encouraged to enter.

Catholic Performing Arts Festival

Students may enter this festival as solo participants or as an ensemble.

Year 7 Music Recital

This recital will take place on Wednesday 14 November at 7pm in the GBLT. All Year 7s enrolled in the Instrumental Tuition program at or outside the College are strongly encouraged to perform.

And more.....

Music Camp

The Annual Music Camp is held in New Norcia during the first weekend of Term 3 (Friday 20 to Sunday 22 July, 2018). Students who participate in College ensembles are required to attend Music Camp. They rehearse in a relaxed and focused atmosphere and enjoy social activities each evening. It is a fantastic opportunity for ensembles to work towards upcoming performance events. **Please note: Students who are members of ensembles are automatically enrolled for music camp (unless otherwise advised) and a nominal fee is charged to their account.**

We look forward to having your child involved in Music at John XXIII College!

Please do not hesitate to contact us with any questions.

The Music Staff of John XXIII College