

MUSIC ENSEMBLES

Students may join one or more of the following groups:

CHOIRS

Senior Choir

Years: 9 - 12

Grammarphones

Years: 5 - 8

Chapel Choir

Years: 9 - 12

Britten Choir

Years: By Audition

BANDS

Wind Orchestra

Years: 8 - 12

Concert Band

Years: 5 - 7

Brass Ra-Zoo

Years: By Audition

Bamboozle

Years: By Audition

STRINGS

String Orchestra

Years: 8 - 12

Middle School Strings

Years: 5 - 8

Junior School Strings

Years: 3 and 4

SMALL ENSEMBLES

Clarinet Ensemble

Years: 7 - 12

Saxophone Ensemble

Years: 7 - 12

Percussion Ensemble

Years - By request

Brass Ensemble

Years: 7 - 12

MUSIC DEPARTMENT

PROGRAMME

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A **COMPREHENSIVE** MUSIC PROGRAMME

Newcastle Grammar has a proud tradition of musical achievement and dedicated Music Staff who encourage Students to compose and listen to the very best of their ability.

Music is encouraged from an early age and Students are given many opportunities to explore different instruments and styles of music. Music is a compulsory part of the classroom curriculum from Kindergarten to Year 8 and is offered as an elective subject from Years 9 to 12.

PRIVATE TUITION

Private Tuition is available to all Students enrolled at Newcastle Grammar School. This may be Instrumental, Voice, or Speech & Drama. Smaller Students obviously are restricted on the variety of instruments they can choose to play. Some of the more suited instruments are Piano, Fife, smaller-sized Violin, Viola and 'Cello and small-sized Guitars. Private tuition is also available for the following instruments: Clarinet, Flute, French Horn, Guitar, Oboe, Percussion, Saxophone, Trombone, Trumpet, Tuba etc. Instruments are available for hire from the Music Department. Voice Tuition and Musicianship classes are also available. Application forms are available from the Office or the Music Department.

JUNIOR SCHOOL MUSIC PROGRAMME

Junior School Students are all involved in class music lessons for thirty minutes every week. As well, they are in one of the three choirs - Minims, Semitones and Tones which rehearse for thirty minutes every week.

Choirs from the Junior School perform regularly at major School calendar events. Variety Night is an evening featuring musical items from all Students in the Junior School. End of Term Assemblies, an Easter Breakfast, Founders' Day and Grandparents' Day all provide opportunities for students to perform.

In addition to the weekly Music lesson, Students in Year 3 and 4 are all allocated a string instrument (Violin, Viola, 'Cello or Double Bass) and undergo weekly small group tuition for two years on their instrument from a team of specialist players. During the year, Students participate in workshops and concerts with guest tutors.

MIDDLE SCHOOL MUSIC PROGRAMME

As part of the Middle School curriculum, all Students in Years 5 and 6 have music lessons and are involved in a Wind and Brass programme where they have an opportunity to try an instrument for a year. Keyboard classes are offered as part of the curriculum to all Year 7 Students in a Keyboard Laboratory. In Year 8, the practical component entails learning the Guitar. Students may also join the Middle School Concert Band or Choir (*Grammarphones*).

SENIOR SCHOOL MUSIC PROGRAMME

Students are offered Elective Music in Years 9 & 10 and, in Years 11 & 12, both Course Music I and Music II and Extension are offered. All Students who undertake Music Electives are encouraged to be involved in the School's co-curricular programme and are given many performance opportunities.

CO-CURRICULAR MUSIC PROGRAMME

The co-curricular programme involves the majority of Students. An annual camp is held away from the School for all Students (Years 7-12) who are part of a music group or choir. This gives them an enjoyable opportunity to devote time to making music.

CHOIRS

A number of auditioned and non-auditioned choirs exist throughout the Junior, Middle and Senior Schools. All choirs are given the chance to perform during the year, notably during the end-of-semester concerts and at major ceremonies and School events. Choral groups have contested successfully in many of the Sydney and Newcastle Eisteddfods in previous years.

ORCHESTRAS

There are several ensembles throughout the School, including a Senior String Orchestra, a Middle and Junior School String Orchestra and Senior and Middle School Concert Bands. There are opportunities to perform at functions both in and outside the School, including the Newcastle Show and at Christ Church Cathedral.

JAZZ BANDS

Brass Razoo and Bamboozle are our senior and junior jazz bands, made up of enthusiastic musicians from Years 7 to 12. Brass Razoo competed in the Aurora Festival in Christchurch, NZ, and were the only competitors to win a Gold award.

MUSIC SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAMME

Talented Students may apply for Music Scholarships for entry into Years 5, 7 or 11. Application details are on the School's website. Music Scholarship Holders' concerts are held twice a year where these Students are able to showcase their talents.

YEAR 10 MUSICAL PRODUCTION

Students from Year 10 produce an annual musical. Many different and challenging productions have been performed over the years, including most recently: *Sweeney Todd* by Sondheim, *His Majesty's Pleasure*, *Little Shop of Horrors*, *The Pajama Game*, *Fame*, *Les Miserables* and *Pippin*. This is a great experience for all Students concerned, giving them the chance to work together outside the classroom.