



MUSIC

Music Handbook

2015

MUSIC DEPARTMENT MISSION STATEMENT

To create a caring environment for all people to grow in their faith in Jesus Christ

To ensure music lessons, choir, band and orchestra rehearsals reflect our biblical standards.

To worship God, and honour Him in all we do.

Music at Mueller College involves over 500 students of the College population and is one of the largest co-curricular activities in the school. Our Mueller College Music Department staff is some of the finest musicians recognised nationally and internationally. The philosophy of our music program is inclusive and non-competitive. We aim to encourage our students to achieve at their highest level and to worship God. We delight in giving encouragement for all their endeavours and recognise this as an integral part of their growth.

Mr Renat Yusupov

Director of Music

INSTRUMENTAL PROGRAM

It is compulsory that all students enrolled in the instrumental music program participate in a College ensemble. This includes Concert Band, String Orchestra and Choir.

Students accepted for the Mueller College Music program are expected to:

- » Show evidence of regular and adequate practice.
- » Attend weekly lessons provided by the instrumental teachers.
- » Attend rehearsals of the school orchestra/band/ensemble.
- » Attend any rehearsals for performances organised by the Music Department.
- » If ensemble rehearsal is missed for any reason, a written letter from parents is required.

WITHDRAWAL OF TUITION

The Music Department reserves the right to withdraw tuition if the above requirements are not met. If your student no longer wishes to participate in the instrumental program one full term's notice of intention to discontinue tuition or payment of one term's fees in lieu of notice is required.

FEES

Tutors provide eight 30 minute (Primary) or 40 minute (Secondary) lessons per term. Cost for instrumental tuition is:

- » **All instruments - \$250 per term**
- » **Music Theory - \$95 per term**
- » **Group Lessons - \$185 per term** (subject to availability)

LESSON TIMES

Lesson times are allocated by the respective Tutor. They are usually during class time, although preference for times during lunch or before and after school will be given to Senior students or students with special needs.

NOTICE OF ABSENTEEISM

If for any reason a student is unable to attend a lesson, the instrumental tutor must be notified by 8am on the day of the lesson. If notification is not given, the lesson will be charged for and not made up.

INSTRUMENT

There are only a few instruments taught at the College that are available for hire at a cost of \$40 per term. It is preferred that students purchase their own instruments. We are able to provide details for instrument purchase/hire from outside agencies. Students must take full responsibility for all costs associated with all necessary servicing or repairs of any music equipment, regardless of whether it is their own instrument or school property. Mueller College shall not be liable for any damages or loss of any kind, related to your music instruments.



PERFORMANCE PROGRAM

The Mueller College performance program gives students an opportunity to develop their performance skills, to play and perform in front of fellow students, teachers and parents.

Lunch time concerts are held throughout the year.

TERM 1

- » Music camp in the first term of school year - All core ensembles are involved

TERM 2

- » Anzac Day performance April 25th - Marching band
- » Mueller College Fete in May - All ensembles from Primary to Secondary school
- » Secondary Concert - Music extension students and ensemble program
- » Queensland Youth Music Award competition in May – Primary and Secondary ensembles
- » Primary School Music Concert

TERM 3

- » Mueller College Showcase – Secondary ensembles
- » Annual Music tour – all core ensembles
- » Secondary Chapel in August week 6 of Term 3
- » Music and Art café - Performance by Year 12 Music and Music Extension students

TERM 4

- » Musicfest by Prestige music – All ensembles Primary and Secondary
- » Mueller Music Showcase
- » Primary choir performance at Morayfield shopping centre
- » Presentation Night – Secondary ensembles
- » Music and Art café - Year 11 Music Students

ENSEMBLE PROGRAM

The ensemble program gives singers and instrumentalists opportunities to develop ensemble skills, to play and perform with others, and to have fun. Making music with others brings with it great joy, but also responsibility to others. A special feature of the ensemble program is the commitment to performing with renowned musicians throughout the school year.

There is an ensemble for each student whatever the age or developmental stage. From chamber groups to full scale orchestral ensembles, Mueller College provides access to high quality group music making. There are several core ensembles which cater for the broad range of students. These include:

String program

- » Year 3 string program
- » Beginner String Orchestra (Years 2 and 3)
- » Primary String Orchestra (Years 3 - 6)
- » Senior String Orchestra (Years 7 - 12)

Band and orchestra program

- » Primary Band Program (Years 5 and 6)
- » Primary Concert Band (Primary students)
- » Senior Concert Band
- » Guitar Ensemble
- » Percussion Ensemble
- » Mueller College Orchestra



"Its easy to play any musical instrument all you have to do is touch the right key at the right time and the instrument will play by itself."

J.S. Bach

Choral

- » Primary Choir (Years 3-6)
- » Secondary Choir (Years 7-12)

Ensembles can be created to suit the special interests of students. A staff member will be available to assist with rehearsals, logistics and performances.

Senior Ensembles Audition/Interview

Auditions and Interviews are held in the first three weeks of the calendar year for all Secondary students.

Junior Ensembles Audition/Interview

Students are auditioned in the first two weeks of the new calendar year.

ENSEMBLE OBLIGATIONS

As the fostering of life skills is part of our goal, members of our music program are expected to be courteous, punctual, reliable, responsible and self-disciplined.

Inability to attend rehearsals or performances must be negotiated with the conductor. Regardless of the reasons for absence, students may be excluded from a performance if there has been an absence from rehearsals, especially those close to a performance.

The consequences for not fulfilling the College's expectations may include being excluded from a performance, being excluded from the ensemble. Parent's support of these expectations is essential.

All members of the College ensembles are encouraged to have regular lessons with a recognised music teacher, not necessarily at Mueller College.

ENSEMBLE REHEARSAL PREPARATION

Notes and rhythms should be learned as much as possible before the rehearsal. Music should be taken home and practised so that the rehearsal can focus on putting all the parts together as well as a unified approach to interpreting the music.

PERFORMANCE ATTENDANCE

Ensembles are teams where all members are dependent on each other. If students are unable to attend a performance for a very good reason, parents must inform the conductor in writing as soon as possible prior to the event.

APPLICATION FOR INSTRUMENTAL TUITION

*Please complete and return to Music Department
Level 4, MPAC, 75 Morris Road, Rothwell.*

Student Name: _____

Year: _____ **Form Class:** _____

Please select: Individual Lessons Group Lessons (subject to availability)

Instrument to be studied: _____

Teacher preference (if there are more than one teacher teaching the instrument you have chosen please indicate your preference)

Do you own an instrument to practice on? _____

Parents Name: (Mother): _____ **(Father):** _____

Email address: _____

Contact Phone: (work) _____ (Home): _____

Mobile Phone: _____

Title and name for invoicing: _____

Mailing Address: _____

I wish my son/daughter to commence instrumental music tuition. I have read and agree with all elements as stated on the Mueller College Instrumental Tuition terms and conditions. I am aware of Mueller College Music Departments policy regarding fees, lesson and ensemble attendance, individual practice and the terms of discontinuation of tuition.

Signature of Parent/Guardian: _____ **Date:** _____

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OFFICE USE ONLY

Student Name: _____ **Tutor Name:** _____

Commencement Date: ___ / ___ / ____ **Whole or part term:** _____

Instrument: _____ **Hire / Own:** _____

Timetable Issued: YES / NO

Accounts Notified: YES / NO

Knowledge and Obedience in Christ 1 John 2:3

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