



2021

Co-curricular Music Handbook

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Overview

The Instrumental and Choral Co-curricular Music Program provides tuition during school hours in Woodwind, Brass, Percussion and String instruments. Ensemble experience is provided through participation in Symphony Orchestra, Symphonic Winds, Concert Band, Stage Band, Percussion Ensemble, String Orchestra, Chamber Strings, Mezzo Strings and other smaller groups outside of school hours or during the lunch hour. Attendance at these groups is compulsory and an integral part of the Instrumental Program. Tuition classes take place on a small group basis with 3-6 students of similar ability level learning together.

Alongside the instrumental program, students also have the option to become involved in the school vocal program with a large choir rehearsing weekly. Students can also audition for the smaller Senior Vocal Ensemble. These choral groups are open to all students in the school.

Another valuable experience exists for our Music Acceleration students who must also be involved in the instrumental music program, thus enhancing their knowledge, skills and understanding of the subject.

Objectives

The aims of this program are:

1. To provide opportunities for motivated musical students to develop musical skills via weekly group tuition and daily personal practice.
2. To provide opportunities for such students to experience performing instrumental and vocal music in large and small groups.
3. To provide an enriching dimension to the School's Music Program.

Music Department Staff

Administration

Tammy Gilmore Head of Department – The Arts

Instrumental Staff

James Kukulies	Woodwind
Tim Harris	Brass
Steve Stiller	Percussion
Alex Chin	Strings

Choral Staff

Kristy Hinch and Reni Papantoniou

You are encouraged to forward any questions to Tammy Gilmore at tjilm14@eq.edu.au.

Tuition

Indooroopilly State High School offers comprehensive tuition in the following areas:

Woodwind:	Flute, Oboe, Clarinet, Bass Clarinet, Alto Saxophone, Tenor Saxophone, Baritone Saxophone
Brass:	Trumpet, French Horn, Trombone, Euphonium, Tuba
Percussion:	Tuned and Untuned Percussion
Strings:	Violin, Viola, Cello, Double Bass

Tuition is available in the following format:

- Students receive instruction in small groups of 3-8 students
- Lessons are 35 minutes in duration
- Lessons are offered on a rotational timetable to ensure students do not miss the same lesson each week
- Timetables are available from the Instrumental Music room in M Block – rear entrance of the School Hall – for each student to collect. Master copies will be placed on the window of the Instrumental Music room and in student services.
- In the instance of a lesson absence, it is the responsibility of the student to find out what work was missed and to catch up
- It is **compulsory** for all students receiving tuition to participate in a **school ensemble** as soon as technically ready

The Department of Education states that students are entitled to have tuition on one instrument. Students learning a second instrument outside of school may be permitted to participate with a designated ensemble only if there is a position available and the student is at the appropriate level on that instrument. Students may be permitted to learn a second instrument only on the request of the teacher to meet ensemble balance requirements.

Ensembles

Indooroopilly State High School offers several musical ensembles:

<u>Symphonic Winds</u>	(Woodwind/Brass/Percussion)	<u>Auditioned Group</u>
Concert Band	(Woodwind/Brass/Percussion)	
Stage Band	(Saxophone/Trumpet/Trombone/Rhythm section)	
Percussion Ensemble	(Tuned and Untuned Percussion)	
String Orchestra	(Violin/Viola/Cello/Double Bass)	
Mezzo Strings	(Violin/Viola/Cello/Double Bass)	
<u>Chamber Strings</u>	(Violin/Viola/Cello/Double Bass)	<u>Auditioned Group</u>
<u>Symphony Orchestra</u>	(Strings, Brass, Woodwind, Percussion)	<u>Auditioned Group</u>
Indooroopilly Voices	(SATB voice)	
<u>Senior Vocal Ensemble</u>	(SATB voice)	<u>Auditioned Group</u>

NB

- All members of Stage Band must also participate in either Concert Band or Wind Ensemble (except guitar, bass guitar and keyboard).
- All members of Symphony Orchestra must also participate in either Symphonic Winds or String Orchestra.
- Selected members of Percussion Ensemble will be invited to participate in either Concert Band or Wind Ensemble.

Rehearsal Times

Rehearsal Days/Times are subject to change each year depending on teacher itineraries.

All rehearsals will commence in Term 1, Week 3 of each school year.

Concert Band	Monday	7.30am
String Orchestra	Monday	7.30am
Chamber Strings	Friday	7.30am
Indooroopilly Voices	Thursday	7.45am
Symphonic Winds	Wednesday	7.40am
Symphony Orchestra	Tuesday	7.40am
Percussion Ensemble	Thursday	3.00pm
Mezzo Strings	Monday	3.00pm
Jazz Band	Friday	7.30am
Brass Ensemble	Friday	TBA
Senior Vocal Ensemble	Thursday	7.30am

Student Commitment

- Students are required to practice 15-30 minutes per day, 5 days a week.
- Attendance at all rehearsals and performances is compulsory.
- All absences must be explained through communication from parents.
- If a class exam is scheduled at an instrumental lesson time, it is the student's responsibility to see their instrumental teacher prior to school starting to organize a lesson change.
- Students must be in attendance at least 10 minutes prior to the start of a rehearsal.
- Students must be in attendance at least 30 minutes prior to all performances.
- Students are responsible for bringing their instrument, music and pencil to every lesson and ensemble rehearsal.
- Students are required to wear the Music uniform professionally and proudly at all performances.
- Students are expected to take good care of instruments and all school resources including print music and the Instrumental Music classrooms.
- Students are expected to collect and carry a copy of their instrumental tuition timetable and inform teachers in advance of the reason for absences.
- Students are expected to communicate promptly and clearly with the Conductor regarding any difficulties, problems or inability to attend rehearsals or performances.

Parental Commitment

- Provide support, encouragement and enthusiasm.
- Encourage your child to attend all rehearsals and performances.
- Encourage your child to practice regularly.
- Maintain instrument quality through regular servicing.
- Pay music levy promptly.
- Show enthusiasm by attending performances and functions.
- Provide the correct uniform as outlined in this handbook.

ISHS Attendance Policy

Where a student's absence is unexpected, Parents/Guardians are to phone Student Services before 9.00am on the day of the absence. The absence is then to be confirmed in writing upon the student's return to school. If a student is late, they must sign in at Student Services with a note from their Parent/Guardian before attending class. Students who need to leave school before 3.00pm must hand their note from their Parent/Guardian to Student Services before school or at break time and collect a Leave Pass. When it is time for the student to leave school they must show their Leave Pass to their teacher and sign out from Student Services before departing. Student attendance and absence figures appear on student reports at the end of each term.

Please communicate with Instrumental Music staff as well as student services for any student absence so that it may be recorded on the music roll. Teachers will be in contact should a student be absent for a prolonged period.

Instrument Hire

Our school possesses a limited number of instruments available for loan. Larger instruments such as Bass Clarinet, Tenor Saxophone, Baritone Saxophone, French Horn, Euphonium, Tuba and Double Bass are available for loan each year.

Smaller instruments such as Flute, Clarinet, Alto Saxophone, Trumpet, Violin, Viola and Cello are only available for a loan period of 12 months for new students commencing at the school. These students are then required to purchase their own instrument after the 12 month loan period has expired. This will ensure the continual support of incoming students and facilitate the growth of the Instrumental Music Program.

Instruments will only be issued to students after the completion of the *Co-curricular Music Student Registration Form*, *Instrument Loan Agreement Form* and after the music loan levy has been finalised. Please take special note of conditions covering loan of instruments as stipulated on the *Instrument Loan Agreement Form*. These forms are available from the Instrumental Music teachers.

Progress Report

Students and parents will receive a student report twice per year, at the end of the first semester and second semester. Here, students will receive their overall Level grading and criterion judgements. Parents are invited to be involved in their child's progress by communicating with the instrumental music staff. Communication from the school will be made immediately should a student be performing to an unacceptable standard, have irregular attendance, poor punctuality or inappropriate behaviour or attitude.

Performances

The major focus of the Co-curricular Music Program is on developing interest and encouraging achievement. This will be accomplished through public performances and competitions. Opportunities will be provided for performances both within the school and at external community venues. Performances will be outlined in school newsletters, letters sent home and flyers on the Music noticeboard. A minimum of 2 weeks' notice will be given for all performances. Attendance at performances is compulsory and students are required to wear full music performance uniform.

Camp

An annual music camp will occur early in the year (when possible) to build student confidence, foster strong peer relationships across ensembles and between the Junior and Senior school, accomplish a short study focus work for each ensemble, provide a small ensemble performance opportunity with peers and to build student's musicianship. Additionally the camp will focus on music literacy, technique and collaborative work. More detailed information about the music camp will be distributed at the start of each schooling year.

Music Levies

The Department of Education offers free instrumental tuition to its students. To maintain the high standard of instruction facilities a music levy is to be paid before inclusion in the Co-curricular Music Program each year. This levy covers the costs of the program to enable purchase and repair of instruments, the provision of music, music folders and banners as well as administrative costs related to the program for the year.

After return of the *Co-curricular Music Student Registration Form* and *Instrument Loan Agreement* families will be invoiced.

For budgeting purposes, **no refunds will be given through the year.**

Co-curricular Music Program

\$100 Instrumental Music only

\$100 Instrumental Music and Choral

\$50 Choral only

This fee allows students to participate in many ensembles. It covers ensemble music, photocopying, workshops, transport subsidies, competition fees, music folders, administration costs etc.

Instrument Hire

\$150 per instrument

This is a yearly fee to cover the service and repair to the instrument.

Percussion Levy (all percussionists)

\$50

This fee covers the maintenance and purchase of new equipment.

Co-curricular Music Program Shirt

\$35

Purchased at Administration.

Instrumental Music Performance Uniform

- ISHS Music Shirt
- Plain black trousers (no jeans or tights)
- Plain black leather or leather look shoes
- Plain black socks
- Long hair is to be neatly tied back from the face with blue or black hair bands

Indooroopilly Voices students are to wear performance black with highlights of blue and yellow (school colours) in accessories such as hair ribbons, ties, scarves etc.

It is expected that all students appear neat and tidy for all performances.

Withdrawal from the Program

The success of the school's performing ensembles relies on a strong student committed for entire school years. The enrolment numbers and fee payments form a part of the organisation and management of the program and ensure quality education for all.

In the instance that a student can no longer participate in the Co-curricular Music Program, the student/parent must contact the Instrumental Music Teacher or Choral Director involved. They will then be supplied with the document outlining the cancelation of enrolment in the Co-Curricular Music Program.

To avoid significant disruption to the balance of the school's performing ensembles and the generation of irrelevant formal reporting data, program withdrawals need to take place at the beginning or end of each school semester.

No refund of fees will be given for withdrawal from the program at any point through the year as this program is funded on an annual cycle.