



Welcome to Term 3!

Congratulations to all Instrumental Music students who attended the annual workshops. The students worked very hard over the course of a day and performed some amazing concerts after their workshop. A huge debt of thanks goes to the Instrumental Music teachers and other staff members who put so much effort into these valuable training days.

Benefits of Music Education

Music has the power to change lives. There are a number of documented studies that have shown that even simple exposure to Music education can impact a child's academic and social development in a number of ways, many of which are not explicitly taught in the curriculum.

Students of the arts learn to think creatively and to solve problems by imagining various solutions, rejecting outdated rules and assumptions. Questions about the arts do not have only one right answer.

Music education enhances teamwork skills and discipline. In order for an orchestra to sound good, all players must work together harmoniously towards a single goal, the performance, and must commit to learning music, attending rehearsals, and practicing.

Music education develops skills that are necessary in the workplace. It focuses on "doing," as opposed to observing, and teaches students how to perform, literally, anywhere in the world. Employers are looking for multi-dimensional workers with the sort of flexible and supple intellects that music education helps to create as described above. In the music classroom, students can also learn to better communicate and cooperate with one another.

Music performance teaches young people to conquer fear and to take risks, thus building their confidence and self-esteem. A little anxiety is a good thing, and something that will occur often in life. Dealing with it early and often makes it less of a problem later. Risk-taking is essential if a child is to fully develop his or her potential.

Reminder:

Mini Music Books

This year, we are continuing to use the My Mini Music Book curriculum across all year levels except for Prep. These books contain lesson materials as well as assessment items, and are used for the whole year.

As a part of this, students are expected to have their own copy of the Mini Music Book for their current year level. These books are available from the office for only \$7.

Due to copyright restrictions, pages from the book will not be photocopied for those students who do not currently have a book unless there are exceptional circumstances for doing so. Please contact Mr. Kerr if you have any questions or concerns.



Weekly Program

Tuesdays:

- **Woodwind, Brass & Percussion (Ms. Clifton)**

Thursdays:

- **Strings (Ms. Ruge)**
- **Junior Choir Years 1-2 (1st Lunch – Mr. Kerr)**

Fridays:

- **Senior Choir Years 3-6 (2nd Lunch – Mr. Kerr)**

