Duncraig
Senior High School

MUSIC PROSPECTUS

YEAR 7 2024

DUNCRAIG SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL MUSIC PROGRAM

The Duncraig Senior High School Music Program offers specialist music instruction for students in Year Seven to Twelve. The program includes class music, instrumental studies and ensemble performance.

Students may enrol in the program as:

- **Continuing Instrumental** (Continuing from primary school with flute, violin, viola, clarinet, trumpet, trombone, cello, baritone horn, euphonium or classical guitar)
- **Beginning Instrumental** (Offered according to need and availability. Places may be offered in low brass, percussion or saxophone)
- **Private Instrumental** (Enrolled in class music and ensemble only; *(This option is only for students who study an instrument outside of school with a qualified private tutor. Students must be able to play to an acceptable standard and be able to read standard music notation)*

All students in the Music Class are required to participate in a core ensemble.

All music students are assigned to an appropriate core ensemble. Students who are selected for beginner instruments will attend ensemble when their instrumental skills reach the required standard. In addition, there are select ensembles in which students may choose to participate.

Current ensembles are:

Core Ensembles

- Senior Concert Band
- Intermediate Concert Band
- Junior Concert Band
- String Ensemble
- Golden Guitars
- Silver Guitars

Optional Ensembles

- Jazz Band-*by invitation*

The positions available in Year Seven will be offered initially to students enrolling in the Continuing Instrumental stream. From there, beginner instrumental positions will be offered to students who have successfully completed the aptitude test, based on their scores, school report and acceptance of an instrument which will be offered by Instrumental Music School Services (IMSS) for 2024. Students who learn their instrument privately can apply for a class music only position and will also be required to attend ensemble.

ENSEMBLE MUSIC

Performance as part of an ensemble provides students with the opportunity for practical and creative expression. Ensemble performances are our most effective way of sharing the talent and achievements of our students and are presented in a variety of settings including festivals, concerts, and school-based performances.

Ensembles rehearse for one hour per week before or after school. Students enrolled in class music who are learning an instrument privately are required to attend ensemble as this contributes to their class music mark.

CLASS MUSIC

Class Music is compulsory for all students enrolling in the music program, and covers the topics of music literature, history, aural skills, musicianship, theory, and composition. Students in Years 7, 8, 9 and 10 are required to attend these classes, which provide important grounding in music studies. The course provides students with a variety of creative and academic activities and exposes them to a wide range of musical styles and genres. This helps to reinforce concepts taught in instrumental lessons and ensemble rehearsals and allows students the opportunity to further extend their knowledge through hands on practical and written activities. Students work in several areas including:

- Basic Music Knowledge: Beat, Rhythm, Pitch, Notation and Dynamics
- Aural skills: Pitch, Intervals, Tonality, Beat and Rhythm
- History: Western Classical Art Music, Jazz and Popular
- Composition: Creating and arranging pieces in a range of styles and genres
- Performance: Performing solo and in small groups

Class music occupies two periods per week in the student timetable, replacing one 'option' subject per semester.

BEGINNING INSTRUMENTAL STREAM

This stream caters for students who may wish to begin instrumental music studies in Year Seven. Applicants are required to sit a short aptitude test. No previous musical experience is necessary for the test.

Students may be offered places in the Beginning Instrumental stream based on the results of this testing, their school report, their physical suitability for the particular instrument and the availability of instruments as they are provided by IMSS.

It is anticipated that next year, beginning instrumental lessons *may* be offered in:

- Low Brass (trombone, euphonium)
- Orchestral Percussion

Voice, piano, and contemporary guitar are not offered.

Please note: flute, violin, viola, clarinet, trumpet and classical guitar are not offered as beginner instruments.

Students accepting a position in beginning instrumental lessons will also be required to participate in Class Music and will also be placed in Junior Band when their skills reach an appropriate standard.

CONTINUING INSTRUMENTAL STREAM

This stream caters for students who wish to continue learning an instrument with the Instrumental Music Schools Services (IMSS-previously known as SIM), which is a separate school within the Department of Education. Students who have been learning an instrument with an IMSS teacher in Year 6 at a government primary school are eligible (and encouraged!) to continue their instrumental study in Year 7.

Continuing Instrumental lessons are offered in:

- **Brass:** *Trumpet, Trombone and Baritone/Euphonium*
- **Woodwind:** *Flute and Clarinet*
- **Strings:** *Classical Guitar, violin, viola, cello*
- **Percussion:** *Orchestral Percussion*

Continuing IMSS students are expected to continue with the instrument they have been learning in primary school.

Flute/clarinet students may be offered the opportunity to change to saxophone.