



Mercy Catholic College

Music Information

2022



Music at Mercy is offered in two strands:

Classroom Music and Co – Curricular Music

Classroom Music

All girls study the mandatory course in Years 7 and 8. At the end of Year 8 students may choose Music as an elective subject for Years 9 and 10. Music is also offered in Year 11 and 12 including both the Music 1 and Music 2 courses.

The classroom Music Staff for 2022 consists of:

Ms Emma Bolton
Ms Joy Lee
Mr Matthew Robertson

Co – Curricular Music

Any interested students are encouraged to become involved in the wide range of optional musical activities at Mercy College. Girls who are studying Elective Music in Years 9, 10, 11 and 12 are expected to be involved in at least one co-curricular music group.

Private Tuition

Many instruments are available for individual study. A list of these instruments is outlined on page 6.



Mercy College Co-curricular Music Program 2022

Small Ensembles Program

String Ensemble – Director: Mrs Vardouniotis



The String Ensemble rehearses every Thursday morning in C34 from 7.30am – 8.30am. Any student who plays violin, viola, cello or double bass is encouraged to join.



Guitar Ensemble – Director: Mr Zarb

The Guitar Ensemble rehearses each Friday morning in C35 from 7.30am – 8.30am. Any student who plays guitar, bass or ukulele is encouraged to join.



Small Ensemble Fees:

Ensemble programs run for 9 weeks of every term. Ensemble fees cover the costs of external tutors who direct and manage the ensemble, sheet music, eisteddfod entry fees and external accompanists. **The 2022 fee for each ensemble is \$185 per Semester, paid using Qkr!** Fees are not refundable, as girls are expected to remain in their ensembles for the Semester.

Bands Program

Concert Band – Director: Mr Strykowski

The College Concert Band rehearses each Tuesday morning at 7.30am in the Flex and represents the school at a variety of functions throughout the year. Girls in the Concert Band must be receiving lessons on their instrument (either through the College or outside the College). At Mercy, band members have access to private tuition on a variety of instruments.



Stage Band – Director: Ms Bolton



Stage Band is a new ensemble which rehearses at 7.30am each Wednesday in C35. The Stage Band consists of a rhythm section (drum kit, piano, bass, guitar) and melodic section (brass, saxophone & other woodwind)



Band Fees:

The annual fee for Bands is \$165, paid through Qkr!

NB *The fee covers both Bands, should the students commit to both Ensembles.*

Choral Program

Pop Choir – Director: Mr Robertson



The Pop Choir requires a brief audition to determine students' voice types. All students are encouraged from Years 7 – 12 to join. The Pop Choir rehearses each Monday at lunch in the Flex. It is expected that all girls who are in the Pop Choir are committed to the weekly rehearsals and school events.

Choir Fees:

The Annual Choir fee is \$62

Music Camp 2022

The planning for Music Camp is underway – details will be provided in Term 2.

Ensemble Commitment

Mercy offers students the opportunity to develop as a musician through a range of school-based ensembles. Some of these ensembles are directed by the music staff and others are co-ordinated by external music tutors which come into the college on a weekly basis.



Students must honour the commitment to their chosen ensemble for a Semester. However, it is hoped that students will remain in the ensemble for the year. Year 7 students will be provided with a free introductory ensemble session during Term 1 to ascertain interest. A formal commitment will then be made from students wishing to continue in the ensemble program.

The Co-Curricular Music Staff for 2022 consists of:

Ms Emma Bolton

Music Teacher & Stage Band Director

Ms Joy Lee

Music Teacher & Liturgical Ensemble Director

Mr Matthew Robertson

Music Teacher, Co-curricular Music Coordinator & Pop Choir

Tutors:

Mrs Wendy Vardouniotis

String Ensemble – Violin & Viola Tutor

Mr Joseph Zarb

Guitar Ensemble – Guitar & Bass Tutor

Mr Mark Strykowski

Concert Band Director & Brass Tutor

Ms Patricia Amphlett

Singing Tutor

Ms Young Su Kim

Cello Tutor

Mr Mark Cropton

Clarinet & Saxophone Tutor

Mrs Judith Gee

Flute Tutor

Mari Wakaki

Piano Tutor



Private Instrumental Program

It is the school policy to facilitate private music lessons. All financial arrangements are made between the tutors, the students and their parents.

The following instruments are available for private tuition (subject to demand)

Piano	Flute	Clarinet
Voice	Trumpet/Brass	Saxophone
Guitar/Bass	Violin/Viola/Cello/Double Bass	

Lessons Fees:

Lessons are offered 1 x 30 minute lesson per week - the cost is \$42. Accounts for private music lessons will be issued by the tutor by Week 4 of each term.

Fees must be paid within 4 weeks of receiving the account. If fees have not been paid by the end of the term, students will not be allowed to continue lessons the following term. Lessons can be recommenced once the amount owed for the previous term has been paid.

The music tutor will sometimes order music books, etc. for the students. These costs are to be met by the parents and paid directly to the music tutor. Any students entering for practical examinations pay an entrance fee directly to the tutor who will organise details with the various Examinations Boards.

Please Note:

In the event of withdrawal before the examination, fees are not refundable from the Examination Boards. Music tuition fees are non-refundable.



Lesson Structure:

Lesson times are outlined to students at the commencement of term from the tutor. Tutors will email or message parents of the weekly lesson times. Weekly time tables of student lessons are also posted on the music notice board. It is the responsibility of students to check these times each week. Where possible seniors will be given lesson times outside of class time. For all other students, the tutor will rotate lesson times each week throughout the term so that students do not consistently miss the same classes. It is the responsibility of the student to catch up on any missed class work. All students must take their school diaries to every music lesson so that the tutor can sign the date and time of every lesson.

Missed Lessons

Students are required to give their music tutor ample notice (minimum of 48 hours) should they need to **reschedule a lesson – this includes school events e.g. excursions, exams, sports carnivals etc.** Students are responsible for informing their individual instrumental tutor. If the appropriate notice is received the lesson will be re-scheduled.

In the event of illness, parents are required to give the tutor as much notice as possible. If a student is absent from a lesson due to illness they will be expected to contact the tutor directly no later than 7.00am on the day of the lesson.

If a student leaves her instrument at home on the day of her lesson she must still attend the lesson. No student is to borrow another students' instrument.

Where a lesson is **missed with no explanation, the lesson will not be made up and the lesson fee will be charged.** Music tutors will contact parents informing them when lessons have been missed with no explanation.

Withdrawal from Program

If a student decides to withdraw from lessons, 4 weeks notice must be given in writing to the tutor and to Mr Matthew Robertson (Co-curricular Co-ordinator). Failure to do so will result in 4 weeks fees being payable.



For any further information and enquiries please contact Matthew Robertson

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MERCY COLLEGE CHATSWOOD - 2022

CO-CURRICULAR MUSIC CONSENT FORM

This form is to be filled out after reading The Music Information Booklet for 2022.

STUDENT NAME: _____

YEAR / TUTOR GROUP: _____

PARENT/CARER'S NAME: _____

PHONE NUMBER: _____

EMAIL: _____

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Please complete the relevant sections below:

* I would like **Private** lessons (30 min) _____ (name instrument/voice)

* I would like to join the **String Ensemble** _____ (name instrument)

* I would like to join the **Guitar Ensemble** _____ (name instrument)

* I would like to join the **Concert Band** _____ (name instrument)

* I would like to join the **Pop Choir** _____ (please tick)

* I would like to join the **Stage Band** _____ (name instrument)

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We have read the *Music Information Booklet for 2022* and we fully understand the policies regarding co-curricular music and related fees and we agree to these conditions.

Student's Name: _____

Student's Signature: _____

Parent's Name: _____

Parent's Signature: _____

Date: _____

Tutor/Ensemble Director Signature:

Co-curricular Co-ordinator Signature:

Date: _____

Date: _____