

# DISCOVER MUSIC



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**INSTRUMENTAL  
MUSIC  
PROGRAM**

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# Music is for Everyone

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At Catherine McAuley College we recognise that learning to play a musical instrument is a valuable activity in any student's development. Extensive research shows it is beneficial in the areas of:

- 🎵 Reasoning ability
- 🎵 Problem-solving skills
- 🎵 Maths and language performance
- 🎵 Memory capacity
- 🎵 Self-confidence and self-discipline
- 🎵 Social and teamwork skills

As such, we are committed to providing a high-quality instrumental music education, accessible to all families.

## Year 7 Instrumental Music Program

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Every Year 7 student at Catherine McAuley College participates in a semester-long instrumental program as a part of classroom music. This involves weekly lessons on a brass, woodwind or percussion instrument from a specialist teacher. The College provides students with an instrument to use

during the program. All students are also introduced to guitar during their music class time.

This intensive classroom and hands-on introduction to music provides students with the skills and confidence to develop their musical ability to the highest level.

## Beyond Year 7

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After the Year 7 classroom program, students can continue learning their instrument through the College. Continuing students participate in a College ensemble which complements the progress in their lessons.

Building on the Year 7 Program, this provides students with wonderful learning opportunities to develop musical skills, appreciation and expression, as well as possibilities for diverse community involvement.

## How does the program work?

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- 🎵 Students learn respectfully and cooperatively with teachers, conductors and other students.
- 🎵 Everyone demonstrates care and respect in the handling and maintenance of all instruments.
- 🎵 Students attend weekly lessons and large ensemble rehearsals, in addition to practising at home.
- 🎵 Students contribute actively to school and public performances during school time, as well as outside normal school hours.

## What instruments can we choose?

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Flute



Clarinet



Saxophone  
(Alto & Tenor)



Trumpet



Trombone



Euphonium



Percussion  
(Tuned & Untuned)



Guitar\*  
(Classical)



Piano\*\*



Voice\*\*

\* Guitar lessons are available to all students, however they incur a tuition fee from Year 7.

\*\* Piano and Voice lessons are available as a fee-for-service arrangement with no subsidy from the College.

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## What ensembles are available?

Ensembles are a vital aspect of students' learning and complement the instrumental lessons, allowing students to further develop their musicianship. Students in the Instrumental Music Program can participate in large ensembles such as the Coolock Concert Band, Coolock Junior Band, Coolock and St Mary's Choir, St Mary's Stage Band, a guitar ensemble at both sites and a percussion ensemble. Our choirs are open to anyone who enjoys having a sing – no experience necessary! Rehearsals and ensemble performances may take place outside school hours.

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## Lessons and timetables

Careful planning is undertaken when organising lesson groups to ensure students are at similar levels of development. Instrumental music lessons are scheduled to rotate through the timetable so that disruption to regular classes is minimised.

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## How much does it cost?

The Year 7 Program is fully-subsidised with no charge for tuition or instrument hire. The College provides considerable subsidies for students in Years 8 and beyond. The current\* parent contribution for tuition is \$180 and instrument hire \$80 for the school year.

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## Practice makes perfect!

Playing at home is an important part of learning an instrument. Students are encouraged to practise regularly.

\* Details correct at time of publishing | 1/3/2021





## **YES please, sign me up!**

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