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Secondary Signing Choir
Coupling the beautiful language of sign with choreographed movement and dance, the Choir performs a diverse range of music from Australian classics to international hits. All students who may or may not have signed are welcome, especially if they love to dance, move and express themselves in a unique way. This year they expect to perform at Beef 2012, RGS Music Festival and Carols in the Frame, amongst other events.
Director: Mrs Wendy Goldston

Senior Primary Vocal Choir
Throughout the year we perform at the Eisteddfod, Mothers Day Luncheon, Formal Assemblies, Music Festival and Speech Night.
Director: Mrs Sonya Whitehead

1–3 Choir
The Choir performs at the Rockhampton Eisteddfod, Mothers Day Luncheon, Music Festival and Primary Speech Night.
Director: Mrs Elisa Williams

Primary Rock Band
The Rock Band has entertained audiences at The Red & Black Mother’s Day Luncheon, School Discos, The Music Festival, Speech Nights and The Special Children’s Christmas Party annually since its inception and gives the students an opportunity to rehearse and perform both original and cover songs in a relaxed, fun environment.
Director: Mr Jason Rooks

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Music

Students develop, even master, their unique talents and gifts

The Rockhampton Grammar School conducts an extensive music co-curricular programme that involves students from Prep through Year 12. It is comprised of an instrumental and vocal tuition programme involving over 130 students and 13 visiting teachers in weekly individual lessons and a performance programme.

Ensembles meet weekly under the guidance of expert staff to rehearse and prepare for performances at events like the Rockhampton Eisteddfod, the Anzac Day march, school formal assemblies, Grammarians’ Recital Series concerts, a yearly musical production at the Pilbeam Theatre, the exciting RGS Music Festival and Primary and Secondary Speech Nights.

This brochure lists all the Junior and Secondary Music Ensembles including rehearsal times and contact information. Students are encouraged to participate in this important aspect of school life.

RGS Music Council

The music co-curricular programme is assisted by the RGS Music Council, a parent organisation that provides vital support for the staff and students. The RGS Music Council charges a small fee of $80 for all secondary students participating in the music co-curricular programme. The fee is capped at $160 per family.

Strings
Music Department – 3rd Floor
Islay Lee Learning Centre

String Orchestra
The String Orchestra performs at Eisteddfods, Music Festival, Speech Night, Formal Assemblies and other School functions. Open to all interested students. Students are recommended to have some prior and ongoing experience with playing a string instrument (violin, viola, cello, double bass)
Director: Miss Danielle Boto

String Ensemble
The String Ensemble is a small group of advanced players. The String Ensemble performs at Eisteddfods, Music Festival, GMC Recitals and other School functions. Open to interested students from the Secondary school. Audition may be required.
Director: Miss Danielle Boto

Middle School String Ensemble
The Middle School String Ensemble allows young secondary students to develop their string skills in a relaxed setting. Students should have some prior string experience.
Director: Miss Danielle Boto

Vocal Choirs
Music Department – 3rd Floor
Islay Lee Learning Centre

Senior Choir
The Senior Choir performs a variety of styles of repertoire and is open to all secondary students. The choir performs at Eisteddfods, Music Festival, Speech Night, Formal Assemblies and other School functions.
Director: Mrs. Elisa Williams
Accompanist: Mrs Sonya Whitehead

Chamber Choir
The Chamber Choir is a small vocal ensemble for advanced singers. The Chamber Choir performs at Eisteddfods, Music Festival, Speech Night, GMC Recitals and other School functions.
Director: Mrs Elisa Williams
Accompanist: Mrs Sonya Whitehead

Primary Bands

Senior Bands
Band Room – Level 1 Islay Lee Learning Centre

Stage Band
Stage Band is a contemporary Jazz ensemble which caters for Grammar Middle school students who range in abilities from new starter up to an approximate AMEB level of Grade 1 – 5.
Director: Mr John Hamilton

Concert Band
Concert Band caters for Grammar Middle school students who range in ability from new starter up to an approximate AMEB level of Grade 1 – 2.
Director: Miss Brienna Isokangas

Primary Concert Band
Primary Concert Band caters for entry level band students and is suited for students who are working within Book 1/2 of the Standard of Excellence or Essential Elements texts.
Director: Mr Nicholas Cavallaro

Primary Percussion Ensemble
Primary Percussion ensemble caters for students who are learning percussion in Years 6/7 from years 4 – 7. Students learning piano make very good percussionists as well. Students should supply their own drum sticks.
Director: Mr Nicholas Cavallaro

Jazz Ensemble
Jazz Ensemble is a small group of advanced secondary students. The group performs a diverse repertoire that explores leading jazz styles. This ensemble performs on School assemblies, Eisteddfods, Music Festival, Speech Night and at various School functions. Participation in the ensemble is by invitation of the director.
Director: Dr Phillip Moulds

Primary School

Years 1, 2, 3

Signing Choir
The Choir provides students with an opportunity to combine Signed English with dance and performance skills. Each year the choir of approximately 50 students, rehearse once a week, learning Auslan and dance moves to various songs. The choir also enters the Rockhampton Eisteddfod. Performances throughout the year also include formal assemblies, events outside the school and the Primary Speech Night.
Conductor: Adair Mehlhose

Years 4-7

Signing Choir
The Choir performs at Eisteddfod, Mothers Day lunch, Formal Assembly, Speech Night, Carols in the Space frame, and are invited to perform at Nursing homes and special services.
Conductor: Mrs Wendy Goldston