Secondary School

Co-curricular Music Programme

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Primary School

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
Friday mornings at 7:30am in the Theatre and during extended Morning Tea on Wednesday from 10:35-11am in Mrs Goldston’s room. These rehearsals are ONLY held during Terms 1, end of Term 3 (after the musical has ended) and Term 4.

Senior Primary Vocal Choir

Throughout the year we perform at the Eisteddfod, Mother’s Day Luncheon, Formal Assemblies, Music Festival and Speech Night.

Director: Mrs Sonya Whitehead
Tuesdays, lunchtime, Room P12

1–3 Choir

The Choir performs at the Rockhampton Eisteddfod, Mother’s Day Luncheon, Music Festival and Primary Speech Night.

Director: Mrs Elisa Williams
Fridays, 11:00 - 11:40, in the Music Department.

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
Tuesday mornings before school in the music (jam) room in the Islay Lee Learning Centre.

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Every opportunity.
Every student.
Every day.
**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 Twelve. It is comprised of an instrumental and vocal tuition programme involving over 130 students and thirteen 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.

**Grammarians’ Music Council**

The music co-curricular programme is assisted by the Grammarians’ Music Council, a parent organization that provides vital support for the staff and students. The GMC 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.

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**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:** Dr Michelle Waller  
**Tuesday 3:30 – 4:45**

**String Ensemble**

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

**Director:** Dr Michelle Waller  
**Tuesday 4:45 – 5:30**

**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:** Dr Michelle Waller  
**Wednesday 3:45 – 4:15**

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**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  
**Monday 3:30 pm – 4:30 pm**

**Chamber Choir**

The Chamber Choir is a small vocal ensemble for advanced singers. The Chamber Choir performs at Eisteddfods, Music Festival, Speech Night, GQC Recitals and other School functions.

**Director:** Mrs Elisa Williams  
**Accompanist:** Mrs Sonya Whitehead  
**Thursday 3:45 – 4:45**

**Junior 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:** Miss Catherine Arthurson  
**Monday 3:30 pm – 4:30 pm**

**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:** Mr John Evenhuis  
**Wednesday 3:30 pm – 4:45 pm**

**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:** Miss Catherine Arthurson  
**Thursday 7:20 am – 8:15 am**

**Primary Percussion Ensemble**

Primary Percussion ensemble caters for students who are getting drum lessons, or 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.

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**Jazz Ensemble**

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**Years 1, 2, 3**

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