Mt Maria College Mitchelton

Strong Mind – Compassionate Heart



INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC PROGRAM

A GUIDE FOR PARENTS AND STUDENTS

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Preface

Mt Maria College boasts a long and proud history of involvement in Instrumental and Vocal performances. This tradition continues with students having the opportunity to participate in a variety of exciting musical activities within Mt Maria College (MMC) and the local community.

Participation in these experiences can provide a number of benefits to the individual. Music provides students with experiences and skills that will benefit them throughout their lives. For example:

- ~ Learning to work in a team
- ~ Increased self-discipline and concentration
- ~ Enhanced problem-solving skills
- ~ Building self-esteem
- ~ Improved coordination
- ~ Accepting responsibility for their own progress.

Dr Anita Collins, *Bigger Better Brains (2021)*

Studying music and making music is good for your body. When playing instruments like wind, brass and vocal, students are taught regulation of breath and associate physiology. Music also nurtures creativity, builds empathy and helps people better express their emotions and manage anxiety.

At MMC we offer many opportunities to experience music in one way or another - whether it be listening to the tones of the ensembles, to being an important part of the ensembles.

"When I think of music, I think of how I express and showcase who I am, in a way that not even words can describe. This feeling of connection and emotion towards others, through the language that is music, creating sounds that harmoniously bless our ears."
RILEY, MUSIC CAPTAIN, 2025

We encourage new and continuing students to become involved in Instrumental Music. Co-curricular activities, particularly those relating to the Performing Arts, are often remembered as providing some of the most valuable experiences in one's school life.

"Music enhances brain development and learning capabilities. Being in ensembles strengthens community and enables the building of great friendships. It really is a rewarding experience."
INDIGO, PERCUSSION AND VOCAL, COLLEGE CAPTAIN 2024



Disclaimer

Please note that the information contained within this Handbook is subject to change, without notice. The most up-to-date copy can be found on the MMC website (Co-Curricular - Music).

Enquiries

Any enquiries regarding information contained in this handbook should be directed to the Music and Culture office:

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Student Commitments

In determining which Instrumental Music activities students will undertake, parents are asked to give careful consideration to the combined impact of these activities on curriculum learning outcomes and other commitments. As you choose activities, please ensure that your child will be able to meet all commitments. If you have any concerns regarding these choices please discuss them with our Music and Culture Programs Leader.








General Information



Types of Lessons

Instrumental Lessons

- 30 minute individual lesson
- 30 minute pair lesson (2 students only) **
- 30 minute group lesson (3 students) **

** not available for piano, vocal or guitar. Only available for students of similar skill levels - to be determined by IM teacher.

Private Music Lessons

Strings	Woodwind	Brass	Percussion*	Other
Acoustic Guitar Electric Guitar Bass Guitar Violin Viola Cello Double Bass	Flute Clarinet Saxophone Bassoon	Trumpet French Horn Trombone Euphonium Tuba	All students will learn orchestral tuned and untuned instruments and drum kit	Piano Voice Music Theory

*Percussion students will be advised by their teacher as to what equipment will be required at the commencement of their lessons.





Enrolment in Lessons - new students



To enrol your child in Instrumental Music or Vocal lessons, a parent/caregiver must complete the enrolment form found on the MMC website and included below. This should be completed as soon as possible so that a teacher and lesson time can be organised. Tuition cannot proceed until an online enrolment form has been received. On completing and lodging an enrolment form, where space is available, your child will be enrolled for lessons and will be notified when their lesson is scheduled.

Instrumental Music Link **Beginner Band Link**

Please note that at the beginning of every year we give the opportunity for Year 7 students to enrol in a P&F subsidised program called ***Beginner Band***. More information on Beginner Band on page 12.

Instrumental Music

Beginner Band

Changes to Lesson Status

Enrolment in Instrumental and Vocal lessons is perpetual. This means that enrolments will automatically roll over into the following term unless the relevant teacher is contacted by the parent/guardian to change one of the following:

- change from Pair to Individual Lessons
- cancel Enrolment

If changes are being considered, please discuss these changes with the student's teacher. After these discussions, if you wish to proceed with any changes, email the student's teacher to confirm changes *and 'cc' the Music and Culture Programs Leader* ***belinda.j.tucker@bne.catholic.edu.au*** *into this correspondence*.

MMC needs to meet its obligation with its visiting Instrumental Music teachers. Notification regarding any departures or major changes to lesson status should be ***at least four weeks*** prior to the end of lessons. Where notice has not been given, it is expected that parents pay for lessons in the new term (four weeks), even if the student chooses not to attend.

Lesson Procedures

Lessons are usually conducted during normal school hours. Lessons are organised on a rotating timetable to ensure that students are not missing the same academic lesson. Upon discussion with the Instrumental teacher, some students are issued with set lesson times which may occur before school, after school or at break times. If your child is involved in more than one instrument or lesson per week, then priority is given to them to have one set lesson. Senior musicians and students who are being actively assisted by Learning Support may also be offered a set lesson.

It is the responsibility of students to ensure that they bring their diary and music materials on the day of their lesson and to excuse themselves from class in time to avoid being late for lessons. Students are responsible for making up any missed classroom work.

Absence from Scheduled Lessons

When a student is absent from a scheduled lesson, an email will be sent by the teacher to the student's parents. This email serves to:

- inform parents about the absence
- notify when the student's next scheduled lesson is.

Teachers will be able to provide one rescheduled lesson per term. To be eligible for this **one** rescheduled lesson one of the following needs to occur:

- students inform their teacher of school exams, excursion/incursion, sports carnival etc **at least one weeks notice** prior to the scheduled lesson time. Any variation to this circumstance please contact Belinda Tucker at **belinda.j.tucker@bne.catholic.edu.au**
- if students are absent from school due to illness, on the day of the scheduled lesson, parents/guardians are asked to email the teacher directly, using their school email address and cc **belinda.j.tucker@bne.catholic.edu.au** before 7.15am
- all communication regarding absence from school needs to be emailed to the IM teacher from parents/guardians (emails to the Student Absentee Line are not forwarded to the Music and Culture office)

**Lessons missed without eligible notice will not be rescheduled and refunds will not be given.

Progress Reports

Parents receive two semester reports per year from the relevant Instrumental or Voice teacher. Teachers will prepare individual reports to be sent out at the end of each semester. These reports report on technique, tone production, music literacy, aural and performance skills, attendance and attitude. Individual participation in external music examinations or competitions, such as AMEB, Trinity and Trinity Rockschool, is encouraged and is entirely at the discretion of the student and parent/caregiver, in consultation with the IM teacher. Progress reports will be posted home.

Music Folders

Students enrolled in private music lessons and ensembles are expected to purchase a MMC music folder. These are available through the MMC Uniform Shop.

Instrumental and Vocal Exams

Instrumental/vocal teachers can prepare students for exams with an appropriate examining body such as AMEB and Trinity College. Fees for these exams will be advised by the teacher and must be paid directly to MMC who will organise the entry. A payment option in MSA will be made available.

Students of voice and orchestral instruments will require an accompanist for their exam. Payment of an accompanist fee to cover for exam and rehearsals leading up to and the exam will also be required. Your child's teacher can help organise this on their behalf. Exams are generally held at external venues.



Fees

Instrumental and Vocal fees are charged on a school term basis. For some Instrumental Music teachers, an invoice will be emailed for payment. Parents are reminded that the relevant professional body's industry fee is used as the basis for fee setting.

2024 Fees Schedule - Instrumental & Vocal Tuition		
Individual Lesson	30 minutes	$40
Groups of 2 *	30 minutes	$29 per student

*not available for piano, vocal or guitar lessons. Only available for students of similar skill levels - determined by Instrumental teachers.

Payment of Fees

Payment for Instrumental Music lessons will be added to school fees, on a per term basis. This is a major change to the payment process prior to 2026. If you have any questions, please contact Belinda Tucker (belinda.j.tucker@bne.catholic.edu.au).

Breakdown of lessons per term is as follows:
Term 1 - 8 lessons; Term 2 - 8 lessons; Term 3 - 8 lessons; Term 4 - 6 lessons (Year 12 students - 2 lessons only).



Instruments

Storage of Instruments

Students must provide their own instruments for lessons and it is highly recommended that they are insured. While at school, instruments will be stored in the Mackillop Music Office (Mac 1.01). If you need advice about buying or renting an instrument, please contact your relevant Instrumental Music teacher. **All instruments, cases and music folders are to be clearly marked with the student's name, class, phone number and some identifying mark/ribbon.** This will enable students to easily find their belongings and time won't be wasted looking for 'missing' bits and pieces.

School Instrument Hire

MMC has a limited number of instruments for hire to students participating in the instrumental ensemble program. These instruments may include: flute, clarinet, bassoon, saxophone, trumpet, French horn, trombone, euphonium, tuba, glockenspiel, violin, viola. Students in Beginner Band are offered instruments, at no cost, for the duration of this one-year program.

The instrument loan fee is $100 a year ($25 per term), which covers basic maintenance and upkeep. All hired instruments must be returned in good condition to the Music office immediately after completion of your child's final lesson/performance for the year. It is the responsibility of the student to cover the cost of any loss, theft or damage to the instrument (excluding normal wear and tear).

Hire forms are available from Mrs Niki Barry in the Music and Culture office (Mac 1.01) or by email **nbarry@bne.catholic.edu.au**.

Before hiring an instrument, parents and students must acknowledge that the instrument remains the property of MMC and is issued to the student subject to the following conditions:

1. The instrument is to be used by the student to whom it is hired and by no other person.
2. Every care and attention is to be given to the instrument during the period of the loan.
3. In the event of loss or damage, the circumstances are to be immediately reported to Mrs Belinda Tucker, Music and Culture Programs leader. It is the responsibility of the student's family to cover the cost of any lost, stolen or damaged instrument.
4. Instruments are to be returned by the end of the current school year.
5. Students are responsible for providing their own instrument accessories (eg reeds, rosin, cork grease, valve oil, etc). If you require information on where to purchase these accessories, please contact your teacher or the Music and Culture office **belinda.j.tucker@bne.catholic.edu.au**.





Instrumental Music Program

Co-Curricular Music



Commitment Expectations

Before lessons and Ensembles commence, all students, caregivers and private Instrumental Music Instructors need to be aware of the following expectations.

Students are expected to:

1. Attend their weekly lessons, bringing along all required materials and equipment.
2. Practice as directed by their Instrumental Music Instructor.
3. Be a member of a school Ensemble, attending Ensemble rehearsals and performances.
4. Attend all scheduled Ensemble rehearsals and performances.
5. Demonstrate a desire to continually improve.
6. Take responsibility for the scheduled lesson time.



Parents/caregivers are expected to:

1. Provide their child with a place and time for practice at home, away from distractions.
2. Monitor that student's instruments are brought home for practice.
3. Support the student with constructive, positive comments regarding their progress.
4. Monitor that your child has notified their Instrumental Music Instructor of any absences within the time parameters (page 7).
5. Check emails, BCE Connect App announcements, etc and read all communications from Instrumental Music - Teams page, OneNote, emails, broadcasts, etc.



Timetables will be issued by Instrumental Music teachers via email/Broadcast and in Teams. Students and parents/caregivers can email the Instrumental Music teacher if there are any questions, where possible. Students will be notified of any changes before a lesson.



Music Ensembles at MMC

MMC offers students the opportunity to become involved in a large variety of music ensembles, both instrumental and vocal. Ensemble performance involves the development of skills specific to the ensemble situation and incorporates knowledge and understanding of the music performed.



It is an expectation that all students learning an instrument participate in one or more core Ensembles. Ensemble membership enables students to progress on their instrument and provides performance opportunities to showcase their talents. Ensembles are a one-year commitment with a one-hour rehearsal every week. Ensembles are subsidised by the Activities Levy with no cost to families.

Students who excel in their core Ensembles may be invited to join an extension Ensemble. Students will remain in their core Ensemble to develop leadership skills.

Ensemble	Description	Type
College Choir	All students welcome	Core
Samaritan Singers	By audition	Extension
Concert Band	Must be currently learning an instrument	Core
Wind Band	Must be currently learning an instrument	Core
Beginner Band	New to ensembles and Instrumental Music	Core
String Ensemble	Must be currently learning an instrument	Core
Lavalla Strings	By invitation only	Extension
The Benedictines	Must be currently learning guitar	Core
Brass Ensemble	Must be currently learning an instrument	Extension
Champagnat Combo	By invitation only	Extension
Stage Band	By invitation only	Extension
Pelletier Percussion	Must be currently learning percussion. By invitation only	Extension
Drumline	Must be currently learning percussion. By invitation only	Extension
Rock Band Program	All students welcome	Community
Cinematic Symphony	By invitation only	Extension

Beginner Band Program



MMC offers a Beginner Band Program, targeted at Year 7 students. This program is open to approximately 30 students each year who wish to begin learning a woodwind, brass or percussion instrument. No prior experience is necessary. We also welcome students who have learnt an instrument before and would like to learn a different one. Students will have the opportunity to express interest during classes in the first week of term. The program is a year-long commitment, and as such, students are required to complete the full year of tuition. If a student changes their mind after payment has been made, there will be no refund awarded for the remaining tuition.

Lessons will be delivered in small groups (3-4) and charged at the reduced rate of $13 per lesson through the parents/caregivers College account. In addition to the lessons, there will be a weekly full band rehearsal. An instrument will be provided free of charge for the duration of this one-year program.

On completion of this program, students will have the chance to continue to learn their instruments and join the Wind Band. The Beginner Band Program is generously subsidised by the ***MMC P&F Foundation***.

Vocal Ensembles

MMC College Choir

The MMC College Choir consists of students from all year levels. The goal of the choir is to be inclusive of all students in our College. It provides the students with an opportunity to develop skills and pursue excellence is musicianship, vocal production and ensemble singing. The College Choir performs at school and community events and competes in the annual QCMF Festival.

Samaritan Singers

This choir consists of students who have **auditioned** to be part of a wonderful vocal ensemble. Auditions are held at the end of the school year in preparation for the following year. The goal of the Samaritan Singers is to provide the students with opportunities to develop skills and pursue excellence in musicianship, vocal production and ensemble singing. The group performs at school and community events, competes in Music Festivals and are great ambassadors for the College.















Bands

Concert Band

The Concert Band is a senior ensemble for players of woodwind, brass and percussion instruments. Our most experienced players are selected to be part of this band, performing a wide variety of repertoire from original band works to lyrical pieces to movie themes. The Concert Band performs at special assemblies, school concerts like Anzac Day and QCMF, and local community events.

Wind Band

The Wind Band is an intermediate concert band comprising players of woodwind, brass and percussion instruments. This band caters for developing musicians with the aim being to improve technical and musicianship skills in a larger ensemble. The Wind Band performs at school and community functions and QCMF.

Champagnat Combo

The MMC Champagnat Combo is a dynamic jazz, contemporary, commercial ensemble. This ensemble is by invitation only and members must be involved in other bands and ensembles across Instrumental Music. The ensemble performs at school, functions and concerts and participates in QCMF.

Cinematic Symphony Orchestra

The Cinematic Symphony Orchestra forms for special events throughout the MMC Calendar. It generally consists of Concert Band and Lavalla Strings bringing together beautiful orchestral music.

Stage Band

The Stage Band is an exciting jazz ensemble. This ensemble is by invitation only and members must be involved in other bands and ensembles across Instrumental Music. The Stage Band performs at school functions and QCMF.

String Ensembles

String Ensemble

This ensemble is designed for students who have had one or more years of tuition on their instrument. The String Ensemble is a wonderful opportunity to gather performance experience whilst building on skills and repertoire. They perform at school events and festivals each year.

Lavalla Strings

Lavalla Strings enables students in the upper intermediate and advanced stages of development to continue to build confidence and independence in an ensemble setting. Lavalla Strings plays regularly at school functions, concerts and festivals. They are sought after for their performances.

Guitar Ensemble



The Benedictines is an ensemble that caters for students who currently learn guitar and wish to develop guitar performance skills. The Guitar Ensemble performs a variety of repertoire including traditional and contemporary works. Acoustic and bass guitar positions are available in this ensemble. They compete at QCMF and perform at school and community events.

Brass Ensemble



Brass Ensemble is a musical ensemble consisting of trumpets, French horn, trombones, euphonium, baritone horn and a tuba. During performan,ces members from our Percussion Ensemble are invited to join the Brass experience. Our brass ensemble performs for school events as well as QCMF. To be a member of the Brass Ensemble there is an expectation that students are undergoing lessons in one of the above instruments.

Percussion Ensembles



Percussion Ensemble

The Percussion Ensemble consists of students ready to work on extending their skills and repertoire. Students in the Percussion Ensemble are students who have a current enrolment in private percussion lessons and are ready for the challenge that this ensemble affords them. This ensemble performs at school concerts and community events, as well as participating in festivals such as QCMF.



Pelletier Percussion

Pelletier Percussion is an extension ensemble and is by invitation only. This ensemble provides an opportunity for percussionists to learn and perform more challenging repertoire that aims to extend the percussionist's current skills and abilities. This ensemble performs at school concerts and community events, as well as participating in external festivals such as QCMF.



Drumline

2024 saw the introduction to our very own Drumline. This ensemble was generously donated by our P&F and has been utilised in Anzac Day services, our musicals, Awards Nights, Friday Night Lights, and QCMF. The Drumline ensemble is a marching band and is by invitation only.

Rock Band Program



The MMC Rock Band Program has taken off over the last couple of years. This program is open to all students who are keen to start up a band and see where it takes them.

Students have the opportunity to rehearse after school and at lunch times and be mentored by our Instrumental Music staff. In 2023 we featured three rock bands in our College live orchestral rock extravaganza where we performed both sides of The Beatles 'Sgt Pepper's Lonely Hearts Club Band' album. Our bands perform at school concerts, community events, as well as participating in external festivals and competitions such as QCMF, Battle of the Rock Bands competitions, the Bluesfest Busking Competition, just to name a few.

Our Rock Band Program has seen great success over the last few years. One of our bands, The Royals, have been particularly successful, winning the Bluesfest Busking Competition in 2024 scoring a recording and film clip session, along with other fabulous opportunities. They are still competing in competitions with great success and have released a few singles through the regular streaming platforms. They are going places.

The Rock Band Program gives students skills in performance, social media presence, band camaraderie, set lists, song writing, stage techniques and opportunities to perform in front of live audiences. The mentoring given allows the students to increase their skill levels so they can completely embrace the art of performance.

A new and exciting initiative was introduced in 2026 - Rocking the Suburbs. This allows young bands to play in an all ages and safe venue environment. A couple of these events occur per term and provide great experience and networking for students and their bands. Other local schools and bands are also invited and have the experience invaluable.

Students have the opportunity to take on lessons to hone in on their skills. There are studios to cater for many roles in a band, such as:

- vocal
- guitar
- piano
- percussion/drums
- violin
- brass
- woodwind

Printed Music and Folders

Ensemble music is issued to students by the Ensemble teachers. Due to copyright, all music must be returned to the Ensemble teacher prior to the end of the school year. All students are required to have a MMC Music folder. If folders are lost, a replacement folder must be purchased from the MMC Uniform Shop.

Ensemble Prerequisites

Ensembles require students to be undertaking lessons at MMC or with external teachers. College Choir and our Rock Band Program invites students who wish to be considered for the extension ensembles need to be prepared to participate in the core ensembles offered in the Instrumental Music Program.

Rehearsal/ Performance Clashes with Other Activities

When a student cannot attend a rehearsal because of a clash with another scheduled MMC activity, an email is required from a parent/caregiver outlining the clash and forwarded to the Music and Culture Programs Leader, the relevant ensemble director and co-ordinator of the conflicting activity. Every endeavour will be made to find a solution to the timetabling conflict, by all parties. It is an expectation that College performances take precedence over any extra curricular activity outside of school.

Rehearsal Times

Rehearsals for all ensembles are set at the beginning of each school year. These times vary due to staff availability and other activities within the school calendar. All rehearsals are conducted on the grounds of MMC, with the exception of some dress rehearsals at performance venues. This will be communicated via InForms, if this needs to occur. The length of each rehearsal is dependent upon the demands of each group and rehearsals occur either before school or after school. Parents/caregivers and students need to be aware that on very rare occasions there may need to be extra rehearsals and workshops after school and weekends. Students are expected to arrive at their rehearsal prior to the scheduled time so as to set up and be ready to commence rehearsal on time. Students are not given permission to leave the College to purchase foods outside of school grounds.

Consistent attendance at rehearsals is expected. If students are unable to attend, communication with the Music Program Leader and Ensemble conductor needs to occur with at least 24 hours notice, or earlier, if possible.

Performance Uniform

2024 saw MMC Instrumental Music introduce a new Performance Uniform. Students performing in Instrumental Music ensembles, choirs, bands and groups are required to wear the uniform when participating in College events. Uniform expectations will be communicated to students and parents prior to the performance. Beginner Band members are not required to purchase the performance uniform during their year in the Beginner Band.

Performance Uniform consists of:

- performance shirt
- black dress pants (not jeans or leggings)
- plain black socks
- formal school shoes

The Performance Shirts will be available to purchase through the MMC Uniform Shop. For any enquiries please contact the Music and Culture Programs office of Uniform Shop.



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Instrumental music 2027

Mt Maria Music presents a year of exciting and spirited performances across the College. Highlights include the Queensland Catholic Colleges Music Festival, College musical, as well as the culmination of the Concert Season and Soirees.

College Opening Liturgy
[Samaritan Court, MMC]
All members of the Concert Band, College Choir and Samaritan Singers are invited to perform during this prestigious Liturgy where new Year 7 students and the Senior Class are introduced to the whole College.

MMC Beginner Band Bootcamp
[MacKillop Building, MMC]
Our Beginner Band is proudly sponsored by the MMC P&F. It is a special program for students who are new to the College and new to playing a musical instrument. They are taken through the how to's of their instrument, with weekly lessons learning to play new repertoire and what being in an ensemble means as a musician.

Rocking the Suburbs
[TBC, MMC]
Live bands from MMC and other local schools getting together for all ages gigs. Hosted by MMC at the Gaythorne Bowls Club - bringing community together to offer a safe space for our students go experience the industry.

P&F Ladies Who Lunch
[Kedron Wavell Services Club, Chermside]
The Ladies Who Lunch is a prestigious event in the social calendar for the ladies of MMC. Our Lavalla Strings and Champagnat Combo have been invited to play at the commencement of the lunch.

Anzac Day
25 April [Gaythorne RSL, Mitchelton]
We honour our fallen and living soldiers on this special day in Australian and New Zealand history. Our Drumline, combined College Choir, Confraternity and QISSN Choir and Concert Band are in full attendance to pay tribute to our history and future.

Cross River Clash 'Live @ the College'
TBC [Venue TBC]
2023 saw the first Cross River Clash with bands from Villanova and MMC rocking it out on stage in Fortitude Valley. 2024 'Live at the College' was bigger and better - bringing together many amazing performances.

Pop Up Studio Concerts
October/November [TBC, MMC]
Our Ensembles and Studios will proudly present the repertoire that they have been rehearsing throughout their 2025 first semester in Instrumental Music. These pop up concerts will be held during lunchtimes.

MMC P&F Mother's Day/Father's Day Breakfast
[TBC, MMC]
MMC P&F proudly host an annual Mother's and Father's Day Breakfasts. At this event some of our ensembles play to the guests in attendance, to celebrate all things 'mum' and 'dad' and how important this role is in all our lives.

State Honours Ensemble Program (SHEP) - South East Queensland
TBC [Conservatorium Theatre, South Bank]
A select group of nominated MMC musicians will participate in this highly respected program bringing together the finest young musicians across SEQ (Brisbane Metro, Darling Downs and SEQ - including Gold Coast). Many great experiences and results from all students involved.
Instrumental: AMEB 2 - 4 in Year 5-10
Choral: Years 5-8, Choral experience expected

State Honours Ensemble Program (SHEP) - Brisbane
TBC [Conservatorium Theatre, South Bank]
A select group of nominated MMC musicians will participate in this highly respected program bringing together the finest young musicians across Brisbane. Open to all schools within Brisbane Metro and SEQ (including Gold Coast). Many great experiences and results from all students involved.
Instrumental: AMEB 4 - 6 in Year 6-12
Choral: Years 6 - 9, Mid level choral experience expected

MMC Musical
July [TBC, MMC]
After 2024's production of Disney's HIGH SCHOOL MUSICAL, 2025's Artistic Alchemy, and 2026's production of HomeGrown, we are pleased to announce the 2027 musical production of Pirates of Penzance. Rehearsals will start at the beginning of the year with production happening in Term 3. Beyond excited.

Queensland Catholic Colleges Music Festival (QCMF) - Pre-QCMF performances
[TBA]
An opportunity to perform the repertoire for the QCMF Concerts - time to blow out the cobwebs and see where we might need to rehearse and iron out the bugs. These concerts are a great way to come together to support and gain some experience of performing in front of crowds. A supportive way to prepare for QCMF.

Queensland Catholic Colleges Music Festival
Ekka Wednesday - Sunday - August [Villanova College, Coorparoo]
QCMF is a celebration of all things musical, uniting many Catholic schools from around Queensland. It showcases the very best in music education, covering a diverse range of genres within the classical and contemporary styles. Our very own Ensembles and rock band program will be featured. Tickets will be on sale for parents and guests. Students involved in performances will not need to purchase tickets.

Australian Honours Ensemble Program (AHEP)
TBC [Conservatorium Theatre, South Bank]
Nominated MMC musicians will participate in this highly respected program bringing together the finest young musicians from across the country. Under the tutelage of a team of eminent instrumental and national conductors in a world class environment, this program culminates with four gala concerts at the Griffith University Conservatorium in South Bank.

State Honours Ensemble Program (SHEP) - Queensland
TBC [Conservatorium Theatre, South Bank]
A select group of nominated MMC musicians will participate in this highly respected program bringing together the finest young musicians across Queensland.. Open to all schools in Queensland.
Instrumental: AMEB 4 and above in Year 7-12
Choral: Years 9 - 12, with mid-high level choral experience

CMC Battle of the Rock Bands (BOTRB)
TBC [Clairvaux MacKillop College, Upper Mount Gravatt] @ 6.30pm - 10.30pm
Mt Maria College community is invited to attend a great night out listening to live music and supporting our very own Rock Band Program band compete alongside bands from schools around the SE. We'd love to see as many people come out and support our program. Tickets will be on sale for this event.

MMC Graduation Mass
[St Stephens Cathedral, Brisbane City]
A great opportunity for our selected ensembles to share in this special time for our Year 12 Graduating Class. Graduation Mass is held in the beautiful St Stephens Cathedral.

MMC Graduation Dinner
[Brisbane City Hall]
A great opportunity for our selected ensembles to play as parents and students arrive for the long awaited Graduation dinner for our Year 12 students. The beautiful City Hall is the venue for the dinner.

Christmas on the Green (P&F)
[MMC] 4.00pm - 8.00pm
Everybody loves Christmas. Mt Maria Music loves Christmas. MMC P&F proudly presents Christmas on the Green. A celebratory event featuring our Ensembles.

Community Performances
Throughout the Year [Local Community]
Throughout the year MMC Instrumental Music Ensembles are invited to perform and entertain at local community events - fetes, Nursing Homes, fundraising events, etc. Dates and details of these will be forwarded once confirmed.

Throughout the year, our ensembles may feature in additional performances, including College Assemblies, College Events, Festivals and more. Details of these performances will be made available as they come to light. Thanks for your understanding.

For all enquiries please email nbarry@bne.catholid.edu.au







Instrumental Music Ensembles Workshops + Festivals

Ensemble Workshops

A number of workshop experiences are organised for instrumental and vocal ensembles throughout the year. These workshops present opportunities for ensemble members to work with their ensemble directors and guest educators in order to gain deeper understanding of performance skills and repertoire development in preparation for upcoming performances. Workshops include:

- Anzac Day Trumpet Workshop
- Beginner Band Bootcamp
- Vocal Tutorials
- Drumline Camp



Festivals and Competitions

Students have the opportunity to perform for their parents and friends at many different festivals and competitions held throughout the year. Some of these are held at school and others at externally organised venues. For some, performances are an expected participation by all students. Events include:

- Musical
- Concerts
- Music Extravaganzas
- "Arts" Festival
- Winter Concerts
- Christmas on the Green
- QCMF
- Bluesfest Busking Competition
- Battle of the Band Competitions





Warm Welcome

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