



SMITH'S HILL HIGH SCHOOL

PROMOTING EXCELLENCE IN A SPIRIT OF TRUST AND COOPERATION

Smith's Hill High School Extra Curricular Music Ensembles

We are very proud of our music ensembles and the large number of students who choose to take part in them. These groups play a strong role in the culture of the school, with almost one fifth of the student body being involved in these ensembles. This program aims to provide quality ensemble tuition and involvement for all students in the school community and means that students of different levels - from beginners to advanced - can be involved and valued in our ensembles.

ENSEMBLE INFORMATION

Fees for all ensembles are for the entire year and will be invoiced when numbers are finalised (no payment is required now)

CONCERT BAND \$200 Tuesday 2.45-3.45pm. Tutor: Eric Dunan, from the Wollongong Conservatorium of Music, with Mr Mitch Brandman assisting. Eric is a highly regarded music teacher and Jazz musician who brings a wonderful energy to our group. We are excited to have him continue working with us again this year. Instruments in this ensemble include all brass, woodwind and percussion. There will be space for bass guitar and two pianists (who must be prepared to play tuned and untuned percussion as concert band music does not include piano parts). Mitchell Brandman is the contact and supervising teacher for this ensemble.

JAZZ ENSEMBLE (no additional cost) NB - time to be confirmed. Tutor: Mr Mitchell Brandman. This is an extension ensemble (which is accessed via invitation or auditioned) and is made up from students already in the concert band. There is no additional charge for this ensemble. Mitchell Brandman is the contact and supervising teacher for this ensemble.

GUITAR ENSEMBLE \$200 Tuesday 2.45-3.45pm. Tutored by John Spence, from the Wollongong Conservatorium of Music. John is a highly regarded music teacher and composer and we are excited to have him continue working with us. Students in this ensemble will need to already play the guitar; this is not a lesson for beginners to gain basic tuition. Lisa Wellings is the contact and supervising teacher for this ensemble.

VOCAL ENSEMBLE \$50 Wednesday 2.45-3.45pm. Tutor: Mrs Lisa Wellings. Any student from the school is welcome to be in this group, regardless of vocal background or training. Students must attend rehearsals and all performances.

ACAPPELLA ENSEMBLE (no additional cost) Wednesday 2.45-4pm. Tutor: Mrs Lisa Wellings. This is an extension ensemble (which is by invitation and/or audition) and is made up from students already in the vocal ensemble. There is no additional charge for this.

STRING ORCHESTRA \$200 Tuesday 7.30 – 8.25am. Tutored by Matthey Tsalidis. Caters for students who already play the violin, viola, cello or double bass. All levels are welcome - from beginners with basic skills to advanced players. Students in this ensemble will need to already play their instrument and be able to



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read music - this is not a lesson for beginners to gain basic tuition. Lisa Wellings is the contact and supervising teacher for this ensemble.

Teacher contacts: lisa.wellings2@det.nsw.edu.au, mitchell.brandman1@det.nsw.edu.au. Please contact us for more specific information or with your queries.

FEES: Fees for all ensembles cover tuition for the entire year.

- **No payment is to be made at this stage.** When numbers are finalised an invoice will be sent out to the contact email, probably in week 3 or 4.
- When students commit to join an ensemble they are committing to this ensemble for the year. **No refunds will be given if the student leaves the ensemble.**
- Students must attend rehearsals and performances, and provide written explanation from a parent if they are absent from a rehearsal - email is fine. If a student has two consecutive absences they may be asked to withdraw from that ensemble.

ENSEMBLE ENROLMENT: Student enrolment forms are attached at the end of this document.

- **Please return a paper copy - not digital - to the Music Staffroom by Friday 7 February.**
- **No payment is to be made at this time.** When numbers are finalised, an invoice outlining individual fees due and payment methods will be sent out to the contact email, probably in week 3 or 4.
- Please note - student enrolment is at the discretion of the music staff. A student will not be accepted if they have previously demonstrated an inability to meet the expectations of the activity.

We thank you in advance for your interest in our extra-curricular music program.

Please fill in the enrolment form below and return it to the **Music Staffroom** ASAP.

Kind Regards,

Lisa Wellings (Music teacher and Ensemble co-ordinator)

David Deitz -Principal



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Return this slip to the Music Staffroom by Friday 7 February.

Please enrol my child _____ of year _____ into the
(circle option/s below)

Guitar Ensemble String Orchestra Concert Band Vocal Ensemble

For students in the string orchestra and concert band:

- Instrument: _____

- Years learning instrument/grade obtained: _____

I agree to the following:

- I understand that my child is committing to this ensemble for the year and that the payment is non-refundable.
- I understand that my child is required to attend rehearsals each week and may forfeit their place in the ensemble if attendance becomes irregular.
- I understand that my child will participate in performances throughout the year, both during and after school and at possibly at various venues.
- I understand my child will forfeit their place in the ensemble if behaviour or commitment is inappropriate.
- I understand that no payment is to be made at this stage. When numbers are finalised, an invoice outlining individual fees due and payment methods will be sent out to the contact email.

Parent Name _____ Contact number _____

Signature _____ Date _____