



8 July 2024

Dear Parent/Guardian,

Your child has expressed an interest in joining or continuing in the Music Excellence Program in 2025. The Music Excellence is an extension program with a focus on performance. This program is for students in years 7 to 12 who demonstrate exceptional music talent, instrumental and/or vocal.

The program focusses on engaging students in performance through a variety of ensemble groups, solo and chamber performances in a wide range of musical styles that suit their developing music style. The program will be staffed by specialists in performance who have specific skills for their ensembles. Students will be extended through personalised learning experiences and develop musicianship through workshops and a varied performance program.

Students will also develop music theory, composition, improvisation, and performance skilled through weekly tutorials provided by school staff. Students will have the opportunity to interact with like-minded students across the school and work with senior mentors as they continue their music development.

The Music Excellence program is available for students from Years 7-12, where students will:

- Develop music theory understanding and application, through study of the AMEB theory syllabus – ability to earn QCE points through accredited exams.
- Enhance their musicianship through practical performance-based learning
- Rehearse and practice music to develop technical skill and enhance their appreciation for different music styles
- Engage with professional artists in practical learning opportunities to engage with real world music making opportunities.
- Accelerate their music development towards Senior Music and Music Extension in Year 12

The following is a summary of key aspects of the program

Timetabling	One timetabled lesson, expected attendance at two ensemble rehearsals and individual lessons. Students are expected to select Music as a subject in addition to Music Excellence.
Curriculum	Unique curriculum taking aspects of <ul style="list-style-type: none">• AMEB Theory Syllabus• Instrumental Music Syllabus (DoE)• Australian Curriculum General Capabilities and 21st century skills (QCAA)• Australian Curriculum – The Arts
Assessment	Assessment based on performances plus music theory exams
Certification	Students able to achieve QCAA recognised Theory and Practical accreditation through AMEB examinations, as well as extend through to Music Extension as a General Subject in Year 12
Opportunities	Performances are the focus of the Music Excellence program and are the assessment for the program



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Visiting artists and musicians will be engaged throughout the program to enhance student opportunities

In 2025, the program will run during the timetabled sport lesson and students will be in a class with students from Year 7-9 and Year 10-12 depending on their grade. Students in the program are also expected to participate in a core ensemble and an additional ensemble each week. Students in the Music Excellence would be expected to select Music as an elective subject.

Please complete the application form attached. Students will need to complete an audition which will be held on Tuesday 6 August 2024. Students will be informed of their audition time closer to the date. The auditions will be held during the school day and run for approximately 10 minutes.

If you have any further questions, please don't hesitate to contact Ross Crear HOD Arts (rgcre0@eq.edu.au or 38699807)

Yours sincerely,

Andy Stergou
Principal



Music Excellence Program Application Form – Year 7-11

Student Details			
Name		Year Level 2025	

Details of Instrument(s) applying for including voice:

Instrument	Years of Tuition	Current Teacher's Name	AMEB Grade or IM Curriculum Level <i>If Known</i>

Are you currently enrolled in the Instrumental Music Program? **Yes** **No**

Are you currently enrolled in private music lessons? **Yes** **No**

Please give details of your previous experience in music ensembles, including choirs:

Please note that upon receipt of this form, you will be informed of the audition time and location. Please note the following details for the audition:

- Brass, woodwind, percussion, strings, guitar and piano applicants are required to prepare 2 contrasting pieces of music from a method book or as prepared for an exam (not concert band or orchestra pieces) and two scales at their level.
- Suggested for Percussionists: please prepare 1 tuned and 1 untuned piece of music. Your music teacher can help you prepare these.
- Vocal students are required to prepare two contrasting pieces of music with a backing track or instrumental accompaniment.



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To be offered a position in the Music Excellence Program, the following selection criteria will be considered:

- Ability to read notated music (can be tab or chord charts)
- Demonstrate proficiency on a musical instrument or voice
- Compliance with school expectations regarding effort, behaviour and attendance
- Willingness and enthusiasm to continue development on a musical instrument throughout high school