



# SPECIALIST MUSIC PROGRAM

## YEAR 7 IN 2027

The Woodvale Secondary College Specialist Music Program provides children who enjoy music the opportunity to be a part of a student group with similar interests and talents. Along with music knowledge and skill development the Woodvale program develops the whole child through participation in music lessons, ensemble rehearsals, camps, tours and concerts. The Woodvale music student develops independence, organisation skills, time management and teamwork skills.

Learning a musical instrument at school opens up a whole new world of opportunities and students who learn an instrument become part of a large group of students who work together to create music. Music education enhances learning and communication skills, creativity, teamwork, discipline, cultural awareness, respect for others, and self-esteem through personal accomplishment.

### The Course

Students in the specialist music program study one of the following;

**Continuing instruments:** must be currently playing: flute, clarinet, trumpet, trombone, percussion, classical guitar, voice

or one of the following

**Beginning instruments:** can be selected instead of continuing instrument, if unsuccessful on their auditioning instrument OR if not currently studying an instrument: alto saxophone, bassoon, euphonium, french horn, oboe, percussion trombone, tuba or voice

Piano students who do not wish for choir to be their only ensemble may also select a beginning instrument and play in our ensemble band. Please be aware that students will only study one instrument as part of the program, but are welcome to study additional instruments outside of the program.

### Course Requirements

- Two hours class music per week, for first semester only in Year 7, which is equivalent to any other non-core subject. Students study aural, theory, literature and composition in class music.
- One 30-40 minute instrumental lesson per week. Students come out of their normal subject class each week on a rotating timetable and are expected to catch up on any missed class work. For this reason, it is important that students have strong organisational skills and high academic achievement to be able to cope with missed class time. Although it is the department's intention to run instrumental lessons so as not to impact too heavily on one subject area, this cannot always be guaranteed.
- At least one ensemble rehearsal per week. Most students will be involved in a concert band (in Year 7, one hour either before or after school per week), specialist vocal choir (one hour per week after school), or a guitar ensemble (one hour per week before school).



## Applications for Year 7 in 2027

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An information evening will be held on **Thursday 26 February 2026**, from 5:00pm to 6:00pm in the iCentre at the College. Please register your attendance here - [schoolinterviews.com.au/code/s3tb7](https://schoolinterviews.com.au/code/s3tb7)

Applications must be submitted in person at the College. Applications close **3pm on Wednesday 25 March 2026**.

Postal applications will only be accepted if the applicant resides outside the Perth metropolitan area; in this case, certified copies of proof of residency must be submitted. Please note that no acknowledgment will be sent upon receipt of your application.

Selection in this program may lead to timetable conflicts with other courses. The College will make every effort to accommodate all course selections; however, scheduling conflicts may arise from year to year, and students, along with their parents, may need to prioritise certain courses over others.

## Selection

1. Students are ranked in the first instance using evidence as demonstrated through:
  - Reference reports provided
  - Academic reports
  - Social, behavioural progress as outlined by the Attitude/Behaviour/Effort domains and report comments
2. Selected students are invited to audition where they will play a song of their choice and prepare one song to sing.
  - Students should prepare a piece on their auditioning instrument that shows off their range and musical understanding
  - Students should prepare the song - My Bonnie (one verse/12 bars) to demonstrate their ability to sing in tune. We are not looking for fantastic voices but in-tune singing.
3. Offers are made after the audition.
4. Students are required to maintain high standards across all domains of College life to maintain their placement in their specialist program.

## Course Charges

Course charges are for sheet music, ensemble consumables, some excursions, and stationery requirements. Course costs will be itemised as will any other extras such as tours and specific excursions.

## Performances

The program is supported by performances which provide children with a varied range of experiences. A major concert is held at the end of Term 3 that includes all music students. This is intermingled with many other smaller scale performance opportunities throughout the year.

## Expectations

Students may only enrol in the Specialist Basketball **OR** Music Program. Students in the Music program may also enrol in the Academic Extension and Enrichment Program.

The Music Specialist program at Woodvale Secondary College is an ongoing commitment. Students accepting a place in the Music Specialist Program are expected to continue to study music to the end of Year 9 as a minimum. There is also the option to continue music studies into Year 11 and 12 either through ATAR or Certificate music courses.

Students are required to own their individual instrument except in the case where it is possible to hire them from the College. These include: bassoon, french horn, euphonium, oboe and tuba.