



Music Department

2021 Information - Music in the Middle and Senior Schools is available in 3 ways

1. Music in the Curriculum

All students in Year 7 and Year 8 complete a semester (two terms) of music studies. In Years 9 & 10 they may elect to study either a full year or a semester of music, specialising in a particular instrument. A number of SACE units are offered in Years 11 & 12, including Solo Performance, Ensemble Performance, Music Explorations, Music Studies.

There is an expectation that students who choose Music as a Subject will be taking instrumental tuition either within the College or privately. They are also required to be in at least one co-curricular music ensemble during their course of study.

We strongly recommend that students take up the study of a musical instrument as soon as possible (if they are not already doing so) in order to ensure that they are well prepared as performers when they enter the Senior School.

We also offer additional Music Theory classes (at no extra charge) where students are taught in preparation for AMEB Grades 1, 2, 3 and 4 Music Theory. Examinations are conducted online throughout the year.

2. Co-Curricular Music Ensemble Program

Scotch College provides a range of bands, choirs and ensembles that are inclusive of all student ability levels. Specialist music teachers direct these ensembles and they play an important role in the development of students' musicianship skills, sight-reading and self-confidence. Read the Student Guidelines and Expectations document for further details about potential fees that may apply.

Ensembles for 2021 include :

Symphonic Concert Band	Concert Band
Stage Band 1 (audition required)	String Quintet (by invitation)
Rock Bands	Stage Band 2
AMEB Music Theory	Guitar Ensemble
Soulettes (MS & SS)	String Orchestra
	Soul Brothers (MS & SS)

Soul Collectives (MS & SS - auditions required)
Senior School Small Vocal Ensembles (auditions required)

A detailed weekly rehearsal schedule is available to download from the Performing Arts page of the Scotch website [here](#).

3. Private Instrumental Tuition

This program provides the opportunity for students to learn to play a musical instrument or to take voice lessons on an individual basis with an experienced and qualified teacher. Instrumental lessons take place once a week during school hours and are usually 30 minutes in duration. Lessons are on a rotating timetable so that the student does not miss the same classroom lesson each week. Note that these lessons are in addition to any curriculum (classroom) music lessons.

Any student on the Torrens Park campus (Years 7 - 12) participating in the Private Instrumental Tuition program provided by Scotch College is strongly encouraged to be an active participant in at least one music ensemble.

Most instruments are available for hire through the College. Hire costs are listed on the Lease Agreement form. Hire is on a per term basis and fees will be charged to your account at the end of each term. Every student who hires an instrument through the College must sign an Instrument Lease Agreement.

Student Guidelines and Expectations

All students who undertake instrumental tuition, and their parents/guardians, are required to read and abide by the Instrumental Tuition: Student Guidelines & Expectations prior to commencement of lessons.

Forms to Complete

Parents should complete the Application for Instrumental/Voice Tuition and Instrument Lease Agreement (if applicable) via their Caremonkey profile.

Once received, a teacher will be designated, and they will contact parents/guardians to arrange lesson times. They will send their account direct to parents.

Information Night

A music information night will be held just prior to the start of Term 1 2021 to allow students and parents to ask questions about the music program at Scotch.

This session will be held on Thursday 28 January 2021 at 6pm in the Drawing Room.