Daylesford Secondary College

Instrumental Music

2012
Introduction

Daylesford Secondary College offers students the opportunity to participate in an instrumental music program in addition to time tabled music classes. The program is available to all students from years 7-12.

The instrumental music program at Daylesford Secondary College is based on the major aims and ideals of the Arts VELS Framework. These involve composition, improvisation, interpretation, performance, listening and research. These components are designed to develop students in a breadth of musical experiences.

All students become members of bands, which are active in the local community, playing at a range of functions. They are also given the opportunity to participate in workshops with other schools, go on tour and attend music camps.

Students can choose from a vast range of instruments. Your child can broaden their education and learn a skill that will bring them enjoyment for life by joining our program.
Instruments

Tuition is available for the following instruments:

**BRASS**
- Trumpet/Cornet
- French Horn
- Trombone
- Tuba/Euphonium/Baritone

**WOODWIND**
- Flute
- Clarinet
- Saxophone

**GUITAR / BASS LESSONS**

Private lessons are available during school hours. These lessons do cost per session. (2011 - $200 for a minimum of eight lessons, payable in advance). Students are expected to supply their own instrument and leads. (Amplifiers are available at the College). The private guitar teacher works at D.S.C. and offers tuition on:

- Acoustic guitar
- Electric guitar
- Electric bass

**DRUM KIT/PERCUSSION LESSONS**
(When teacher / tutor available)

Private lessons are available during school hours. These lessons do cost per session. (2011 - $120 for a minimum of eight small group lessons, payable in advance). The tutor works at D.S.C. one day a week. Students are expected to supply own sticks.

**SINGING LESSONS**

Private lessons are available during school hours. These lessons do cost per session. (2011 - $200 for a minimum of eight lessons, payable in advance). The tutor works at D.S.C. one day a week.
Hiring of Instruments & Fees

The school owns a number of brass and woodwind instruments that are made available to students’. A hiring charge of $50.00 per semester (subject to increase) is made for the use of instruments. This helps to offset the cost of maintenance and the purchase of music arrangements and photocopying.

Enrolment in instrumental music is dependent on the number of instruments available. Interested Year 7 students are usually given the opportunity to hire an instrument within the year however it may not be on the instrument of their first choice.

A fee of $50.00 per year is charged to all instrumental students to cover the cost of sheet music and other equipment.

Students need to purchase music books, reeds, valve oil etc throughout the year at their own expense.

Student owned instruments.

Students who have their own woodwind or brass instruments may join the program at any time. They need to contact a music teacher and let them know that they wish to have lessons at the school.

Students need to purchase music books, reeds, valve oil etc throughout the year at their own expense.
Instrumental Timetable

Once a student has joined the Instrumental Program they are withdrawn from normal classes once a week to participate in their instrumental lesson. During one term a student should only have to miss the same subject twice, as each week the instrumental timetable is different. For example:

Week 1 – Thursday, Period 3 the student goes to their flute lesson instead of English.
Week 2 – Thursday, Period 5 the student goes to their flute lesson instead of Science.
Week 3 – Thursday, Period 1 the student goes to their flute lesson instead of Italian.

The Bands (Brass & Woodwind students)

Once a student has joined the instrumental program (whether it is with their own instrument or a school hired instrument), they are expected to join one of the following bands:

**Beginner Band:** This is for all beginner students. This band meets once a week during class time or lunchtime. All beginner students and those not quite ready to join the Concert Band must attend these rehearsals. This band usually performs to the public towards the end of the year.

**Concert Band:** This band is for more established musicians and may consist of students from years 7 to 12. Practice is after school on a Thursday from 3.30p.m. – 5.00p.m. This band performs regularly to the public and attends an annual music camp and a music tour. This band plays a wide range of classical and modern music with an emphasis on unusual and challenging repertoire.
“Jungle Express”: (available upon request/need in 2012)
This band has consisted of students from years 7 – 12. It is a band where students can compose their own songs as well as play covers. Styles of music have ranged from rock, jazz and blues. Rehearsals take place on a Wednesday from 3.30p.m. – 5.00p.m. Students must be prepared to participate in solo playing, composition writing and movement.

Rock Bands: With the help and advice of staff, several rock bands are formed, rehearsing after school and at lunchtime. 2012 again welcomes student bands to play and rehearse and music staff are available to assist in setting up and forming good rehearsal practices. All students using the school music facilities are expected to attend regular instrumental lessons and perform throughout the year to a specific audience. Students are expected to supply own sticks (drum kit supplied) instruments and leads (amplifiers supplied).

Music Gigs & Performances

There are a variety of opportunities for students to perform at local venues throughout the year. It is encourage that students will rehearse with an aim to eventually perform to an audience.

Facilities

The music department at D.S.C. consists of a main classroom, instrumental rooms and storage space. These rooms are available for instrumental lessons, individual practice and rehearsals.

As well as owning a wide range of brass and woodwind instruments the college also owns pianos and portable P.A. systems.
Parent Support

Parents can be very important to the instrumental program in the support they provide to their child in his or her playing. Encourage your child to find a convenient time and place for their daily practice and praise them as they improve. Attendance at concerts is also very important.

Friends of the Band

This group of parents have met on a regular basis to raise money to support the Concert Band and help with school concerts and performances.

Camps & Tours

There are a variety of opportunities for students to meet and work with musicians from other schools.

In previous years the Concert Band has attended a weekend camp, at Cave Hill Creek – Beaufort or locally at Boomerang Ranch, Daylesford (2010) where they participated in a variety of workshops and rehearsals. These camps are aimed at getting to know all the members of the band and encourage students with their music education. We also aim to have fun. Another band such as Beginner or ‘Jungle Express’ may also be invited.