

PERFORMING ARTS HANDBOOK 2023



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INTRODUCTION

Toowoomba Anglican School endeavours to provide students with a diverse range of Performing Arts opportunities and offers a large range of ensemble choices in both Primary and Secondary areas of the school.

The Performing Arts at Toowoomba Anglican School are about participation, excellence, commitment, teamwork, and enjoyment at all levels of artistic pursuits. Our goal is to encourage within students a lifelong interest in the Performing Arts and pride in having done their best.

Lessons learnt in the Performing Arts are transferable to other aspects of life and help to develop crucial attributes that students will use the for the rest of their lives as they become well-rounded individuals.

- Creativity
 - Focus and Concentration
- Visual Learning

Perseverance

- Accountability •
- **Decision Making** Improved Academic Performance
- Confidence and the ability to handle performance pressure



- Motor Skills and Coordination
 - Collaboration and Teamwork



Involvement in the Performing Arts is a major component of student life at Toowoomba Anglican School. At the Primary school from Kindergarten to Year 6, the main goals are participation, commitment, skill building and enjoyment. As students progress through the Secondary school, these attributes remain, with a greater emphasis on excellence and skill development

An expectation of participation in the Performing Arts at Toowoomba Anglican School permeates all areas of the school with full year level involvement in Prep to Year 3 Choirs, the Year 3 String Immersion Program, the Year 4 Band Immersion Program, the Year 3 to 6 Primary Musical, the Prep-Year 6 Le Petit Concert, the whole school M.M.A.D.D. Festival (Musical, Media, Art, Drama, Dance), the Inter-House Primary Choir Competition and the Inter-House Secondary Choir and Dance competition as part of our Festival of Performing Arts.

Some of the aspects of the TAS Performing Arts programme include the range of excellent facilities at the school, involvement in community events, teaching expertise, participation in domestic and international Performing Arts tours and the school/community arts model that Toowoomba Anglican School implements.

PERFORMING ARTS HIGHLIGHTS 2022

2022 saw a welcome return to performing after the COVID-filled cancellations of previous years. We still had the occasional event cancelled due to COVID flare-ups early in the year, but overall, it was a much more stable and satisfying year of performances and events for staff and students.

Competitions

• TAS experienced a high degree of participation and success in both parts of the Toowoomba Eisteddfod in Terms 2 and 3 in 2022.





• TAS was the winner of the Anne Thomas Secondary Choral Aggregate Trophy, the Darling Downs Regional Instrumental Music Committee Trophy for Secondary Instrumental Aggregate, the Eckert Family and Heritage Bank Primary Choral Aggregate Trophies, and 4 students received major awards: Oliver King Yr 12 Vocal, Samuel Lawrence Yr 11 Instrumental, Ella Findlay Yr 11 Instrumental and Hayden Barron Yr 1 Speech and Drama.

• TAS Primary Choirs won 8/8 sections

• In addition to their placings in Secondary Sections, our Secondary Chapel Choir received two 1st, a 2nd and 3rd placing in Open Choral Sections against Adult and Community Choirs.

• Secondary Concert Band won the A Grade Concert Band section with 97/100

- Secondary Stage Band won the A Grade Stage Band Section for the first time with 96/100
- Secondary Rock Band won the Rock Band section for the first time with our Intermediate Rock Band coming HC
- Secondary String Ensemble placed in the large Secondary String section for the first time

• Secondary String Quartet won their section for the first time.

• Many excellent placings from our Primary Ensembles

Concerts/Performances/Events

2022

- Senior Music IA1 Performance Recital in February 20 amazing performances from our Year 11 and 12 Music and Music Extension Students
- The Secondary Chapel Choir participated in the Australian Voices Concert at St. Luke's Church in April, with several past students in this prestigious choir
- TAS Morning Melodies and Lunchtime Concerts were held in Terms 2 and 4
- The Secondary Chapel Choir participated in Evensong at St. Luke's Church in June
- The Primary Chapel and Senior Choirs participated in Sing Out at the Empire Theatre in June
- The Primary Senior and Chapel Choirs participated in the Combined Primary Choral Workshop/Concert with Middle Ridge State School and Toowoomba East State School in August
- The Secondary Performance and Chapel Choirs participated in the Paul Morton Secondary Choral Festival at the Empire Theatre in August
- Students in the Secondary Drama Club participated in the Queensland Theatre Company Scene Project Outcome Day at USQ in August. Three students received special mentions for their watchability and performance skills
- The Annual TAS Chapel Choir Concert was held in the Millennium Centre in September
- The Senior Secondary Rock Band participated in the Toowoomba Battle of the Bands in September
- The inaugural M.M.A.D.D. Festival (Music, Media, Art, Drama, Dance) was held over 2 days in September – featuring 15 boutique concerts as part of the Festival of Performing Arts, Le Petit Concert involving all students from Prep to Year 6, a huge array of workshops and a whole school dance flash mob.
- Gill House was the winner of the Solo Festival of Performing Arts Competition on 1930 points, with Connal 2nd and Fairfax 3rd
- The Year 10 Music Recital was held in Term 4
- Our postponed Grandparent's Day was held in October and featured performances from our many choirs, ensembles and dance troupes
- The Year 3 String Immersion Program and Year 4 Band Immersion Program End of Year Concerts were held in November
- The hotly contested HPAC (House Performing Arts Competition) was held in November. Connal won the Primary Choir section, Gill won the Secondary Choir section and Fairfax won the Secondary Dance section
- The Chapel Choir High Tea was held in November
- The TAS Sports and Performing Arts Awards night was held in November and featured performances from the TAS Secondary Rock Band, Secondary Stage Band and a featured soloist
- The Year 12 Final Assembly and Chapel Service featured performances by the Secondary Chapel Choirs and Year 12 Students and Parents rocked out to the Senior Secondary Rock Band at the Year 12 Formal in November
- The year finished with our Kindy Christmas Services, Prep-Year 2 Final Assembly, Year 6 Celebratory Chapel Service, the beautiful annual Carol Service in St. Luke's Church and the Prize and Presentation Day at Humeridge Church, all featuring many beautiful performances from TAS choirs and ensembles
- After school dance classes performed in the JE Dance House annual concert 'Australia' at Empire Theatre in November





• TAS held our first Secondary Musical in the Empire Theatre in 2022: 'Guys and Dolls' - with performances on 18/19 August. The 60 Cast and Crew were ably directed by Mrs Shannon Tamblyn. Mrs Nerida Eckert was Producer and Musical Director, Mrs Anne Gralow was Vocal Coach/Repetiteur and Ms Jameille Eugarde was Choreographer

• The Year 9/10 Theatre and Production Class held a performance of 'Wisdom' in the Millennium Centre in June. Directed by Ms Kate Charles

Student Awards and Representation

• Samuel Lawrence (Year 11) received Highly Commended in the ASME (Australian Society for Music Education) Young Composer's Competition: Upper Secondary Division in the Vocal/Instrumental Section with his orchestral composition *The Final Conflict*

• The Queensland Symphony Orchestra Connect Compose Project Workshop was held in November and featured 5 talented Year 11 Orchestral Composers: Eric Elston, Ella Findlay, Samuel Goh, Charlotte Lacey, and Samuel Lawrence. These students will have their compositions performed by QSO musicians in August 2023

• Grace Murphy (Year 11), Darcy Meagher (Year 10), Sarah Dixon (Year 9) received prestigious 2022 Empire Theatres Foundation Youth Bursaries

• An impressive 34 students (and 5 reserves) from Years 4-12 were accepted into SHEP (State Honours Ensemble Programs) run by the Qld Conservatorium.

Primary (Chloe Cheung, Charlotte Collins, Emaya Fegan, Juliet Goleby, James King, Mikaela Rangoon, Maya Tebbutt, Vaishnavi Vasanth Kumar, Hannah Wall, Patrick Ferguson ®, Stella Hanmore ®)

SE Qld (Middle School) (William Comerford, Lachlan Schelberg, Cameron Wilson, Rainee Padro, Kitty Gibaud, Chloe Cheung ®, Stella Hanmore ®)

Darling Downs (William Cameron, William Ferguson, Vivien Forbes, Kitty Gibaud, Sarah Jorgensen, Evelyn Lawrence, Jake Le Roux, Lily Maughan, Rainee Padro, Cameron Rangoon, Lachlan Schelberg, Amelia Ball, Bonnie Bryant ®)

















Qld SHEP (Samuel Lawrence, Mehar Fegan, George Lawrence, William Cameron, Ojas Jindal, Cameron Rangoon, Rainee Padro)

AHEP (Australian Honours Ensemble Program) (Ella Findlay)

• Students were presented with Speech and Drama Awards at a ceremony for their ACM Examinations; four Gold Awards for the highest mark in the State (Neeve Whittaker, Charlotte Humphery, Charlotte Collins, Charlie Elliott), four Silver Awards for the second highest mark in the State (Peter Freeman, William Ward, Henry Haase, Nicholas Curley) and two Certificates of Distinction (Millicent Freeman, Lachlan Schelberg)

• Oliver King (Year 12) went on tour with Gondwana National Chorale (18-25 Years) to Tasmania and provided entertainment for the RACQ Life Flight Gala at the Empire Theatre

• Grace Murphy (Year 11), Sarah Dixon (Year 9) and Rainee Padro (Year 7) were selected in Gondwana National Choirs to perform at the Sydney Opera House in December

• Sarah Dixon (Year 9) was a guest vocal solo artist at a Toowoomba Carnival of Flowers Concert at St. Luke's Church

• Emilia Bertolo (Year 3) auditioned and was selected for the Brisbane City Youth Ballet summer season of 'Cinderella'

• Oliver King (Year 12) and 3 staff members were involved in the Empire Theatre Production of the musical 'We Will Rock You'

• Zac Lester and Gemima Reynolds (Year 10), Jack Baguley (Year 9), Eddie Pocknee (Year 7), Mary Haase (Year 6) and 2 Staff members performed in the musical 'School of Rock' at the Empire Theatre

• Brooke Coggan (Year 9) and Eddie Pocknee (Year 7) were members of the Empire Youth Arts Junior Impact Drama Ensemble, presenting 'Charlie Pilgrim (or a Beginner's Guide to Time Travel') at the Empire Theatre

• Ruby Heffernan (Year 12), Samuel Lawrence and Eden Mellish (Year 11), Evie Heffernan (Year 9), Ojas Jindal (Year 8) and Ianto Mellish (Year 6) were involved in the Australian Premiere of musical 'The Hunchback of Notre Dame' at the Empire Theatre

• The Secondary String Quintet performed for the Pink High Tea, raising money for the Toowoomba Hospital Foundation

• Excellent individual results in AMEB, Trinity, RAD and ACM Examinations and in a variety of Eisteddfodau and competitions



FAIRFAX







TOOWOOMBA ANGLICAN SCHOOL PERFORMING ARTS Overview

The Toowoomba Anglican School Performing Arts Program is highly regarded in the wider community. Class Music and Drama, whole school Performing Arts activities, and year level immersion programs encourage wide participation and diverse skill development.







At A Glance

- 21 Performing Arts Staff
- Partnerships with Empire Youth Arts Drama, JE DanceHouse, Toowoomba Choral Society, Queensland Symphony Orchestra Compose Connect
- Immersion Programs
 - o Prep to Year 3 Choirs
 - o Year 3 Strings
 - o Year 4 Band
- 13 Choirs and Vocal Ensembles
- 20 Instrumental Ensembles
- 2 Dance Troupes and 2 Dance Classes
- Secondary Musicals, Plays, and Drama Club
- Primary Musicals, Le Petit Concert, and Theatre Sports Club
- Performing Arts Options Electives for Primary-Secondary students
- K-12 Class Music, including Year 12 Music Extension
- 7-12 Class Drama
- M.M.A.D.D. Festival Music, Media, Art, Drama, Dance in Term 3.
- HPAC House Performing Arts Competition in Term 4.
- Toowoomba Anglican School choirs, ensembles, and individuals perform in a variety of settings, such as school events, eisteddfodau, festivals, community events, and on domestic and international tours.

Facilities

- Toowoomba Anglican School has a state-of-the-art Creative Arts Centre housing a large double-sized ensemble rehearsal room/Secondary music classroom, with a grand piano, two large group teaching rooms, five generously-sized practice rooms, musical instrument storage facilities, and a kitchen
- The Upper Connal building features five Performing Arts teaching studios, which are being refurbished in 2023
- There is a large double sized Primary music classroom in Upper Roberts with a multi-purpose dance floor, which is also used as a dance/drama rehearsal room
- The Chapel of St. Aidan with a grand piano and pipe organ is home to chapel services and more intimate concerts
- The large Millennium Centre is an assembly hall with retractable seating, a raised stage with curtaining, sound and lighting, a grand piano and portable stage piano
- There is a specialist Secondary Drama classroom with a green screen
- An extensive costume room and music library
- There is a large range of hire instruments and classroom sets of percussion instruments, keyboards, guitars, and ukuleles





Commitment To Our Young Artists and Professional Development

Toowoomba Anglican School performing artists are encouraged to aspire to be the best that they can be in their chosen discipline. Many students take part in external examinations through Australian Music Examinations Board (AMEB), Trinity College, Australian College of Music (ACM) or other examining bodies.

Toowoomba Anglican School Performing Arts is committed to training young performing artists to be informed and literate and who can confidently perform in their chosen discipline in solo and ensemble settings. We recognise that the ability to play an instrument, sing, perform a dramatic work, speak confidently in public, or dance is a skill that can be nurtured and developed into a life-long passion for, and engagement with, the Performing Arts community of Australia.

Toowoomba Anglican School recognises the need to provide professional development and performance opportunities to support teachers and performing artists in our local area and further afield.





ENSEMBLES, CHOIRS, DANCE TROUPES, AND DRAMA CLUBS

Once a student is a member of an ensemble, choir, dance troupe, or drama club, it is an expectation that they remain in this group for the year. Students need to attend all scheduled rehearsals and performances. If a student is missing from a rehearsal or performance, it has an effect on the group as a whole.



2023 Performing Arts Rehearsal Timetable

MONDAY	7:30am Primary Stage Band Creative Arts Centre	8:00am Primary Concert Band Creative Arts Centre
TUESDAY	Primary Chapel Choir Primary Se	Dam enior Choir apel 5econdary Senior Rock Band Creative Arts Centre
WEDNESDAY	7:30am Primary Chapel Choir Chapel 7:15am Secondary Intermediate Rock Band Creative Arts Centre	8:00am Secondary Chapel Choir Chapel
THURSDAY	7:30am Secondary Stage Band Creative Arts Centre	7:45am Primary String Ensemble Upper Roberts
FRIDAY	7:30am Secondary Chapel Choir Creative Arts Centre	7:45am Primary Dance Troupe Upper Roberts

LUNCHTIME

AFTER SCHOOL

1:25pm Secondary String Ensemble Creative Arts Centre 3:30pm-4:15pm Secondary Concert Band Creative Arts Centre

3:30pm-4:15pm JE Dancehouse Dance Class Prep-Year 2 Upper Roberts 4:15pm-5:00pm

JE Dancehouse Dance Class Year 3-Secondary Upper Roberts

1:25pm Secondary Performance Choir Creative Arts Centre **3:30pm-4:30pm** Empire Youth Arts Primary Drama Class Upper Roberts 4:30pm-5:30pm Empire Youth Arts Secondary Drama Class Upper Roberts

1:25pm-3:30pm

Secondary Plays Various School Venues

3:30pm-5:00pm

Secondary Plays Various School Venues

1:25pm Secondary Dance Troupe Upper Roberts

1:25pm Primary Theatre Sports Club

1:25pm Secondary Drama Club Secondary Drama Room

3:30pm-5:30pm

Secondary Plays Various School Venues

Instrumental Ensembles

Toowoomba Anglican School caters for students of all ages and abilities in a variety of ensembles. Advanced Primary students may be invited to join Secondary Ensembles to further extend their skills. Placement in ensembles occurs at the start of each year or students can be placed in ensembles by teacher recommendation at any time throughout the year. Students should be at the rehearsal venue at least 5 minutes before the rehearsal is scheduled to start and assist with setting up and packing away the ensemble/distributing music/setting up equipment etc. Students will require a display folder and pencil for rehearsals.







- Primary String Ensemble 45-minute rehearsal per week
- Primary Chamber Strings/String Quartets formed for special performances
- Secondary String Ensemble 45-minute rehearsal per week
- Secondary Chamber Strings/String Quartets formed for special performances
- Primary Concert Band 30-minute rehearsal per week – more advanced players
- Primary Stage Band 30-minute rehearsal per week
 more advanced players
- Primary Jazz Ensemble formed for special performances
- Primary Woodwind/Brass Ensembles formed for special performances
- Secondary Concert Band 45-minute rehearsal per week
- Secondary Stage Band 60-minute rehearsal per week
- Secondary Small Ensembles formed for special performances
- Secondary Rock Band/s 60-minute rehearsal (Senior) and 45-minute rehearsal (Intermediate) per week. Advanced students by audition

Choirs

Toowoomba Anglican School is renowned for its choral program. There are compulsory year level immersion choirs for Prep to Year 3 and then voluntary choirs for older year levels. In 2020, TAS was the winner of the ASPIRE International Youth Music Festival Choral Section. From 2016-2021, the Chapel Choirs participated in various Queensland Pops Orchestra Professional Concert Series, with concerts in Brisbane and Toowoomba. The Chapel Choirs perform at many community events and functions. Choirs from Year 3 to Secondary perform in the Toowoomba Eisteddfod and all choirs perform at school events.

- Prep Year Immersion Choir 35-minute rehearsal per week (All Prep students)
- Year 1 Immersion Choir 35-minute rehearsal per week in class time (All Year 1 students)
- Year 2 Immersion Choir 35-minute rehearsal per week in class time (All Year 2 students)
- Year 3 Immersion Choir 35-minute rehearsal per week in class time (All Year 3 students)
- Year 3/4 Extension Choir rehearsals as needed (Selected Year 3/4 students)
- Primary Senior Choir 30-minute rehearsal per week. Year 3-6 students with treble voices. Large Choir.
- Primary Chapel Choir Approximately 25-30 voices. Two 30-minute rehearsals per week. Students in Years 4-6 with treble voices. By audition in September of the previous year, followed by a one Term probationary period
- Secondary Performance Choir 45-minute rehearsal per week. Large SATB Choir
- Secondary Chapel Choir Approximately 50 voices. One 60-minute rehearsal and one 30-minute rehearsal per week. SATB Choir. By audition in September of the previous year, followed by a one Term probationary period
- Aidan's Voices Rehearsals as required. 16-20 voice auditioned vocal ensemble taken from members of the Secondary Chapel Choir. SATB Vocal Ensemble
- TAS Voices Rehearsals as required. 16 voice auditioned treble vocal ensemble taken from members of the Secondary Chapel Choir
- Primary Secret Men's Business Rehearsals as required. For treble boys in Years 3-6. By invitation
- Secondary Men's Choir Rehearsals as required. For male voices in Years 7-12. By invitation

Chapel Choirs

There are four auditioned Chapel Choirs which perform at fortnightly Chapel Services. Students must audition to gain a place in these Chapel Choirs. The Primary and Secondary Chapel Choirs hold auditions in September of the previous year. This audition process is more rigorous, and an application form is to be filled out. Once successful, students undertake a one term probationary period in Term 4 and are formally inducted into the Chapel Choir in a ceremony early in Term 1.

Aidan's Voices, a chamber SATB choir, and TAS Voices, a chamber treble voice choir, are auditioned from the Secondary Chapel Choir early in Term 1.

To apply for the Chapel Choir membership in 2024, please complete the Audition Form below.

2024 Primary Chapel Choir Audition Form (Students in Years 3-5 in 2023) 2024 Primary Chapel Choir Information 2024 Secondary Chapel Choir Audition Form (Students in Years 6-11 in 2023) 2024 Secondary Chapel Choir Information

Applications are due by 4pm Monday 14 August 2023.

Electronic copies of the forms can be found in the Performing Arts Handbook on the TAS App.

Dance Troupes and Classes

There are Primary and Secondary Dance Troupes. Auditions for these troupes involve students joining a rehearsal to see how they cope with the choreography and technical demands. Students need to have a background in dance or gymnastics. For students who are beginners, dance classes are available to develop their dance skills.

- Primary Dance Troupe 45-minute rehearsal per week or as required (dance or gymnastics experience required)
- Secondary Dance Troupe 60-minute rehearsal per week or as required Advanced students
- Junior and Intermediate Dance Class 45-minute class per week. Beginners are welcome and user pays. Run by JE Dancehouse (Prep to Secondary)

Drama Clubs

There is a Secondary Drama Club and Primary Theatre Sports Club. Students who are interested in the Secondary Drama Club should sign up at the beginning of the school year. The Primary Theatre Sports Club is more informal, and students attend lunchtime sessions on a week-by-week basis.

- Primary Theatre Sports Club 45-minute session per week
- Secondary Drama Club 45-minute session per week, plus after school when required
- Empire Youth Arts Group Drama Class 60-minute class per week. User pays. Primary and Secondary

Major Productions

Odd years:

- Primary Year 3-6 Musical Lead and minor roles rehearse out of class time; all other students rehearse in music classes in Term 3: Performances on 24/25 August, 2023
- Secondary Plays (Senior and Junior) Rehearsals out of class time. Will include some weekend rehearsals. Performances are near the end of Term 2: 8/9 June 2023 at the Empire Theatre Armitage Centre

Even Years:

- Primary Le Petit Concert (All students from Prep Year 6) Performances during the M.M.A.D.D. Festival in Term 3
- Secondary Musical Rehearsals out of class time. Will include weekend rehearsals. Performances are in Term 3

What to do if a Student Misses a Rehearsal or Performance

Parents should contact the conductor of the ensemble or the Director of Performing Arts in writing (by email, or text) to let them know of the absence and the reason for the absence. If a student is regularly missing rehearsals or is regularly late to rehearsals without a valid reason, their place may be given to another student, or they may be asked to leave the ensemble.

Performance Uniform

Toowoomba Anglican School Performing Arts instrumental ensembles and choirs perform in full school uniform with Blazer (from Years 3 to Secondary). Younger students perform in their full school uniform. Shoes should be polished, and girls require the correct colour hair ribbon. Formal performances in Terms 1 and 4 may require boys to wear a tie and long trousers with their Summer Uniform and boys and girls may require a blazer. Individuals competing in Eisteddfodau are encouraged to compete in school uniform unless a costume is being worn. Dance Troupes and Drama performances will require costumes. Details will be provided to parents and students prior to performances.



CLASS PERFORMING ARTS Curriculum Subjects

Performing Arts Curriculum subjects are studied across all areas of the school at Toowoomba Anglican School. Primary students have Dance and Drama embedded in the Music Curriculum.

Students from Prep to Year 2 have one Music lesson and one Choir lesson per week.

Students in Year 3 have one music lesson, one choir lesson, and a small group instrumental lesson each week with extension Choirs and Ensembles as an optional activity.

Students in Year 4 have one music lesson and a small group instrumental lesson each week with Choirs and Ensembles as an optional activity.

Students in Years 5 and 6 have one Music lesson per week, with Choirs and Ensembles as an optional activity.

In Years 7 and 8 all students study Music and Drama. This culminates in the students' selection of Music and Drama as Electives in Year 9 and 10 and as Senior Authority subjects in Years 11 and 12. Music Extension is offered as a Year 12 only subject for advanced music students.

Full Year Level Arts Involvement

- Prep to Year 3 Immersion Choirs
- Year 3 String Immersion Program
- Year 4 Band Immersion Program
- Primary Musical from Years 3 to 6 (odd years)
- Primary Le Petit Concert from Prep to Year 6 (even years)
- Primary Inter-House Performing Arts Festival House Choir Competition
- Secondary Inter-House Performing Arts Festival House Choir and Dance Competition
- M.M.A.D.D. Festival (Music, Media, Art, Drama, Dance) whole school involvement
- Primary and Secondary options programs from Years 3 to 10









THE START OF THE YEAR When do Lessons and Ensembles Commence?

Lessons, Boarder Music Practice sessions, choirs, ensembles, drama, and dance troupe rehearsals commence in Week 2 of Term 1.

Age Groupings for Performing Arts Ensembles and Group Lessons

Groupings in Performing Arts ensembles tend to be done by ability level, rather than age.

The exceptions for this are year level Immersion choirs from Prep to Year 3, the Year 3 String Immersion Program, the Year 4 Band Immersion Program and external provider classes with a specific age range.

We have beginners and advanced students of all ages.

Some advanced Primary performers may be invited to join a Secondary Ensemble.

Toowoomba Eisteddfod performances are generally grouped by year level rather than age i.e. Year 7 Piano Solo.



PERFORMANCE OPPORTUNITIES Individual and Ensemble Performance Opportunities







- Assembly Performance. Any student or group of students in Primary or Secondary may perform an item on Assembly. Performances should be at a polished standard and the Director of Performing Arts will decide if an item is suitable to perform. Contact the Performing Arts Office for details
- Morning Melodies or Lunchtime Concerts. These concerts are held in Terms 1, 2, and 4 and signup sheets are found in the Creative Arts Centre Staffroom. If a student learns from Toowoomba Anglican School, their teacher will nominate them. If a student learns outside of Toowoomba Anglican School, parents or the student may email the Performing Arts Office with details of Name, Instrument, and Title of Piece. If concerts are full, preference will go to students who learn from Toowoomba Anglican School
- **Casual Boarder Music Concerts** at the end of each term
- M.M.A.D.D. Festival (Music, Media, Art, Drama. Dance) in Term 3. The M.M.A.D.D. features Festival solo and group performances and workshops over a two-day period in Term 3. The M.M.A.D.D. Festival includes the solo part of the Festival of Performing Arts: Students perform a solo or as a small group in a series of concerts. 20 house points are awarded to each performer, with an Exceptional certificate also able to be won worth an extra 10 points. Students receive a certificate for their performance
- **Festival of Performing Arts.** This is a competitive whole school inter-house festival which is run in Term 4. All Secondary students compete in this Festival in Term 4 in the Inter-House Choir and Dance Competition. Primary students compete in an Inter-House Choir Competition. The Paris Wilson Memorial Trophy is awarded to the Champion Performing Arts House at Presentation and Prize Day
- **Toowoomba Eisteddfod Part 1: 4 14 May; Part 2: 27 July 6 August.** Two parts of the Toowoomba Eisteddfod are held during the year. Many Toowoomba Anglican School ensembles enter this event and individuals will be entered by their private tutor. An entry fee is set by the Toowoomba Eisteddfod Committee and there is a permission question on our Performing Arts Tuition Forms for parents to

complete. Entries will be done by the school in a bulk entry. The cost is placed on your school account. There is no entry fee cost for students involved in a large ensemble performance

- Festival Participation, such as Anglican Schools' Music Festival, Paul Morton Choral Festival, Sing Out, String Out, etc. A cost is normally associated with participation in these Festivals. A permission note will be sent home to all members of eligible ensembles and fees will be added to your school account
- **Biennial Primary Musical (Years 3-6, odd years) or Le Petit Concert (Prep Year 6, even years)**. Performances will be held on campus
- **Biennial Secondary School Play (odd years) or Musical (even years)** held off-campus. In 2023 students in the Secondary School will perform a Senior Secondary Play 'Buckets' and the Junior Secondary Play 'Urbs Urbis' on 8/9 June 2023 at the Empire Theatre Armitage Centre. Auditions were held in Term 4, 2022
- **Workshops/Masterclasses.** Students who participate are normally at an advanced level and will be nominated by their tutor. A cost is normally associated with participation in an individual masterclass. A permission note will be sent home and any fees will be added to your school account
- **Domestic and International Performing Arts Tours.** Tours will be held depending on current COVID situations and regulations
- **AMEB, Trinity, or ACM Examinations.** Students of all ages undertake examinations on instruments, voice, and speech and drama. Students will be entered by their teacher after consultation with parents. Parents will normally pay the examination fee to the teacher who has entered the student
- **Other School or Community Concerts.** A permission note will be sent home and any fees will be added to your school account











M.M.A.D.D. Festival

Music. Media. Art. Drama. Dance.

A whole school celebration of the Arts that will take place in Week 9, Term 3 2023: Thursday 7 and Friday 8 September.

Incorporating a variety of performances:

- Individual Festival of Performing Arts.
 - Solo and small ensemble performances in concerts where students collect house points to go towards the Paris Wilson Memorial Performing Arts Trophy, which is presented at Presentation and Prize Day
 - 20 House points are awarded to each performer with an Exceptional certificate also able to be won worth an extra 10 points
 - Students will receive a certificate for their performance
- Whole School Workshops and Activities





MUSIC TOUR 2023



AUSTRALIAN INTERNATIONAL MUSIC FESTIVAL (SYDNEY) 1-8 July 2023

FOR SECONDARY CONCERT BAND, STAGE BAND/JAZZ ENSEMBLE, STRING ENSEMBLE AND SATB CHOIR/VOCAL ENSEMBLE. PLEASE SEE LINK FOR DETAILS:

<u>Festival Details</u> <u>Expression of Interest Form</u>

ELECTRONIC COPIES OF THE FORMS CAN BE FOUND IN THE PERFORMING ARTS HANDBOOK ON THE TAS APP.





MAJOR PRODUCTIONS AND DRAMA

Toowoomba Anglican School encourages students to participate in productions ranging from Shakespeare to mime, contemporary plays, and musicals. The Secondary School produces a biennial play, alternating with a musical, with these productions staged for the public off-campus. The student technical crew supports these performances.

The major Secondary School productions for 2023 are:

Senior Secondary Play (Years 10-12)
 'Buckets'

Directors: Kate Charles and Rebecca Peake Empire Theatre Armitage Centre 8/9 June 2023

Junior Secondary Play (Years 7-9)
'Urbs Urbis'
Director: Nancy Macks
Empire Theatre Armitage Centre
8/9 June 2023



The major Primary School production for 2023 is:

Year 3-6 Musical
 Director: Diana Skelton
 24/25 August 2023

Empire Youth Arts - User Pays Group Drama Class Primary Class (Years 3-6) Secondary Class (Years 7-12)

Learn about storytelling, performing and expressing yourself creatively with like-minded people. Have fun by learning core performance and creative skills while building your self-confidence and focus through exciting drama activities.

Venue:

Upper Roberts Music Room

Lesson Day:

Tuesdays.

Lesson Times:

3:30pm – 4:30pm – Primary Class (Years 3-6)

4:30pm – 5:30pm – Secondary Class (Years 7-12)

What to Bring:

Comfortable clothing and a water bottle.

Term Dates:

Semester One \$190.00

- Term 1: Weeks 2-9 7 February 28 March
- Term 2: Weeks 1-9 18 April 13 June; no lesson on 25 April in Week 2

Semester Two \$168.00

- Term 3: Weeks 2-9 18 July 5 September
- Term 4: Weeks 2-7 10 October 14 November

Fees are added to your school account in Terms 1 and 3. Fees are per semester and are non-refundable. There is no refund for lessons not attended. One term's notification in writing to the Performing Arts Office is required to cease lessons.

Participants will engage in activities with a positive, inclusive, and open mindset, with full understanding of the impact their behaviour and attitude has on the quality of the learning experience for all, and the work achieved. Participants and parents/guardians will be notified if they are in breach of the code, which may lead to exclusion from the class.

Students may like to audition for Empire Junior or Senior IMPACT Ensembles (from 10 years of age), apply for an Empire Theatre Youth Bursary or participate in holiday programs. See the Empire Youth Arts website for further details: <u>https://www.empiretheatre.com.au/youth-arts/</u>











DANCE

Toowoomba Anglican School has an enthusiastic Dance Program. Dance is included in the Curriculum from the earliest years. All Secondary students perform a house dance, with student-lead choreographers for the Festival of Performing Arts in Term 4.

There are after-school dance classes in Modern/Contemporary/Hip Hop style in Junior and Intermediate classes run by JE Dancehouse.

All students in these classes perform at an end of year recital at the Empire Theatre. The Primary Dance Troupe (Prep-Year 6) develops skills and performs at school events and in eisteddfodau. There is a Secondary Dance Troupe which rehearses at lunchtime and is for advanced students. This Troupe performs more difficult repertoire and has more performance opportunities, including school events, eisteddfodau, and competitions. Auditions for these troupes involve students joining a rehearsal to see how they cope with the choreography and technical demands. Students need to have a background in dance or gymnastics.





JE DanceHouse User Pays Group Dance Classes Junior Class (Prep-Year 2) Intermediate Class (Years 3 - Secondary)

Venue:

Upper Roberts Music Room

Lesson Day:

Mondays

Lesson Times:

3:30pm – 4:15pm – Junior Class (Prep-Year 2)

4:15pm – 5:00pm – Intermediate Class (Year 3 - Secondary)

Uniform and What to Bring:

³/₄ Black dance pants; Plain white t-shirt; Black slip-on jazz shoes or barefoot. Bring a Water Bottle.

Term Dates:

Semester One \$180.00

- Term 1: Weeks 2-9 6 February 27 March
- Term 2: Weeks 2-9 24 April 12 June; no lesson on 1 May in Week 3

Semester Two \$180.00

- Term 3: Weeks 2-10 17 July 11 September
- Term 4: Weeks 2-7 9 October 13 November plus Empire Theatre Concert. Details TBA.

JE DanceHouse will send a semester account to families. Fees are per semester and are non-refundable. There is no refund for lessons not attended. One term's notification in writing to the Director of Performing Arts is required to cease lessons.

Notes: Primary Students in Years 3 to 6 can do homework/read quietly in the foyer of Upper Roberts from 3:20pm while waiting for their class or they can be booked into afterschool care through the normal channels.

Participants will engage in activities with a positive, inclusive, and open mindset, with full understanding of the impact their behaviour and attitude has on the quality of learning experience for all, and the work achieved. Participants and parents/guardian will be notified if they are in breach of the code, which may lead to exclusion from the class.

Students can take many additional dance classes through JE Dancehouse at their studio in Toowoomba. For more information, please see their website: <u>https://jedancehouse.com.au/</u>









COMMUNITY & WIDER INVOLVEMENT

We encourage TAS musicians to give back to their wider community through the Performing Arts. This can take the form of community concerts, involvement with charity organisations, and joining with other organisations and schools.





WHY LEARN THE ARTS?

Links to Articles

Electronic copies of the forms can be found in the Performing Arts Handbook on the TAS App.

If you want your child to be more resilient, get them to join a choir, orchestra or band (theconversation.com) 21 Benefits of Learning a Musical Instrument | Making Music Magazine The Importance of Drama Education in the Academic Process - Shout Out UK 25 Benefits of Dance for Kids (and Adults) - Mom Loves Best Who Actually Quits Musical Instrument Instruction — Children or Their Parents? - NAfME

Why Should My Child Learn Music?

Music is a wonderful skill for any child, but research shows how learning music can help your child in so many more ways:

- Improved reasoning capacity and problem-solving skills
- Improved mathematics and language performance
- Better memory
- Greater social and team skills

Everyone has musical ability. Every child is born with musical ability, but if it is not tapped into early enough then it can fail to develop. Being 'unmusical' is more likely to be an outcome of poor training or lack of opportunity than it is from lack of ability, and everyone has the capacity to improve their musical skills. Research indicates that all babies are born with perfect pitch. If they don't learn to use their perfect pitch, they then lose it.

Playing music increases memory and reasoning capacity, time management skills and eloquence. Studies have concluded that learning and playing music improved not just academic performance, but also memory, reasoning, working as part of a group, time management and the ability to think in the abstract.

Playing music improves concentration, memory, and self-expression. A two-year study showed how playing music improved children's reading and verbal skills through improving concentration, memory, and self-expression. Other effects learned by the study showed that children learned to like each other more, enjoyed school more and were less stressed during tests, indicating they were better able to handle performance pressure.

Playing music improves the ability to think. Ongoing research demonstrates that learning and playing music builds or modifies neural pathways related to spatial reasoning tasks, which are crucial for higher brain functions like complex mathematics, chess, and science.

Music training improves verbal memory. A study has shown that adults who had music training before the age of 12 years had an improved ability to recall spoken words.

Learning music helps under-performing students to improve. Researchers discovered that children who had been lagging behind in their school performance had caught up with their peers in reading and were ahead of them in mathematics after 7 months of music lessons. The children's classroom attitudes and behaviour ratings had also significantly improved, and after a year of music classes were rated as better than the children who had no additional classes.



Why Should My Child Learn Drama?

- It will increase your child's self-esteem and confidence and they will learn to be creative and express their creativity in a variety of ways
- Your child will learn the skills of listening, negotiating, and communicating
- Your child will learn empathy and identification. Drama opens new dimensions of emotional experiences. By observing other people's creative processes and products, it can assist you in accessing emotions, along with understanding different ways of interpreting and understanding information. In drama we express ideas, observations, and feelings by making choices about roles and/or characters
- It will increase your child's ability to think; creatively, imaginatively, and divergently. Your child will learn how to think outside the square. Drama teaches students how to become critical consumers, rather than just passive viewers. Students are expected to question and critique their own and others' processes and products
- Your child will develop higher order thinking skills. We can often be limited by our own attitudes and beliefs. Drama requires us to view things from multiple perspectives, inviting us to share control of a narrative between different players. This automatically widens our perspectives, allowing us to synthesise and evaluate information at a much higher level
- Your child will learn to connect not only with themselves, but with other disciplines, cultures, traditions and most importantly, with an audience
- Your child will learn how to work in a team effectively
- Your child will learn how to speak in a more articulate manner, at the same time they will get to put on funny accents, or even sing or talk in gibberish
- Your child will learn how to use their body in ways that make people laugh and cry
- Your child will learn how to put on and prepare for a performance, whether solo, small group or large theatrical performance
- Your child will expand their vocabulary and learn how to memorise things (learning lines requires practice, determination, and advanced memory skills)
- Your child will learn about emotions and how to express them
- Your child will learn how to give feedback and take on board feedback. Drama teaches us how to ask questions that help make sense of learning. The two simple questions; 'what worked' and 'what could be improved next time' encourage students to offer constructive feedback and think critically and positively about their own and others' performances
- Your child will be active. Drama is an active subject that requires you to get up and move
- Your child will learn how to tell a story and communicate with and without using words. Drama encourages us to communicate through different ways, whether it be through movement or speech or even just sounds
- Your child will learn how to focus and concentrate
- Your child will learn how to excel in public speaking/ presenting
- Your child will learn about rhythm and timing
- Your child will learn the rules of improvisation. Improvisation involves craft and skill, inviting students to think imaginatively and on their feet. One of the most important rules in improvisation is that you must accept all offers made by your partner, and not deny them. This allows a scene to be carried out to its full potential
- Your child will learn about discipline, routine, and structure
- Your child will learn how to be persistent and to learn from failures as well as successes



Why Should My Child Learn Dance?

- Aids the development of kinaesthetic intelligence
- Creates opportunities for self-expression and communication within the constraints of the medium of the body
- Teaches the values and skills of creativity, problem solving, risk taking, making judgments in the absence of rules, and higher order thinking skills
- Provides an opportunity for students to recognise that there are multiple solutions to problems
- Fosters an individual's ability to better interpret interpersonal nonverbal communication
- Provides a strong base from which to analyse and make informed judgments about corporeal images
- Learning the dances of other cultures helps students to develop an understanding and respect for them
- Through stimulating all the senses, dance goes beyond verbal language in engaging dancers and promoting the development of multisensory beings
- Provides options to destructive alternatives in a world that is unpredictable and unsafe for children
- Prepares people for careers in dance and other fields
- Enhances an individual's lifelong quality of life
- Helps students develop physical fitness, appreciation of the body, concern for sound health practices, and effective stress management approaches









PERFORMING ARTS TUITION How to Enrol

To enrol in TAS Performing Arts Tuition, all new students are required to complete the Application for Performing Arts Tuition Form. Places for lessons fill quickly. **Tuition forms need to be filled out each year so that TAS has the fullest and latest information for each student**.

Performing Arts Tuition Application Form

Electronic copies of the form can be found in the Performing Arts Handbook on the TAS App.

Overview

A large percentage of students from Years 3 to Secondary have at least one private Performing Arts lesson per week. Lessons may commence in Year 1. Toowoomba Anglican School offers professional tuition by visiting private contractors in Piano, Piano/Voice, Music Theory, Voice, Violin, Viola, Cello, Double Bass, Flute, Clarinet, Bass Clarinet, Saxophone, Trumpet, Trombone, French Horn, Euphonium, Tuba, Drums, Guitar, Bass Guitar, Speech and Drama, Group Dance, and Group Drama. Other instruments may be taught by special arrangement.

Toowoomba Anglican School uses rotating lesson timetables. This means that students will only miss a particular in-class time once every few weeks. Some students have a fixed out of school time, but out of school lesson times have very limited availability. Timetables are posted on the TAS App and the Creative Arts Centre Noticeboard. Any permanent changes to these timetables will be updated on the TAS app where possible. Parents/students are required to give 1 week's notification if a lesson is to be missed, otherwise the full lesson fee will be charged.

Lesson Pricing	
Length of Lesson	Price
30-minute group lesson (3 students per group)	\$13.00 per lesson
For students who are continuing from the Year 3 String and Year 4 Band	
Immersion Programs (may be dependant on numbers of students wanting this option)	
30-minute paired lesson	\$20.00 per lesson
20-minute private lesson	\$27.00 per lesson
(Only available to Primary students who are beginners, or students who are	
unable to be given a paired lesson)	
30-minute private lesson	\$40.00 per lesson
45-minute private lesson	\$60.00 per lesson
Students playing at a high-level doing Exams (teacher recommendation	
required)	
60-minute private lesson	\$80.00 per lesson
Students playing at a high-level doing Exams (teacher recommendation	
required)	
JE DanceHouse Group Dance Classes	\$180 for Semester 1
45-minute group lesson	\$180 for Semester 2
Empire Theatre Youth Arts Group Drama Classes	\$192 for Semester 1
60-minute group lesson	\$168 for Semester 2

Performing Arts Tuition Subjects

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Piano/Voice/Theory	• Piano (Years 1 – 12, individual lessons only)
	 Voice/Singing (Years 1 – 12)
	 Combined Piano and Voice (Years 1 – 3, individual lessons only)
	• Theory (Years 4 – 12)
Strings	• Violin (Years 1 – 12)
	• Viola (Years 3 – 12)
	• Cello (Years 1 – 12)
	• Double Bass (Years 5 – 12)
Woodwind	• Flute (Years 4 – 12)
	• Clarinet (Years 4 – 12)
	• Bass Clarinet (Years 5 – 12)
	• Alto Saxophone (Years 4 – 12)
	• Tenor Saxophone (Years 5 – 12)
	• Baritone Saxophone (Years 5 – 12)
	• Trumpet (Years 4 – 12)
	• French Horn (Years 5 – 12)
Brass	• Trombone (Years 4 – 12)
	• Euphonium (Years 5 – 12)
	• Tuba (Years 5 – 12)
Guitar/Drums	• Acoustic/Electric Guitar (Years 4 – 12)
	• Bass Guitar (Years 4 – 12)
	 Drums (Years 4 – 12, individual lessons only)
Dance/Drama	• Speech and Drama (Years 1 – 12, Individual Lessons only)
	• JE DanceHouse Group Dance Classes (Prep – Year 12)
	• Empire Youth Arts Group Drama Classes (Years 3 – 12)



Hire Instruments

Hire Fees: \$125.00 per Semester. This amount is not refundable if a child stops lessons during the semester.

Hire Instruments available				
Strings	• Violin			
	• Viola			
	• Cello			
	Double Bass			
	• Clarinet			
Woodwind	Bass Clarinet			
	Alto Saxophone/Tenor Saxophone/Baritone Saxophone			
	Trumpet			
Brass	French Horn			
	• Trombone			
	• Euphonium			
	• Tuba			

- We **do not** hire acoustic, electric, or bass guitars.
- Hire Instruments are limited in number and are given to students based on the date of receipt of the Performing Arts Tuition Application Form. Parents are required to pay for any damage to a school hire instrument beyond normal wear and tear.
- It is wise to submit the Performing Arts Tuition Application Form as quickly as possible to be assured of a hire instrument.
- Students who have previously hired an instrument are able to go on a waiting list for an instrument, but preference will go to students who have not previously hired this instrument through the school.

Tuition Details

- Students will advance at a faster rate in an individual lesson.
- A paired or group lesson is only available if there is another child/children of similar age and ability also wanting a paired or group lesson on the same instrument. If not, a 20-minute lesson will be offered.
- If you have a preferred Performing Arts teacher, please note this on the tuition forms. However, owing to the busy nature of some teachers, places with a particular teacher cannot be guaranteed.
- Day students learning the piano **must** have access to a piano or large keyboard at home.
- All Performing Arts lesson fees, hire instrument fees and boarder music practice fees will be charged by the semester. If your child chooses to stop lessons mid-semester, then lesson, boarder music and hire fees must be paid for the remainder of the semester.
- Lesson fees are paid by invoice to the private teacher, with the exception of Mrs Nerida Eckert, whose fees will appear on your school fees.
- Fees for Performing Arts Tuition are set according to guidelines set out by the Music Teachers Association of Queensland.
- Payment for JE Dancehouse and Empire Youth Arts Drama classes are made upfront at the time of enrolment.
- There is no cost for involvement in school choirs and ensembles.
- Please take the time to carefully read our Terms and Conditions for Performing Arts Tuition at the conclusion of the Performing Arts Handbook, which parents must acknowledge before lessons can commence.





INSTRUMENT OVERVIEW

Piano

Piano Year 1+

This instrument can be played by all ages from Year 1 to Secondary. Piano is a great starting instrument, as it teaches coordination, how to read both treble and bass clefs, and how to count.

Woodwind

Flute Year 4+

Woodwind Instrument played by blowing across the tone hole (similar to blowing across a bottle). Uses treble clef. Similar fingering to the recorder. Suits quieter students.

Clarinet Year 4+, Bass Clarinet Year 5+

Woodwind Instrument that uses a single reed. Very small hands may have difficulty covering the lower holes. Uses treble clef. Similar to the recorder but not the same fingering. It is quite easy to go from clarinet to saxophone later or play both together when the student is older.

Alto Saxophone Year 4+, Tenor Saxophone Year 5+, Baritone Saxophone Year 5+

Woodwind Instrument that uses a single reed. Must have large hand span from thumb to tip of index finger to reach around the palm keys. Uses treble clef. Uses a strap. Similar fingering to the recorder.

Brass

Trumpet Year 4+

Brass Instrument that makes a sound by pressing the lips together and 'buzzing'. Uses treble clef. Requires straight teeth – no serious overbite. Braces can be uncomfortable on some students. Students can go on to play the euphonium (small tuba), as it has the same fingering. Students require a good sense of pitch. Suits right-handers or ambidextrous students. Suits outgoing students.

French Horn Year 5+

Brass Instrument that makes a sound by pressing the lips together and 'buzzing'. Uses treble clef. Requires straight teeth – no serious overbite. Braces can be uncomfortable on some children. Children require a very good sense of pitch. Suits right-handers or ambidextrous students.

Trombone Year 4+

Brass Instrument that makes a sound by pressing the lips together and 'buzzing'. Uses bass clef. Very small students are not suitable for this instrument because of the arm length needed to operate the slide. Students require a good sense of pitch. Suits right-handers or ambidextrous students. Large but not heavy.

Euphonium/Tuba Year 5+

Brass Instrument that makes a sound by pressing the lips together and 'buzzing'. Tuba uses bass clef. Euphonium uses bass or treble clef. Students require a good sense of pitch. Suits right-handers or ambidextrous students. These are large instruments.

Guitar

Acoustic/Electric Guitar Year 4+

Stringed Instrument that makes a sound by plucking or strumming the strings. Six strings. Uses treble clef and tablature. Students learn single note melodies and chords. Students require finger strength and coordination. Different sizes available.

Bass Guitar Year 4+

As for Acoustic Guitar. Uses bass clef. Four strings. No chords. Single line melody only. Students require long, strong fingers and good coordination.

Percussion

Percussion/Drums Year 4+

Students will learn basic drum techniques using a snare drum and bass drum. Students will move onto the drum kit as their skills develop. They may also get the opportunity to play other percussion instruments in bands/ensembles. Children require very good coordination and a strong sense of beat and rhythm. It is essential that day students have their own drum kit.

String

Violin Year 1+

Stringed Instruments that make a sound by drawing the bow across the strings and plucking. Uses treble clef. Come in many sizes. Students require a very good sense of pitch and good coordination.

Viola Year 3+

Stringed Instruments that make a sound by drawing the bow across the strings and plucking. Uses alto clef. Come in many sizes. Students require a very good sense of pitch and good coordination.

Cello Year 1+

Stringed Instruments that make a sound by drawing the bow across the strings and plucking. Uses bass clef. Come in many sizes. Students require a very good sense of pitch and good coordination.

Double Bass Year 5+

Stringed Instruments that make a sound by drawing the bow across the strings and plucking. Uses bass clef. Students require strong hands, along with a very good sense of pitch and good coordination.

Voice

Voice Year 1+

Singing suits all ages of student, but is best started when students have fluent reading skills and are able to concentrate for the duration of the lesson.

Speech and Drama

Speech and Drama Year 1+

Speech and Drama suits all ages of student, but is best started when students have fluent reading skills and are able to concentrate for the duration of the lesson.

Equipment Requirements for Performing Arts Students

All students will be supplied with a Toowoomba Anglican School Music Record Book. The cost is \$8.00 and will be added to your school account. This is the first point of contact between parents and Performing Arts Teachers.

Instrument	Requirements for students with their own instrument	Requirements for students who will be hiring a school instrument
Flute	Cleaning rod and a washed handkerchief to use as a cleaning swab Key Oil Polishing Cloth (Optional) Display Folder	Washed handkerchief to use as a cleaning swab Display Folder
Clarinet and Saxophone	Box of 10 Reeds of the correct strength Cork Grease Key Oil Cleaning Swab Neck Strap – Saxophone (Clarinet Optional) Thumb Saver – Clarinet (Optional) Saxophone – Polishing Cloth (Optional) Display Folder	Box of 10 Reeds of the correct strength (Size 1 ½ for Beginners, Size 2 for Intermediate Students, Size 2 ½ /3 for Advanced Students) Display Folder Please check reed strength with your child's teacher
Trumpet/French Horn/Euphonium/Tuba	Valve Oil Tuning Slide Grease Mouthpiece Brush – Optional Polishing Cloth – Optional Display Folder	Display Folder
Trombone	Slide Cream Water Spray Bottle Mouthpiece brush – Optional Polishing Cloth – Optional Display Folder	Display Folder
Acoustic Guitar	Spare Set of Strings Spare Picks Display Folder	NO HIRE INSTRUMENTS AVAILABLE
Electric Guitar/Bass Guitar	Spare Set of Strings Spare Picks 2 Leads Small Amplifier (Optional) Headphones (Optional) Display Folder	NO HIRE INSTRUMENTS AVAILABLE

Instrument	Requirements for students with their own instrument	Requirements for students who will be hiring a school instrument
Violin, Viola, Cello, Double Bass	Spare set of Strings Rosin Shoulder Rest (Violin/Viola Only Roc Stop (Cello/Double Bass only) Display Folder	Display Folder
Drums	Set of Size 5A or 5B MAPLE Drumsticks Display Folder	Boarders use School Drum Kits during Boarder Music Practice Set of Size 5A or 5B MAPLE Drumsticks Display Folder
Singing/Voice	Display Folder	N/A



GUIDELINES FOR SUITABLE PERFORMING ARTS LESSONS Kindergarten and Prep

- Toowoomba Anglican School **does not** offer Individual or Paired Performing Arts lessons to students in Kindergarten or Prep Year during class time
- These students have weekly specialist lessons of Classroom Music, which incorporates music, dance, and drama
- Prep Year students have an additional choir rehearsal each week
- Prep students can enrol and participate in JE DanceHouse Monday Afternoon dance classes

Years 1-3

- Students in Year 1 are only able to have lessons in the Performing Arts after an assessment by their class teacher to see if they are developmentally ready to commence lessons and miss class time to attend lessons
- Children in Years 1 to 3 are generally too small to play a woodwind, brass, or percussion instrument successfully. They may also not have the strength in their hands required to play guitar
- Students in Year 3 participate in the compulsory Year 3 String Immersion Program. More information on this program is on the opposite page

Year 4 - Secondary Students

• Year 4 students are involved in the compulsory Year 4 Band Immersion Program. More information on this program is on the opposite page



• It is never too late to start learning a musical instrument or commence voice/singing or speech and drama lessons

• Students in these parts of the school range from absolute beginners to very advanced students

• TAS has many multi-age musical ensembles to cater for all levels, allowing students to learn at their own pace

Instrumental Immersion Programs

The benefits of learning to play an instrument are well documented and we believe all students should have the opportunity to experience this as part of a well-rounded Toowoomba Anglican School education.

All students in Year 3 take part in the Year 3 String Immersion Program, which involves small group tuition on Violin, Viola, or Cello for one year.

All students in Year 4 take part in the Year 4 Band Immersion Program, which involves small group tuition on Flute, Clarinet, Saxophone, Trumpet, Trombone, Percussion, or Bass Guitar for one year.

Year 3 String Immersion Program

- Small group lessons on violin, viola, or cello for the year
- School hire instruments are used
- Small group lessons
- Timetabled into the school day and part of the Year 3 curriculum
- End of Year Concert for parents
- Mark on Report Card, which includes bringing instrument and music to lessons and ability to do regular, short practice sessions each week
- Parents should sign the Toowoomba Anglican School Music Record Book each week as a way of encouraging regular practice habits

Year 4 Band Immersion Program

- Lessons for the year on one of the following: Flute, Clarinet, Alto Saxophone, Trumpet, Trombone, Percussion, and Bass Guitar
- School hire instruments are used
- Small group lessons
- Timetabled into the school day and part of the Year 4 curriculum
- End of Year Concert for parents
- Mark on Report Card, which includes bringing instrument and music to lessons and ability to do regular, short practice sessions each week
- Parents should sign the Toowoomba Anglican School Music Record Book each week as a way of encouraging regular practice habits

Year 3 String and Year 4 Band Immersion Program Important Points

- Parents are responsible for paying for any damage to an instrument beyond normal wear and tear. This includes accidental damage and loss of the instrument
- Please do not let other members of the family play the instrument, particularly younger siblings
- Instruments are very fragile
- Encourage your child (even if they are making some strange sounds in the beginning)
- Keep the instrument out of the sun and do not leave it in a hot car, as it will damage the instrument
- Clean the instrument regularly
- Students are not permitted to change instruments at any time once they have been allocated an instrument.

Boarders and Performing Arts

Practice is an essential part of learning a musical instrument. Supervised practice for boarders is compulsory for students learning an instrument/voice. Boarding students learning an instrument or voice will automatically be enrolled into Boarder Music Practice with two evening sessions per week for a small fee (\$70.00 per semester). This fee will be added to your school account. This amount is not refundable if a child stops lessons during the semester.

- Students enrolled in Boarder Music Practice attend for 30 minutes, two nights per week
- The time and day are determined by boarding staff, according to the boarding program
- Students at a more advanced level, or who play 2 or more instruments, are encouraged to use the Creative Arts Centre Practice Rooms at other times from Monday to Friday: before school from 7.30am-8.30am, at lunch time, or after school from 3.30pm-5.00pm. On Fridays, the CAC closes at 3:30pm
- There are casual Boarder Music Concerts at the end of each term so that students can perform what they have been working on during the term

All boarders require a library bag (available from clothing shop) to keep their music, diary, and other equipment safe and tidy.

Instruments and music are kept in the Performing Arts Centre, with the exception of Guitars, which are kept in the boarding house, owing to space constraints.

Boarders need to have their instrument, instrument cases, accessories, library bag and music well-named. Parents should keep a record of the brand and serial number of the instrument. It is also wise to put these instruments on your insurance policy.

New boarders who have previously had music lessons should bring all previous music with them so that their new teacher has a starting point in the first few lessons.



LEADERSHIP AND AWARDS Student Leadership in Performing Arts

At Toowoomba Anglican School there are several opportunities to be a student leader in the Performing Arts arena:

Primary Performing Arts Captains – two Performing Arts Captains from the Year 5 cohort are chosen after an interview process and are announced prior to the end of Term 4. These captains assist with all Performing Arts in the Primary Years, including rehearsals, concerts, and other performances. The captains give regular reports and updates on assemblies and compere major concert and Performing Arts events.

Primary Head Choristers of Chapel Choir – one or two Head Choristers from the Year 5 Chapel Choir cohort are chosen and are announced at the annual Chapel Choir Concert in Term 3. These captains assist with all Chapel Choir duties, including rehearsals, concerts, and other performances.

Secondary Performing Arts Captains – two Performing Arts captains from the Year 10 cohort are chosen after an interview process and are announced prior to the end of Term 4. These captains assist with all Performing Arts in the Secondary School, including rehearsals, concerts, and other performances. The captains give regular reports and updates on assemblies, and compere major concert and Performing Arts events.

Secondary Head Choristers of Chapel Choir – one or two Head Choristers from the Year 11 Chapel Choir cohort are chosen and are announced at the annual Chapel Choir Concert in Term 3. These captains assist with all Chapel Choir duties, including rehearsals, concerts, and other performances.

Performing Arts Awards

- Late in Term 4, a joint Toowoomba Anglican School Excellence in Sports and Performing Arts Award Night is held in the Millennium Centre
- There are categories for various Performing Arts disciplines and a Most Proficient and Encouragement award are given for each category
- Most Proficient awardees can learn outside the school
- The Encouragement award usually goes to a student who learns at Toowoomba Anglican School, or a student involved in a school ensemble
- Secondary students are able to earn colours and half colours in Performing Arts
- A Conductor's Award is presented for each ensemble and choir
- Students who achieve representative or special honours are recognised
- There are several major individual Performing Arts awards for Primary and Secondary students which are presented at the annual Presentation and Prize Day

CONTACT AND COMMUNICATION Getting Performing Arts Information & Contacting Staff

DISCLAIMER: The information contained in this handbook is correct at the time of printing and will be updated at least annually, however many details change regularly. The sources listed below should be used to check the accuracy of important information.

Director of Performing Arts/Performing Arts Office

The Performing Arts Office should be the first point of contact for all matters relating to Performing Arts at Toowoomba Anglican School. The exception to this is for logistical-type matters (e.g. advising of nonattendance at a rehearsal or performance, rescheduling a lesson), where contact with the conductor or private tutor would be more appropriate. Matters of serious concern will be passed onto the Director of Performing Arts.

The Performing Arts Office, can be reached by phoning (07) 4639 8111 or by emailing <u>performingartsadmin@taschool.qld.edu.au</u>. The office is in the Creative Arts Centre in Terms 1-3 and Upper Connal in Term 4.

The Director of Performing Arts, Mrs Nerida Eckert, can be reached by phoning (07) 4639 8111 or by emailing <u>njeckert@taschool.qld.edu.au</u>. Her office is in CA5 in the Creative Arts Centre.

Communication Methods

Communication with parents and students about matters relating to Performing Arts is an active process that occurs continuously.

The first point of contact between the Performing Arts Department, parents and students is the Toowoomba Anglican School App.

The TAS App contains Performing Arts information such as:

- Rehearsal schedule for choirs and ensembles
- Lesson timetables private tutors
- Notices
- Information about upcoming events
- Permission forms for Performing Arts events. Please assist by completing these in a timely manner.
- Representative opportunities

It is imperative that the TAS App, emails, the Parent Lounge, and the Student Café are checked regularly by both students and parents. The annual school magazine contains an overview of the year, formal photographs of major ensembles, and a collection of general arts photographs from the year.

All music students receive a Toowoomba Anglican School Music Record Book. Parents should check and sign this book each week. Students receive a semester report as part of their school report card.

Performing Arts Staff Member Information



Mrs Nerida Eckert

Director of Performing Arts

Woodwind and Brass teacher Conductor of Primary and Secondary ensembles and choirs Classroom Secondary Music Year 9-12 Year 4 Band Immersion Program njeckert@taschool.qld.edu.au Days at school: Monday-Friday Office: CA5 (Creative Arts Centre)

Mrs Dianne Will

Performing Arts Office Performing Arts Administrator performingartsadmin@taschool.qld.edu.au Days at school: Monday-Thursday Office: Creative Arts Centre in Terms 1-3 and Upper Connal in Term 4

Mr Steve Beezley

Guitar Teacher <u>sbeezley@taschool.qld.edu.au</u> Days at school: Tuesday

Mrs Vicki Bravery

String Teacher Year 3 String Immersion Program Primary and Secondary String Ensemble Conductor <u>vickibravery@yahoo.com.au</u> Days at school: Monday/Thursday/Friday

Mrs Kate Charles

Secondary Class Drama Teacher Secondary Drama Club/Play kcharles@taschool.qld.edu.au Days at school: Monday-Friday

Mrs Lauren Crighton

Woodwind Teacher Year 4 Band Immersion Program Icrighton@taschool.qld.edu.au Days at school: Wednesday/Thursday

Mrs Elizabeth Crook

Piano/Voice/Brass teacher Accompanist Year 4 Band Immersion Program <u>martliz3@optusnet.com.au</u> Days at school: Monday, Tuesday, Thursday

Mr Martin Crook

Woodwind Teacher <u>martliz4@outlook.com</u> Days at school: Tuesday/Wednesday

Mrs Jameille Eugarde

Dance Teacher JE DanceHouse Principal jedancehouse@gmail.com Days at school: Monday/Thursday/Friday

Mrs Anne Gralow

Piano/Voice teacher Accompanist agralow@taschool.qld.edu.au Days at school: Monday-Thursday

Ms Ashley Joppich

Dance Teacher JE DanceHouse jedancehouse@gmail.com Days at school: Monday/Thursday

Ms Nancy Macks

Secondary Drama Teacher/Play <u>nmacks@taschool.qld.edu.au</u> Days at school: Monday-Friday

Mrs Sandy Maughan

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Ms Deborah Meagher

Piano/Voice/Theory teacher Accompanist Boarder Music Practice <u>dmeagher@taschool.qld.edu.au</u> Days at school: Monday-Friday

Ms Rebecca Peake

Secondary Drama Teacher/Play rpeake@taschool.qld.edu.au Days at school: Monday-Friday

Mrs Roslyn McIvor

Speech and Drama Teacher <u>rmcivor@taschool.qld.edu.au</u> Days at school: Tuesday-Friday

Ms Alison Riethmuller

Piano/Voice Teacher Accompanist <u>ariethmuller@taschool.qld.edu.au</u> Days at school: Monday/Friday

Mrs Diana Skelton

Class Music: Kindergarten – Year 8 Conductor of Prep- Year 3 Choirs Year 4 Band Immersion Program Director of Primary Musical <u>dskelton@taschool.qld.edu.au</u> Days at school: Monday-Friday

Ms Shannon Tamblyn

Upper Strings/Piano/Voice teacher Accompanist Year 3 String Immersion Program sgralow@taschool.qld.edu.au Days at school: Monday-Thursday

Jeanette Wedmaier

Empire Youth arts Coordinator <u>jeanette@empiretheatre.com.au</u> Days at school: Off-Site

Mr Jonathan Willis

Drum/Woodwind teacher Conductor of Secondary Stage Band Year 4 Band Immersion Program jwillis@taschool.qld.edu.au Days at school: Thursday/Friday

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Can my child in the Kindergarten or Prep have Performing Arts Tuition?

No. However, these students have a class music lesson with a specialist music teacher.

Can my child in Year 1 have Performing Arts Tuition?

Yes, but only after an assessment by the Class Teacher, to see if your child is developmentally ready.

Can my child have multiple lessons in the Performing Arts?

Yes, but please do not overload your child with learning too many instruments if they are a beginner, a new boarding student, or have learning difficulties. Remember that children must find time to do **adequate practice** on each instrument that they play. Performing Arts staff members have the right to refuse to teach a child if they believe they are doing too many Performing Arts lessons. Many students do play two or more instruments very successfully if they have aptitude in this area.

Does my child need more than one lesson per week?

No. One lesson a week is sufficient.

Do I need to own a piano if my day child is having piano lessons?

Yes. Students must have access to a piano or large keyboard with weighted keys at home. Small keyboards are not suitable.

Can my child in Year 1 – 3 learn a Woodwind, Brass or Percussion Instrument or Guitar?

This is not recommended, as children of this age are usually physically too small to play these instruments **successfully**. Piano is a great instrument to start lessons on.

Can my child have an out-of-school lesson time?

Out-of-school lesson times are very limited. Preference will be given to Secondary students or students with severe learning difficulties. Some teachers do not give any out-of-school lesson times, owing to their other commitments. Toowoomba Anglican School runs a rotating lesson policy for all Performing Arts lessons in school time so that students do not miss the same lesson each week. If you feel strongly that your child cannot miss class time, then it would be best to arrange for lessons outside the school.

Can I hire an acoustic, electric, or bass guitar?

No. Students learning these instruments must have their own instrument (with the exception of the Year 4 Band Immersion Program).

My child was in the Year 4 Band Immersion Program/Year 3 String Immersion Program last year. Can I still hire the same instrument this year?

Yes, but preference is given to students who have never hired this instrument before. Students are able to go on a waiting list for hire instruments.

My child wants to give up their instrument and stop lessons. What do I do?

You need to give a term's notice in writing to the Performing Arts Office and pay the full tuition, hire and boarder music practice fees for the remainder of the semester. It is often worth persevering over the 'beginner's hump'. Children often want to give up an instrument when it starts to become challenging; wanting to give up is often only a passing phase and it is worth continuing.

My child in Year 3 or 4 wants to play an instrument. How do I choose?

Please refer to our Year 3 String Immersion Program and Year 4 Band Immersion Program.

Can my child in Year 4 to Secondary learn an instrument if they have never had any music lessons before?

Yes. Students can start learning an instrument at any age, regardless of their musical background. We cater for beginners of all ages.

How does my child get into a band or choir?

Placement for all ensembles is done in the first two weeks of Term 1. All students from Prep to Year 3 are in a Choir. Performing Arts Staff place students in ensembles throughout the year when they are ready. Chapel Choir auditions are held in September of the previous choir and students complete a one term probationary period.

If my child has Performing Arts lessons outside the school, can they be part of the Toowoomba Anglican School Ensembles?

Yes, all students at our school have the opportunity to become members of the Toowoomba Anglican School bands, choirs and ensembles appropriate to their level of skill.

My child wants to learn an instrument, but we don't know which one would be best for them.

We can test your child to find a suitable instrument. The testing takes about 15 minutes. Please contact the Director of Performing Arts for an appointment on njeckert@taschool.qld.edu.au.

Does my boarder child have to do Boarder Music Practice if they are learning an instrument or voice?

Yes. All boarders learning an instrument or having singing lessons must take part in Boarder Music Practice. The non-refundable \$70.00 fee is added to your school account each Semester.

Can my boarder child do additional practice if they are learning two instruments?

Yes. The Creative Arts Centre is open from 7.30am-5.00pm, Monday to Friday (on Fridays, the CAC closes at 3:30pm). Students are able to practice their instrument before and after school and at lunchtimes, if a room is free.

Last year, my child learnt the saxophone. Can they change to another instrument this year?

Yes, but this is not recommended, as they will be starting from scratch on a new instrument. Many children want to give up an instrument as soon as it becomes challenging or because their friend is playing another instrument. It is often worth persevering on an instrument unless the Performing Arts teacher recommends otherwise. Some children may want to change to an instrument that their friend plays, but this instrument may not physically suit them.

What brand of instrument should I buy?

Please contact your child's music teacher. Do not buy coloured woodwind, brass, or string instruments. Be wary of buying cheap instruments off the internet. Do not buy an instrument from Aldi.

My child missed their Performing Arts lesson because they forgot to go. Can I get a refund or a make-up lesson?

No. The only time lessons are refunded or made up is if the teacher is absent or if sufficient notice (1 week) is given of non-attendance by the student/parent. Details are in the Performing Arts Terms and Conditions.

Do I need to buy music and accessories?

Yes. Your child's Performing Arts teacher will ask you to buy sheet music and accessories, such as reeds, valve oil etc. A 'Toowoomba Anglican School Music Practice Diary' is supplied by the school and \$8.00 is charged to your account. It is recommended that Boarding students have a large supply of reeds if they

play Clarinet/Saxophone. The school does not supply accessories to students.

How do I contact my child's Performing Arts Teacher?

The first point of contact between parents and teachers should be email. Written communication is provided through your child's Toowoomba Anglican School Music Record Book. Performing Arts teachers will have their contact details on your first account. Teachers can also be contacted through the Performing Arts Office on performingartsadmin@taschool.qld.edu.au

My child is a new boarder and I want them to settle in before commencing lessons. Is this possible?

This is possible, but places for lessons do fill very quickly and your child may be placed on a waiting list if they do not enrol for lessons at the start of the year. Lesson places cannot be held.

Is it possible to change Performing Arts Teachers mid-year?

This is possible if there is another teacher who teaches the same instrument and they have a suitable lesson place available. It is recommended that this is discussed with the Director of Performing Arts.



PERFORMING ARTS TUITION TERMS AND CONDITIONS

- 1. Tuition will be given by the Semester, in consecutive weeks as set down by Toowoomba Anglican School.
- 2. Enrolment in all Performing Arts lessons is for the semester. If your child chooses to stop lessons midsemester, then lesson, boarder music, and hire fees are not refundable.
- 3. Lessons can take the form of:
 - a. Private lessons for 20, 30, 45 and 60 minutes
 - 20-minute lessons are only available to Primary students who are beginners, or students who are unable to be given a paired lesson
 - 45- and 60-minute lessons are only available for students playing at a high-level doing Exams, with teacher recommendation required prior to enrolment
 - b. Paired or group lessons for 30 minutes
 - A paired lesson is only available if there is another child of similar age and ability also wanting a paired lesson on the same instrument.
 - Group lessons are for students who are continuing from the Year 3 String Immersion and Year 4 Band Immersion Programs.
 - c. Dance group lesson for 45 minutes
 - d. Empire Drama group lesson for 60 minutes
- 4. Lesson fees are paid by invoice to the private teacher, with the exception of Mrs Nerida Eckert, whose fees will appear on your school fees. Failure to make payment by the due date will result in suspension of lessons across all areas of the Performing Arts and possible loss of lesson placement.
- 5. Payment for JE Dancehouse and Empire Youth Arts Drama classes are made upfront at the time of enrolment.
- 6. If a student has a special activity on his/her scheduled lesson time, the teacher must be given at least a week's notification by the student/parent.
- 7. Lessons missed through pupil non-attendance (for any reason) will be charged for and will not be rescheduled. Lessons cancelled by the teacher will be carried forward or refunded. Payment is made for a teacher's time.
- To discontinue tuition, a Term's notice in writing must be given to the Performing Arts Office (2 Campbell Street, Toowoomba Qld 4350 or <u>performingartsadmin@taschool.qld.edu.au</u>). The remaining portion of Tuition Fees, Boarder Music Practice Fees and Hire Fees are not refundable.
- 9. Performing Arts teachers are within their rights to stop lessons at any time due to non-payment of fees, regular non-attendance at lessons, or a breach of the Terms and Conditions.
- 10. Parents agree to take responsibility for any damage to any hire instrument that may occur, beyond everyday wear and tear. A fee of \$125.00 per semester per instrument is added to a student's school account in order to maintain the instrument. This amount is not refundable if a child stops lessons during the semester.
- 11. Some physical contact with students may be necessary to correct stance, fingering, breathing etc.
- 12. A Music Diary fee of \$8.00 will be added to a student's school account at the beginning of each year, or at the commencement of tuition for students who start partway through a year. This amount is not refundable if a child stops lessons during the semester.
- 13. A Boarder Music Practice Fee of \$70 per semester is added to a boarder student's school account. This amount is not refundable if a child stops lessons during the semester.
- 14. It will be assumed that these conditions have been agreed to unless otherwise notified.

Student Responsibilities

- 15. Attend all Performing Arts lessons.
- 16. Display evidence of regular and adequate practice, as advised by their teacher, using the Practice Book provided.
- 17. Join appropriate school ensembles relevant to their Performing Arts lessons. Attend all rehearsals and performances and practice ensemble music regularly.
- 18. Clean and maintain their instruments.

Parent Responsibilities

19. Support home practice and sign the Practice Book provided.

- 20. Ensure their child's attendance at Performing Arts lessons.
- 21. Notify the Performing Arts teacher of any known absences.
- 22. Notify the Performing Arts Office or Conductor of any absences from rehearsals.
- 23. Be responsible for the care and maintenance of hire instruments.
- 24. Supply students with necessary music and accessories, as requested by the Performing Arts teacher.
- 25. Pay fees promptly.

What to do if a Student misses a Paid Lesson

If a student has a special activity on his/her scheduled lesson time, the teacher must be given at least a week's notification by the student/parent. Lessons missed through pupil non-attendance (for any reason) will be charged for and will not be rescheduled. Lessons cancelled by the teacher will be carried forward or refunded. Payment is made for a teacher's time. If a student misses more than 2 consecutive lessons, parents and house parents will be notified by the teacher. Performing Arts teachers are within their rights to stop lessons at any time due to non-payment of fees, regular non-attendance at lessons, or a breach of the Terms and Conditions.

What to do if a Student wishes to Cancel Private Tuition

Enrolment in all Performing Arts lessons is a minimum of 1 semester. If your child chooses to stop lessons mid- semester, then lesson, boarder music, and hire fees are not refundable.

To discontinue tuition, a Term's notice in writing must be given to the Performing Arts Office (2 Campbell Street, Toowoomba Qld 4350, or <u>performingartsadmin@taschool.qld.edu.au</u>). The remaining portion of Tuition Fees, Boarder Music Practice Fees and Hire Fees are not refundable.

The Performing Arts Department reserves the right to withdraw tuition if the above requirements are not met.



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