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Music
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Music Program

The Denmark Senior High School Music Program is an expressive, creative area that offers the opportunity to expand and develop practical instrumental and theoretical skills. Our aim is to create an environment in which students are able to explore different musical concepts individually and in groups. Denmark is a musical and an artistic community that boasts a wide range of musical achievements and is home to many accomplished, professional performers and song writers. This is enough inspiration to create a musical community within our school that supports and celebrates performance, community, team work and personal achievement.

The DSHS music programme offers both class and smaller group instrumental lessons. Students do not need to be enrolled in the IMSS programme to attend and thrive in Class Music

DSHS has had a long and strong commitment to music since the 1960's when the first concert band in the state was started with the kind donation of money to the school specifically for music instruments. Our IMSS (*Instrumental Music School Services*) program (woodwind, brass, percussion, voice and guitar) is designed to help keep this traditional instrumental stream alive whilst embracing a contemporary approach to fulfil the needs of a broad range of interests.

All students who are provided weekly instrumental IMSS lessons are encouraged to strive for commitment and dedication. Learning an instrument is a lifelong journey which although may be tough at times, is incredibly rewarding and requires focus and practice. Music Education is an integral part of any child's development and has been truly proven to help and stimulate different parts of the brain. This means that Music can help students achieve more in all areas at school but is also fulfilling as a creative outlet.

Our Music Program gives students a chance to:

- ***Learn in a structured, team oriented environment***

All students who study Music will be given a classroom lesson on a weekly basis. Students who already participate in IMSS lessons are automatically added to this class. We do, however, offer this class to any students who have a keen interest and passion for music. This class gives students the ability to develop their practical, compositional, theoretical and aural skills.

- ***Develop coordination skills***

Learning any instrument is a challenge and takes time, persistence and repetition. It has been proven that playing musical instruments develops a person's coordination skills.

- ***Learn at a pace that is suitable for the pace of development for the individual***

Some students may need more time than others and as this is a welcoming environment for ALL levels. It is important that students understand that it is perfectly acceptable to take time to learn new concepts at their own pace. It is also designed to support our 'high flying' music students who may have a lot of experience and who are interested in Music at a higher level.

- *Have the opportunity to learn many instruments in class (eg: guitar, piano, drum kit)*

We are lucky to have the access to many different musical instruments. During the course all students will have access to learning the acoustic and electric guitars, piano/keyboard, drum kit and bass guitar.

- *If chosen, attend weekly lessons provided by the Instrumental Music School Services*

In conjunction with the School of Instrumental Music the following instruments would have been offered in Primary school with the opportunity to continue on in High School:

BRASS/PERCUSSION/DRUMKIT:

Trumpet Tuba
Trombone Euphonium
Drum Kit/Percussion

WOODWIND:

Alto/Tenor Saxophone
Clarinet
Flute

GUITAR/BASS:

Electric Guitar
Electric Bass

VOCALS:

CURRENT ENSEMBLES, held in addition to small class ensembles

String Ensemble (designed for students with violin experience)
John Clark Memorial Concert Band (for all IMSS Brass/Perc/Wind students) – For any interested Class Music student
Year 8 Rock Band (for contemporary instrumental students and vocalists)
Year 9 Rock Band (for contemporary instrumental students and vocalists)
Year 10 Rock Ensemble (for specialist classroom music students)
Year 10 Soul Band
Year 11/12 Band
Choir – Vocal Students
Blokes Choir – for interested male singers

Year 10 ABC Performance



INSTRUMENTAL GUIDELINES

- All students who take part in IMSS instrumental lessons are expected to participate in the relevant school ensembles.
- The school expects the students to commit themselves for at least three years whilst attending Denmark Senior High School.
- The student should attend lessons promptly at the agreed time.
- Students will provide a note from parents if they are unable to attend lessons or rehearsals.
- Music events are part of the school calendar and are designed to enhance the music education of our students. It is expected that all performance dates are notes in diaries and it is compulsory to attend.

- ***Learn how to sing in group situations (and individually when desired)***

Students will be given many opportunities to learn and practice on their own at their own pace in small and large group situations. It is not expected that all students become solo vocalists but there will be many opportunities for those with an interest in developing their vocal skills as an individual. This can be done through community performances, lunch time school concerts and various other gigs.

- ***Attend and participate in ensemble rehearsals and performances***

Students will be provided chances to be a part of an eclectic choice of ensembles. Whether this is a contemporary group, the concert band, choral groups etc will depend on the demand and numbers of students in the Programme.

- ***Perform at school and public events***

There will be performances during the school year on and off site. It is an expectation that all students are available on the day/evening scheduled as it is an important part of the course. These include Term 3 recital nights, and the Term 4 showcase. The Term 4 showcase regularly sells out the Denmark Civic Centre.



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