



Music at Ormiston College



Music

Ormiston College encourages all students to acquire a lifelong love of music. Specialist music teachers inspire and equip students to become the best musicians they can be.

In doing this, music becomes a highly valued component of their lives both at school and beyond the classroom and as a consequence of this, students develop skills in the areas of socialisation, self-expression and creativity, critical and subjective thinking, concentration and self-discipline. We believe the pursuit of excellence in music to be an essential part of a holistic and integrated education for all students.

The Academic Music Program at Ormiston College has something significant to offer each and every student at the College. It caters for students who are just commencing their formal education in Prep, older students who arrive at the College with no previous musical experience through to Senior students who wish to make music their career. Of course, one of the advantages of an educational institution such as Ormiston College is that the educational experience is fully integrated and developmental from P to 12.

YEAR 3 SING AND STRING PROGRAM

As an extension of the classroom music experience in the Junior School, all students in Year 3 are provided the experience of learning a Stringed instrument as part of our special "Sing and String Program". Delivered every week for 60 minutes per lesson, students are guided by string specialists who apply the skills learnt in the classroom program to performance on Violin, Viola, Cello or Bass.

YEAR 5 BEGINNER BAND PROGRAM

Year 5 students are invited to participate in a special introduction to the co-curricular Band Program through our innovative and heavily subsidised Beginner Band Program. All Beginner Band elective students will attend a 60-minute session each week where the entire band comes together under the guidance of four specialist tutors to not only learn the fundamentals of their instrument, but to experience the fun of music making within a full band context from day one.

MUSIC TUITION PROGRAM

Ormiston College provides a comprehensive and expansive Music Tuition Program. The College's Music Tuition Program has long had a reputation for producing outstanding results and engaging students as lifelong musicians.

The College offers a very broad range of instruments in our Music Tuition Program, from Prep to Year 12. Under the tutelage of specialist teachers, students have the opportunity to select from:

Prep only	All other year levels			
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Music for Little Mozarts• Piano• Violin	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Piano• Violin• Viola• Cello• Double Bass• Guitar/Bass Guitar	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Flute• Clarinet• Bass Clarinet• Alto Saxophone• Tenor Saxophone• Baritone Saxophone• Voice	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• French Horn• Trumpet• Trombone• Euphonium• Tuba• Percussion• Drum Kit	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Piccolo• Oboe• Bassoon• Music Theory or Musicianship (individual or group)

CHORAL ENSEMBLES

The College's choral ensembles have a well established reputation for excellence and high quality performances. There is a choral group for all students, including both auditioned and non-auditioned groups. Choirs regularly perform at College events, community festivals and concerts, competitions and other appropriate performance opportunities.

- Kinder Chorus (Open to all Year 1 and 2 students)
- OC Singers (Open to all Year 5 and 6 students)
- Pochino Choir (Open to all Year 3 and 4 students)
- OC Chorale (Open to all Year 7 to 12 students)

The College's Extension and Chamber Choral groups include:

- OC Chorus (Open to all Year 7 to 12 girls)
- Chamber Singers (Auditioned group for Year 7 to 12 students)
- Redback Chorus (Open to all Year 7 to 12 boys)
- OCTAVE (Contemporary a capella vocal ensemble by invitation)

INSTRUMENTAL ENSEMBLES

The College offers a wide range of instrumental ensemble opportunities for students. These groups have a long standing tradition of musical excellence and showcase the skills and talents of the College's instrumental students at all ability levels.

Entry into these groups is determined by two major factors:

- The student must be undertaking private lessons on their instrument, either as part of the College's Music Tuition Program or externally.
- The current ability level of the student as assessed at annual auditions as well as ensemble director evaluations.

The College's instrumental ensembles include:

Bands

Year 5 Beginner Band
Symphonic Band

Concert Band
Jazz Ensemble

Wind Ensemble
Big Band

Strings

Subito Strings
Ormiston College Chamber Orchestra

Sonata Strings

Symphony Strings

Guitar

Junior Guitar Ensemble

Senior Guitar Ensemble

Rock Bands

Chamber Groups

Percussion Ensemble
Chamber Strings

Flute Ensemble
Yardbirds (Saxophone Ensemble)

Brass Ensemble

MUSIC THEORY

Music theory lessons at Ormiston College follow the Australian Music Examination Board (AMEB) Theory Course of Music, which is a nationally recognised standard. The course culminates in an examination which, if successfully undertaken, will result in students receiving an AMEB Certificate. Theory lessons occur after school and are taught by qualified music tutors.

EXTRA-CURRICULAR MUSIC OPPORTUNITIES

Ormiston College has a long established reputation for excellence in Musical Theatre. Since the opening of the Lingo Lin Theatre, the College has staged a number of highly successful biannual musicals, featuring our very talented and dedicated students. At various times students from both the Junior & Senior schools have been involved in our musical productions, depending upon the choice of show. With well over 100 students involved in each musical production, the College musical is a highlight of a student's time here at OC and has become an important part of the life of our College.

In each musical production, students can be involved in a number of ways, including:

- » Lead roles
- » Chorus members
- » Orchestra members
- » Backstage crew
- » Design crew
- » Production assistants

MUSIC TOURS

The Ormiston College Music Tour is a highlight amongst the various activities of the department. Our tours provide the opportunity for OC Music to be showcased on the national and international stage. The experience of being on Music Tour is something that will stay with our students well beyond their years at the College and forges a strong bond and sense of community within the various ensembles that tour. The opportunity to be part of Music Tour is open to all students who are eligible to be members of the ensembles going on tour. The department aims to include as many students as possible in our tours, through the inclusion of band, choral and string ensembles in each tour. Music Tour traditionally takes place in the June/July school holidays and preparations for each tour start the year prior. Since 2000, the OC Music Department has toured both domestically and internationally, attending festivals, competitions, visiting schools and collaborating with their students, undertaking workshops and master classes and having a great deal of fun along the way.

Our most recent tours have included trips to:

- » New Zealand: Rhapsody Rotorua, USA: Los Angeles and Europe: Germany, Austria, Czech Republic

MUSIC CAMPS

Participation in Music Camps provides an important opportunity for team building and the further development of a range of skills both musical and social/emotional. Traditionally, the Ormiston College music department kick starts the year with a music camp for Band and Orchestral students at the beautiful QCCC Brookfield camp site.

After the Winter break, Choral students also have an opportunity to attend a weekend camp to help prepare for their second semester performances and Eisteddfod repertoire.

In addition to working hard and learning new repertoire under the guidance of guest conductors and tutors, students also have time for recreation and fun.

For further information on the College's Music Program, please contact the Music Department via email music@ormistoncollege.com.au or visit www.ormistoncollegemusic.com.

Opportunity **to shine, create and imagine**

Creativity is without doubt a necessity for the 21st century. Visual Art, Music and Drama provide invaluable avenues for the growth of that creativity: imagination, improvisation, risk-taking, conceptual ideas and much more.

At Ormiston College, our extensive range of co-curricular activities offer each of our students the opportunity to indulge in a passion.

Students are encouraged to participate in unforgettable performance opportunities with all levels of ability and talent nurtured through our extensive Arts offerings. Students delight in their opportunity to shine in local, state, national and international productions, concerts, events, exhibitions, tours and camps.

“Educating the mind without educating the heart, is no education at all.”

Aristotle

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