

## Choral

At Kalamunda Christian School we want to recognise and give opportunity and value to children who are gifted singers. Choral singing not only instils children with musical skill, but also encourages strong inter-personal skills and self-confidence.

## Senior Choir

The Senior Choir performs at special school events and, on occasion, at events in the wider community. It focuses on learning a wide and engaging repertoire whilst gaining valuable and integral education regarding correct choral technique. Children in Years 4 - 6 participate in the Senior Choir.

## Junior Choirs

The Junior Choirs are an excellent opportunity for children to develop their vocal abilities at a young age and to foster a love of singing. We believe in developing our students' vocal abilities when they are young, thus laying sound vocal foundations upon which to build as they progress through the school. The younger children will, from time to time, be given opportunities to perform in school, and may on occasions merge with the senior choir for special performances. Children in Years 2 - 3 participate in the Junior Choirs.



## Our Vision

At Kalamunda Christian School we aim to see that all students are given the opportunity to experience music through the provision of versatile music programs that stimulate and nurture a lifelong love of music.

## Why Music

At Kalamunda we believe that all learning areas are important. When schools begin to feel the pressure of maintaining high literacy and numeracy standards, often music as well as other learning areas can quickly be disregarded as a low priority. Research shows, however, that a child's participation in musical activity may actually prove highly beneficial in their development of life skills and have a positive effect in multiple learning areas. We have been able to witness many of these results first hand in our school.

Here are just a few of the benefits music can have on your child:

- Playing music increases memory and reasoning capacity, time management skills and eloquence.
- Playing music improves concentration, memory and self-expression.
- Playing music improves the ability to think.
- Music training improves verbal memory.
- Learning music helps under-performing students to improve.
- Music students are less likely to be involved in problem behaviour.
- Playing in an ensemble encourages the development of inter-personal skills and self-confidence.

If you would like to read further into the studies that inform these amazing statements, go to [www.musicaustralia.org.au](http://www.musicaustralia.org.au)

## Our Music Programs - 2019

In order to achieve our vision, we have developed the following music programs.

### Year 4 Instrumental Scholarship Program - Training Concert Band

Kalamunda Christian School offers our Year 4 students the opportunity to study music. By offering students free instrumental lessons for a year, it introduces parents and students to the music program, without the financial outlay for lessons. Parents may like to use the money that they would ordinarily outlay for lessons on investing in an instrument and supplies for their child. Please note that a typical term of tuition includes eight music lessons in each school term. The school also offers instruments to families for rent at a competitive price.

As well as receiving a year of free tuition, students are also enrolled into the Training Concert Band. The Training Concert Band enables students to enjoy learning and practicing their new musical skills in a warm and encouraging environment, while complementing concepts covered in a student's instrumental music lessons during the week. Additional performance opportunities are also presented throughout the year for the children to showcase the music they have learnt.

### Senior Primary Instrumental Program - Performing Concert Band

After an initial year of study, students have the opportunity to continue with the instrumental music program. Parents have the choice to enrol their child within group or individual lessons, as they choose. We aim to keep the costs for continuing in the instrumental program as low and affordable as possible. As students continue to develop their musical abilities, multiple opportunities are given for them to perform in public as individuals and/or in ensembles.

The Performing Band is designed to complement and further develop the studies of students involved in the instrumental program. What we particularly love about this ensemble is that students are able to share their learning experiences with their peers. Performing Band is for students who have completed one year of instrumental study or have demonstrated that they have the skills and motivation required to participate in this ensemble.

Please note that a typical term of tuition includes eight music lessons per school term.

### String Ensemble

The String Ensemble includes all children who learn a stringed instrument. This ensemble allows children to experience the joy of playing together in a larger group while further developing personal musical skills. The engaging repertoire caters for the beginner player through to those playing at a more accomplished level. Children in Years 4 - 6 are welcome to join this ensemble.

### Years 1 - 3

All Year 1 to 3 students are also welcome to learn an instrument, however the scholarship program is only available for Year 4's in 2019.

The fees for Year 1, 2, 3, 5 and 6 are as follows:

Arrangement	Per Term	Half Year Fee	Annual Fee
Group Lessons	\$150	\$295	\$590
Individual Lessons	\$200	\$400	\$800