

# ST MARY'S COLLEGE

## MUSIC DEPARTMENT 2025



### Welcome to SMC Music

St Mary's College has an amazing musical tradition, which continues to this day.

All St Mary's students in Years 7 - 9 learn a Band or Orchestra instrument for three years and play in an ensemble (St Mary's College Compulsory Music Scheme).

Students have a one-hour timetabled lesson a week on a Thursday morning. In addition, they have one half-hour small group lesson a week with an Itinerant Teacher of Music (ITM). The lesson schedule can be seen on the Music Department notice board.

### BEHIND THE SCENES - MUSIC VIDEOS

We had the opportunity to interview several St Mary's students and teachers about how music makes a difference in their lives at school. We are very excited to share these videos, which tell a story about the long tradition of music-making at St Mary's, and our unique compulsory instrument programme in Years 7-9. We hope you enjoy this peek into the Music Department.

[St Mary's - A Tradition of Singing - Carmel Carroll](#) [Trinity's SMC Story - Music Prefect 2021](#) [Maia's SMC Story - Music Prefect 2020](#)

[St Mary's - Starting in Year 7 Band - Alex](#)  
[St Mary's - Starting in Year 7 Strings - Alexia](#)



## How To Choose Your Instrument

**Instrument Choice** - During Orientation Day, we would like to introduce your daughter to a range of instruments to help her make her choice of an instrument to learn while at St Mary's College for the next three years.

### Wind Instruments available to learn next year:

Clarinet  
Flute  
Saxophone  
Trombone  
Trumpet

### String Instruments available to learn next year:

Violin  
Viola  
Cello  
Double Bass

### Percussion Instruments available to learn next year:

Glockenspiel

**Classics for Kids** - info on various band/orchestra instruments



## Music Survey

During Orientation Day, the students will fill out a survey for their choice of preferred instruments, to learn/play over the next 3 years.

*Not everyone gets their first choice of preferred instrument, but we try our hardest to accommodate everyone's preferences. Sometimes students may get their second or third choice.*

Before the end of Term 4, we will email you with details concerning your daughter's assigned instrument.

## Online Resources

Learning an instrument takes dedication, resilience, and lots of practice, especially in the first few months. We have put together an online resources list that maybe helpful.

**Classics for Kids** - online interactive games and info on various band/orchestra instruments (free)

**Staff Wars** - online note reading game (cost involved)

**Musictheory.net** - online score reading/info (free)

## Music Showcases

Senior PROMS - Term 2 & 3  
Year 9 & 10 PROMS - Term 3  
Year 7 & 8 PROMS - Term 4  
Christmas Concerts - Term 4



## LOOKING AHEAD

- Confirmation of instrument allocation will be sent via email
- We have instruments you can hire in 2025 from the Lyn Insley Trust
- You can provide your own instrument for 2025. Should you be looking to purchase your instrument, you are welcome to bring the instrument to the Music Department who will provide feedback to ensure a sound investment
- You do not need an instrument until WEEK 2, TERM 1, 2025
- Hire Instruments are handed out in WEEK 1, TERM 1, 2025
- Hire fees will be added to your daughter's school account
- The annual Music Fee goes towards ITM lessons
- Year 7 & 8 Choir

### SMC Favourite Music Links

- [Christmas Music](#)
- [SMC Dona Nobis Pacem](#)

Two of our favourite music videos/articles:

- [How Playing an Instrument Benefits Your Brain](#)
- [Is Music the Key to Success?](#)