

# MUSIC | PROGRAM



St Catherine's School  
Sydney



Find your own great.



“*Music is well said to be  
the speech of angels.*”

THOMAS CARLYLE







# MUSIC PROGRAM

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## MUSIC

St Catherine's has a vibrant and innovative music program that fosters the musical development of each student. With a choice of up to 30 ensembles to join, school musicals, international tours, an extensive classroom program and lessons available for all major instruments – numerous opportunities exist for our music students to achieve their absolute best. Our young musicians work with the best music educators and ensembles in Australia, and our theatre provides world-class facilities for productions and performances.

### JUNIOR SCHOOL

#### KINDERGARTEN — YEAR 6

With a program grounded in the Orff Schulwerk and Kodaly methods, our students sing, dance, play and compose. Year 2 participate in a strings program that provides them with the opportunity to learn violin, viola, cello and double bass. In Year 3, students experience the complete range of orchestral instruments including wind, brass and percussion.

### SENIOR SCHOOL

#### YEAR 7 — YEAR 12

All Year 7 students study music as part of the curriculum and may continue from Year 8 with elective music. Girls study a wide variety of genres including Rock & Pop, Medieval, Musical Theatre, Jazz and Classical. HSC students have the option of studying music 1, music 2 or extension music. Many of our Old Girls have pursued careers in music, from Dame Joan Sutherland to our recent graduates of the Sydney Conservatorium of Music.







“ I would teach children music,  
physics and philosophy;  
but more importantly music;  
for in the patterns of music  
and all the arts, are the  
keys to learning.”

PLATO



## COCURRICULAR ENSEMBLE PROGRAM

### ORCHESTRA

Our symphony orchestra is formed from our leading wind, brass, percussion and string musicians. The orchestra performs at our premier events, combines with partner schools, and is a pivotal part of our tours and musicals.

### CHOIRS

Our youngest students can join a choir from Kindergarten. They progress with their singing through to the junior and Year 7 choirs and then to the senior choir. Our choristers perform a lively and varied repertoire with our most advanced senior students singing in the A Capella ensemble. St Catherine's choirs often join forces with neighbouring independent boys' schools to perform large scale choral works.

### STRINGS

Students from Kindergarten to Year 12 can join one of six string orchestras and quartets at St Catherine's. Each ensemble works towards developing students' ensemble skills and performing at a number of concerts throughout the year.

### BAND

Our wind, brass and percussion students can choose concert bands from beginner to advanced, jazz ensembles and chamber ensembles. Students regularly work with leading conductors from Australia and overseas.

### CONTEMPORARY MUSIC

Students with a passion for contemporary music can participate in our rock bands, and many also play in the Chapel Band at services throughout the week.







“ *Music happens to be an art form that transcends language.*”

HERBIE HANCOCK







Paris Francis and Sophie Lui in performance at Santo Stefano in Florence, December 2017.



## PERFORMANCES AND TOURS

The bright lights of Broadway and the West End have always attracted lovers of musical theatre, and those audiences are well catered for at St Catherine's.

Each year our infants put on a production celebrating the Christmas story. Year 6 students produce an annual show. The senior school also perform an annual musical, collaborating with local independent boys' schools.

International tours provide St Catherine's musicians with the opportunity to perform in some of the world's great venues, walk in the footsteps of historical composers, work with leading clinicians, while representing their school and country at the highest levels.

Past tours have included performances at the Arc de Triomphe for the lighting of the Eternal Flame; mass in St Peter's Basilica, the Vatican and St Mark's, Venice; Hyde Park and Westminster Abbey for Anzac Day; and workshops at the Julliard School of Music, New York.

St Catherine's regularly collaborates with leading independent boys' schools to perform major works of the Western canon. Our Junior School performs biennially at the IPSHA festival at Sydney Town Hall with schools from across Sydney.

Students perform with Sydney's premier ensembles, with representatives in the Sydney Youth Orchestra and Sydney Children's Choir.

In addition to ensemble performances, students have the opportunity to enhance their solo skills in weekly lunchtime concerts.











## PRIVATE LESSONS

Instrumental tuition is available on all major orchestral and contemporary instruments including:

BASSOON

CELLO

CLARINET

COMPOSITION and SONGWRITING

CLASSICAL and ELECTRIC GUITAR

DOUBLE BASS and ELECTRIC BASS

FLUTE

FRENCH HORN

MUSICIANSHIP and THEORY

OBOE

PERCUSSION and DRUM KIT

PIANO

SAXOPHONE

TROMBONE

TRUMPET

TUBA

VIOLA

VIOLIN

VOICE





“ Next to the Word of God,  
the noble art of music is the greatest  
treasure in the world. ”

MARTIN LUTHER

## LEADERSHIP

Our music committee is selected from our student body and is made up of the music prefect and ensemble captains. This group assists in the planning of concerts, provides advice to the school and oversees fundraising for charity.

Throughout the year, senior school musicians attend rehearsals with the junior school girls, to mentor and facilitate a musical network throughout the whole school.











“If a composer could say what he had to say in words he would not bother trying to say it in music.” GUSTAV MAHLER





## MUSIC SCHOLARSHIPS

St Catherine's offers a variety of scholarships that reflect the academic and inclusive nature of our learning philosophies. Scholarship holders demonstrate a high level of commitment to their studies, contribute positively to school life, maintain excellent behaviour and uphold the school's virtues and values.

We are seeking talented music students entering Years 7–11, with a desire to further their love of music. A scholarship student is required to study music in their academic program and to contribute fully to the musical life of the school through ensembles, performances, workshops and musical productions.

Scholarships are offered to applicants from within, and from outside the school, who

are not current recipients of a St Catherine's scholarship.

Applicants should have highly developed skills on their preferred instrument and will be awarded a scholarship primarily on their audition and on school reports.

This is a significant opportunity to explore new and exciting musical experiences including touring internationally and working with our composer in residence.

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## CONTACT US

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