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Welcome

Music is a big part of life at Doncaster Secondary College with nearly half of new Year 7 students choosing to join our Instrumental Music program. The purpose of this brochure is to introduce you to the music instruments that students can play at our College and whether they might be suitable to learn.

Keep an open mind as different instruments suit different people.

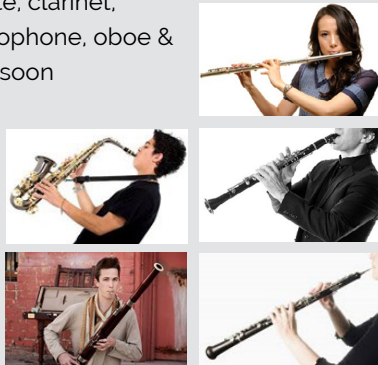


Mr Nicholas Dean
Music Coordinator

At Doncaster Secondary College, we teach a wide range of instruments from the four different instrument families.

WOODWIND

Flute, clarinet, saxophone, oboe & bassoon



STRINGS

Violin, viola, cello, double bass & guitar



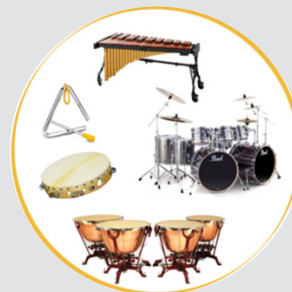
BRASS

Trumpet, trombone, French horn, euphonium & tuba



PERCUSSION

Taught as a single study: Marimba, xylophone, vibraphone, glockenspiel, timpani & drum kit



No prior experience is necessary! In fact, most students who join our music program in year 7 have never played before. With so many people choosing to play instruments in Year 7 you certainly won't be alone!

LESSONS

Instrumental lessons take place during the school day in small groups of up to six and run for half a period. The lesson time is different each week so that students don't miss the same class and they won't fall behind in their regular classes.



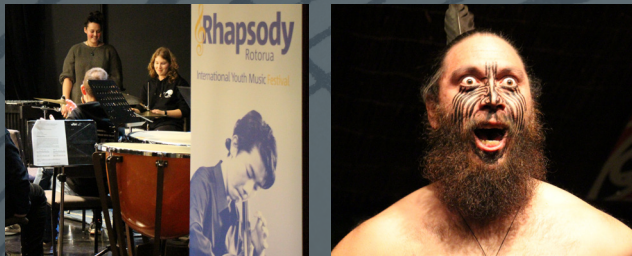
BENEFITS OF MUSIC

Learning an instrument teaches you skills like no other activity and these skills benefit many other aspects of your life. There are countless studies that show how learning music benefits a child's development: improves **organization** and **team work** skills, and children are more **engaged learners** which can lead to better academic results.

It's also **great fun!** Students who join the Instrumental Music program are joining a community of like-minded learners and it's a fantastic way to get involved in the school's wider community. Instrumental music students can participate in Music camps and tours, play concerts and competitions.

Please email our Music Coordinator, Mr Nick Dean, if you have any questions:

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In Year 7, every student participates in one semester of classroom Music as part of the curriculum. Instrumental Music is an option for those who want to get more involved in the subject and, as the name suggests, learn a musical instrument.

PRICES



Our Music levy is **\$500 per year** and this covers weekly instrumental lessons delivered by highly experienced and dedicated music teachers, ensemble rehearsals and ensemble sheet music. The levy is government subsidised which makes it far cheaper than private music lessons.

Instrument hire is **\$150 per year** regardless of the instrument you play. If we don't have the instrument that you choose, then our instrumental teachers will advise you of the best brands to purchase or great hire-to-buy deals offered by many music stores.

JOINING OUR PROGRAM

If your child wants to enrol in our Instrumental Music program then parents/carers need to **complete a survey**, which you can access below. Our Music teachers will then be in touch with you to provide further information and to arrange trials on the instruments in early 2024.

If you already play an instrument, we encourage you to join one of our many ensembles or even try a new instrument and learn with other beginners.



Survey link:

<https://forms.office.com/r/T1AJurtAnD>