

ignite excellence

MUSIC

The Performing Arts Department of Grace Lutheran College and Grace Academy offer a world of opportunities for talented students to develop their skills to outstanding levels of excellence. The Performing Arts Department hosts a range of curriculum subjects tailored to develop talented young artists, including Dance, Drama, Music, Music Extension and more.

Through Grace Academy, students of the College also have opportunities to excel within a range of additional curricular and co-curricular activities including IGNITE EXCELLENCE: MUSIC, Instrumental and Vocal Tuition, Dance Troupes, Drama Productions, Theatre Games, Vocal Groups, Concert Bands, Musicals, String Ensembles and Worship Bands to name a few. For complete offerings go to www.graceacademy.com.au.

This information package highlights the opportunities available for talented young musicians and singers.

PROGRAM OVERVIEW

The IGNITE EXCELLENCE: MUSIC is a program for exceptional musicians in Years 7-9. This three-year program offers extension and enrichment opportunities for students who have already begun their instrumental or vocal music journeys in earnest. By the end of Year 9, students will have completed an AMEB Grade 2 Theory exam, and learnt a new instrument (the second-study instrument).

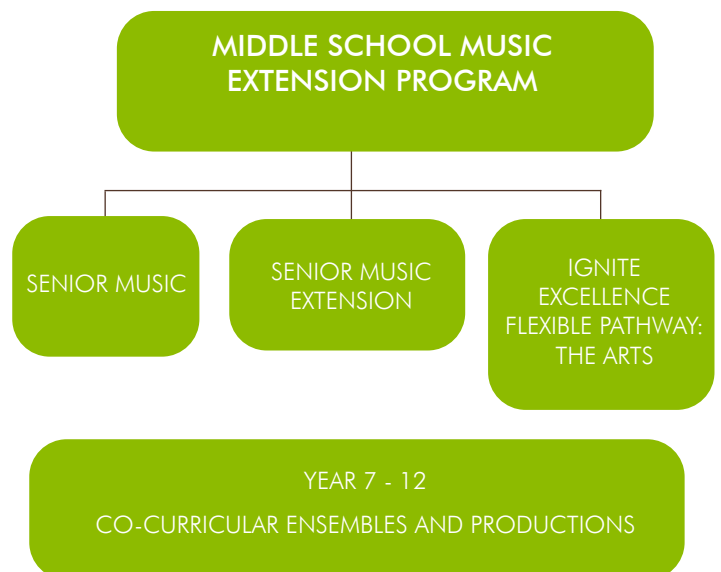
As well as taking Music as a subject, students receive a fortnightly after-school lesson and a rotational lesson during school time with our exceptional Grace Academy staff. Here they will study their new second-study instrument, thoroughly develop their music theory and aural knowledge, and participate in workshops, special projects, training opportunities and masterclasses.

WHO IS IGNITE EXCELLENCE: MUSIC FOR?

- Year 7-9 students with exceptional instrumental or vocal skills



IGNITE EXCELLENCE: MUSIC PROGRAM COURSE OVERVIEW



(i.e. their primary instrument);

- Musicians who thrive in a rigorous, supportive and positive learning environment; and
- Learners willing to broaden their skills, and enjoy developing and connecting knowledge.

What are the benefits of being enrolled in the IGNITE EXCELLENCE: MUSIC Program?

- Instrumental Tuition on a new second-study instrument. Students are involved in the choice of the instrument, but will be guided towards instruments that complement their abilities, suits their physicality, and provide the most opportunity for enrichment;
- Musicianship Training, including music theory, aural and oral skills, keyboard and conducting basics. Students will make connections and apply this knowledge to their primary and second-study instruments, as well as to the performing, composing and analysing tasks required in classroom Music;
- Participate in workshops/excursions each term, featuring guest speakers, industry-leading practitioners, masterclasses, extension and service activities; and
- Perform in solo and/or small groups at the annual student recitals on both primary and second-study instruments.

OTHER PERFORMING ARTS OPPORTUNITIES

Grace students are able to participate in Performing Arts through:

- Performing Arts (curriculum) subjects of Dance, Drama, Music and Music Extension (Year 12).
- Grace Academy (co-curricular) offers:
 - * Music Tuition – private and small group instrumental and vocal lessons;
 - * Music Ensembles, including Concert Band, String, Ensemble, Vocal Group, Jazz Band, Percussion Ensemble, Woodwind Ensemble and Worship Bands;
 - * Drama – Productions and Theatre Sports Teams;
 - * Dance Crew (participation) and Dance Troupe (competitive);
 - * Musical Productions.

IGNITE EXCELLENCE: FLEXIBLE LEARNING PATHWAY (THE ARTS)

For students performing at a State or National level in their area of expertise, a flexible learning pathway can be applied for. The Flexible Learning Pathway can provide individualised and flexible timetabling allowing highly able students to attend classes, auditions or rehearsals for professional productions during school hours. The flexible timetable arrangement individualises the student's hours of attendance and class times at school, allowing them to participate in external opportunities. Students in this program are allocated a specialist College mentor who oversees the implementation of their timetable and monitors progress.

SENIOR SCHOOL MUSIC EXTENSION PATHWAYS

In Years 11 and 12, the College offers (where possible) both Music and Music Extension subjects from the Queensland Curriculum and Assessment Authority (QCAA). The Music Extension subject is highly specialised and designed for students who desire to strive for excellence in one of the following areas of music study: Performance, Composition or Musicology. Within Music Extension, all students complete an in depth investigation into a component of their chosen area of study. Students considering Music Extension in Senior School should strongly consider participating in the IGNITE EXCELLENCE: MUSIC Program throughout Middle School.

IGNITE EXCELLENCE: MUSIC provides students, upon application and approval in Year 10, an acceleration in the curriculum subject Music, whereby students complete the senior course by the end of Year 11. This gives students the ability to choose to:

- Study Music Extension in Year 12 without the need to drop a subject; and
- Prepare for tertiary auditions/external instrumental or vocal examinations (e.g. completing appropriate levels of AMEB or Trinity College examinations).

APPLICATION PROCESS

Students can apply for entry to the IGNITE EXCELLENCE: MUSIC Program commencing in Year 7, although consideration for entry will be given to students coming to the College in Years 8 and 9. Acceptance is dependent on the following criteria:

- Successful audition and aptitude testing;
- Commitment to the program for 3 years (Years 7-9);
- Commitment to attending the fortnightly after-school classes and rotational lessons during school time;
- Commitment to continued weekly lessons on their primary instrument through Grace Academy or an approved and suitably qualified instrumental/vocal teacher;
- Commitment to study the subject Music in Years 8 and 9 (note, all Year 7s take Music as a subject); and
- Payment of the annual levy.

APPLICATION

To apply for the IGNITE EXCELLENCE: MUSIC Program, please go to www.graceacademy.com.au/caboolture

