



MOUNT SINAI COLLEGE
CREATING LEARNERS FOR LIFE



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At Mount Sinai College, music is the heartbeat of our school community, infusing joy, creativity, and inspiration into every child's learning journey. Our comprehensive Music Program, spanning from the Early Learning Centre (ELC) through Year 6, is designed to nurture each child's musical talents, build confidence, and foster a lifelong love of music.

Early Learning Centre (ELC)

Our youngest learners enjoy a weekly 30-minute music lesson, where they sing, dance, and learn traditional Jewish songs in Hebrew and English. These sessions are rooted in the Orff and Kodaly methods, emphasising learning by doing—through games, songs, and experimentation.



K-6 Students

Students in Kindergarten to Year 6 participate in a weekly 45-minute music lesson. These sessions focus on three key areas: performance, listening, and composition, delivered through the Orff and Kodaly methods. These lessons allow students to explore music in a hands-on, joyful way, integrating traditional Jewish festival songs into their learning.



Choir Opportunities

- **Junior Choir:** A joyful, relaxed environment where students sing fun, happy songs that promote well-being and enjoyment. Includes Years 1 & 2, with Kindergarten joining in Term 3. No auditions are required—everyone is welcome!
- **Senior Choir:** Years 3-6, this choir performs at communal events, including Independent Primary School Head Association (IPSHA) events involving hundreds of students across 20 schools. Students learn to sing in two-part harmony, developing their aural skills. Rehearsals take place before school.

Showfest: A Unique Highlight

One of the most anticipated events at Mount Sinai College is SHOWFEST. This talent show event allows every student to perform on stage, regardless of their talent level. Over the years, we have witnessed the incredible transformation of our students as they build confidence through performance.



Soiree

Throughout the year, our talented students have the opportunity to perform at the much-anticipated Soiree, a highlight of the school calendar, with all three bands performing and featuring solo and ensemble performances. This event allows students to showcase their musical progress and share their passion for music with friends, family, and the wider community.



CO-CURRICULAR MUSIC PROGRAMS

For students wishing to further their musical journey, we offer a variety of co-curricular programs available at an additional cost.



Band

At the end of Year 2, students can try various instruments and through a selection process, join our band program. We have three bands catering for Year 3 onwards:

- **Junior (Year 3)**
- **Intermediate (Year 4)**
- **Senior (Years 5 & 6)**

Participating in our band program is one of the most rewarding and fulfilling experiences students can have during their time at school. While it requires dedication, hard work, and a strong commitment from both students and parents, the benefits make it truly worthwhile. Consistent attendance and regular practice are essential for success.

Band Lessons

Band rehearsals take place once a week at 7:20am. Our band is predominately made up of wind and brass instruments with the addition of percussion, fostering camaraderie through ensemble playing.



Private Lessons

We offer individualised tuition with peripatetic teachers (music tutors), all highly knowledgeable and experienced musicians. Students have the opportunity to take exams and receive personalised instruction tailored to their musical interests.

Music Theory Classes

Our music theory classes, held before school at 7:50am, are available for Years 4, 5, and 6. These classes cover rhythm, meter and notation, preparing students with advanced knowledge and skills for high school music. Many of our students go on to receive musical scholarships in high school.

Participation in these programs also requires a commitment to rehearsals outside of regular school hours and additional cost.

Timetable as follows* subject to change:

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Before School	Music Theory**	Music Theory**	Music Theory**	Junior Band**	Junior Choir**
	Y5, 7:50am	Y4, 7:50am	Y6, 7:20am	Y3, 7:20am	Y1-2^, 7:50am
	Intermediate Band**	Senior Band**	Senior Choir**		
	Y4, 7:20am	Y5-6, 7:20am	Y3-6, 7:50am		

*YK are welcome to join from Term 3.

OUR EXPERT TEAM

Our specialist music teacher, Elana Shatari who has been with Mount Sinai College for 30 years, is a cornerstone of our Music Program. She has been nationally recognised as one of the top 10 music teachers and was awarded Most Innovative Teacher in 2017. Her dedication to personalised learning ensures that every child is supported and challenged, whether they are beginning their musical journey or preparing for advanced studies.

Our expert team includes highly skilled tutors across various instruments, each bringing unique experience. From brass and strings to woodwind, percussion, and contemporary music, our tutors are passionate musicians with diverse professional backgrounds, including orchestral, jazz, and studio performance. They offer tailored instruction to foster technical growth and musical expression, helping each student develop their individual talents in a supportive environment.



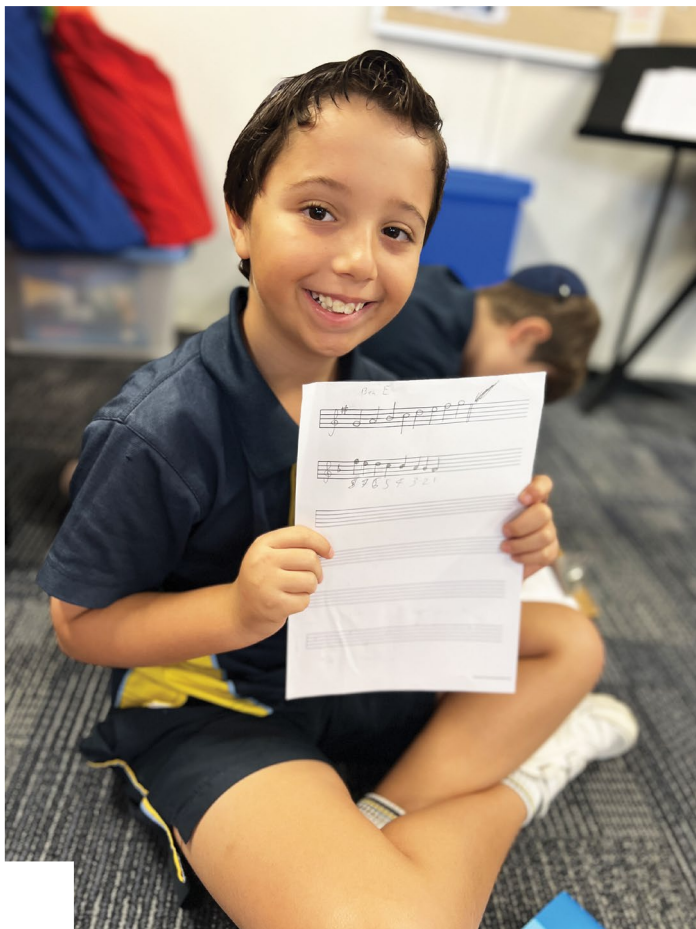
WHY CHOOSE OUR MUSIC PROGRAM?

Whether in the classroom, on stage, or in an ensemble, our students thrive in an environment that celebrates creativity, collaboration, and the joy of learning.



Confidence Building

Students build confidence and resilience through regular performance opportunities.



Inclusive and Engaging

Our program is designed to be inclusive, ensuring every student, regardless of ability, can participate in choirs and music lessons.

Comprehensive Education

From ages 2 to 8, children develop foundational music concepts that are crucial for their growth. Our program provides the perfect environment to nurture these skills, and beyond.



To learn more about our music and co-curricular program, please contact reception@mountsinai.nsw.edu.au



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Distinguished School

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