Northside
Christian College
Character through Christ

Performing Arts

Performing Arts at Northside

The Performing Arts program at Northside is a Prep-Year 12 approach to training students across music, dance and drama.

From specialist music lessons in Prep through to extension subjects and qualifications in Senior School, the program is designed to thoroughly equip students to use their God-given talents.

Although the performing arts has many educational, social and emotional benefits, the outcomes can be just as impressive, with many of our students going into careers as session musicians, musical theatre performers, or worship pastors.

Performing Arts offerings

**Indicated by colour coding with below timeline*

Brass

- Trumpet
- Euphonium
- Trombone
- French Horn
- Tuba

Strings

- Violin
- Viola
- Cello
- Double Bass

Woodwind

- Saxophone
- Clarinet
- Flute

Percussion

- Auxiliary
- Percussion
- Drum Kit*

Piano

- Classical
- Contemporary
- Modern Keyboard
- Jazz

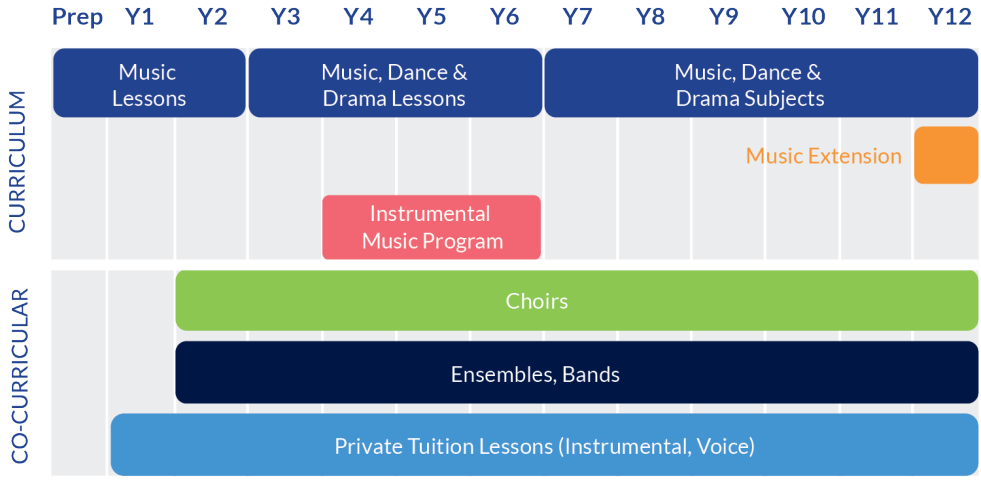
Guitar

- Classical
- Contemporary
- Bass Guitar

Vocals

- Classical
- Contemporary
- Musical Theatre
- Choral

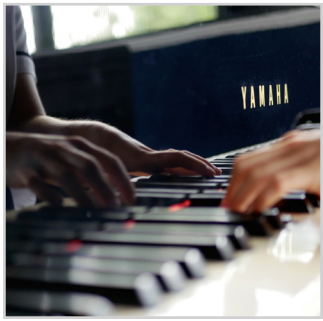
Timeline



Curriculum

Northside's performing arts program follows the Australian Curriculum, whilst acknowledging that all students are uniquely gifted by God. Our teachers invest in each student to see their creative and artistic talent come to light, whilst equipping them all with the same toolkit across music, dance and drama.

By providing students with ongoing specialist lessons and a standardized curriculum, all students have the opportunity to try out various performing arts whilst developing academically and socially.



Junior School

At Northside Prep students enjoy one 40-minute music lesson a week. They also sing songs and listen to music at chapel, assembly and in class on most days during devotions.

The purpose of early childhood music is to lay the foundation of the children's future music education and awaken an interest in this area within the students. Music is proven to increase brain activity, thus contributing to children's intellectual development. Listening to music has been shown to stimulate parts of the brain associated with reading, mathematics and the emotional development of children.

In music lessons the students learn beat and rhythm, they play percussion instruments and take part in musical games and listening activities. They learn to sing in-tune and explore dance and movement. The benefits of these lessons range from improving co-ordination, self- confidence, teamwork, social and emotional development and spatial intelligence to assisting in areas of language and reasoning. Music develops imagination and thinking skills such as concentration, sequencing and memory.

Music cultivates discipline and patience and boosts self-esteem, stimulating students with challenging, but achievable goals.

Most importantly, music education provides a creative, safe environment where students experience the sheer joy of music with their peers.

Secondary School

The music curriculum in Middle School provides opportunities for students to learn various instruments, along with developing listening skills (identifying tones, structures, and cultural and historical contexts), along with composing and performing songs.

Senior Music develops these concepts further - with a more comprehensive understanding of music history, a study of the nature of music (notation, chord structure, composition) and practical performance using a variety of instruments.

The Centre for Innovation and Creativity hosts a recording studio, 7 sound-proof recording studio booths, a large ensemble room with pitched percussion and grand piano, and two music classroom.

Extension Opportunities

For many students, learning an instrument is an exciting opportunity, and encourages them to pursue learning and performances outside of the curriculum.

Northside provides programs and events to give students more of these opportunities, including musicals, extension subjects, certificates/qualifications.

Worship

Northside Christian College's vibrant chapels bring worship to the school week. As the students advance through the school, they take on increasing amounts of ownership for the running of the chapels.

While younger children enjoy age-appropriate songs and lessons, In Middle and Senior Schools a Chapel Captain is appointed who plans chapels and with a group of other students contribute as singers, musicians, speakers, and technicians to deliver meaningful worship services through prayerful collaboration.

Musicals

Showcasing the wide range and professional- standard of performing arts at Northside, the College musicals are always a hit with our students and school community.

From Footloose, Godspell, Annie, Beauty and the Beast and Matilda, there is an impressive track record of musical productions - always with the heart to reclaim the Arts for God.

Our students leave the musical experience feeling confident in their God-given abilities, and having built strong relationships with peers across Middle and Senior School.

Junior School Concert

All Junior School ensembles and bands are involved in our biennial Junior School Concert, given the chance to perform to a large audience and build their confidence as musicians and performers.

Music Extension

Offered in Year 12, our Music Extension subject is provided for those students who wish to pursue further music studies or a career in the music industry post-school.

The subject focuses on developing a higher level understanding of theory, fine-tuning performances, and mentoring through original compositions.

Dance

Although Dance as a subject is not offered in Years 10-12, there is the flexibility to incorporate and pursue further education in partnership with a dance school or training facility.

Instrumental Music Program (Y4-6)

Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Group lesson • Brass • Woodwind • Strings • Percussion	**Group lesson** • Brass • Woodwind • Strings • Percussion	**Group lesson** • Brass • Woodwind • Strings • Percussion
Annual fee $440	**Annual fee** $440	**Annual fee** $440
School instruments included	School instruments included	School instruments may be available on request

How to sign up

In Term 3 of Year 3 all parents will receive an email from the Instrumental Music Co-ordinator with information on the program and selection of instruments on offer.

Students will be given an opportunity to meet with various teachers and explore different instruments. A form will be sent home with students where they will be able to select their top 3 choices of instruments.

Instrument

Students receive an instrument on loan in Years 4 and 5. The instrument becomes students responsibility. Students are expected to bring the instrument to practices every week.

Lessons

Students will receive information on the location and time of lessons. Lessons will take place on campus during the day.

To encourage more independence, students are responsible to know their lesson time for each week and to attend the practices and lessons. Students' progress will be recorded in the Report Cards at the end of each Semester.

Practice at home

Practicing instrument at home is part of the responsibility of being in the program. Beginners should commence with 10-15 minutes of practice, 5 days a week, with the amount of time spent increasing as ability increases and membership in higher level ensembles is attained.

Practice should include: Warm up, scales, technical work, studies and pieces as set by the teacher and ensemble music (if given). Parent encouragement goes a long way. It is helpful to try to build the practice time into the daily homework time.

Joining an Ensemble

Music teachers will provide information on bands and ensembles on offer once students have reached a satisfactory level of competency on their instrument. Students in string, wind, brass and percussion students will have an opportunity to join an instrumental ensemble.

Guitar, keyboard and drum students are also encouraged to audition for places in ensembles, as well as chapel bands.

Performing

There are various ways in which Northside student have opportunities to showcase their talents and skills.

Depending on the skill level and year level, these include: Assemblies and Chapels, Music Showcases, Concerts, College Arts Festival, the College Musical, recordings and many other opportunities.

Music Teachers

We have a dedicated team of talented and professional teachers with many years of experience. While not employees of the College, all our Instrumental Music Teachers hold a Blue Card and are experienced in working with students.

Choirs

At Northside, our choral program features 3 key choirs across Lower Junior School, Upper Junior School and Middle School.

Students can join choirs by participation (no audition), with rehearsals taking place across lunch breaks.

Practicing and performing as part of a choir develops not just musical skills, but social and personal skills as well.

Piccolos

Years 2 & 3

The Piccolos choir is our littlest vocal ensemble, featuring students from Year 2 to Year 6. Across the year, the Piccolos have opportunities to perform at various events, including the Junior School Concert, Grandparents' Day and more.

Example pieces include *Siyahamba* and *The Beginning of Love* (which received the 'Voices of Biralee Perpetual Trophy' in 2019).

Vivace Voices

Years 4 - 6

Our Upper Junior School choir has an impressive track record of performences and awards, having been awarded gold awards in the Queensland Youth Music Awards ('16, '17, '18, '19).

Examples of performance pieces include *The Beautiful Rain* (Ladysmith Black Mambazo), *Sampan* (Paul Jarman), and *Friend Like Me* (Aladdin Soundtrack).

United Voices

Secondary School

With performances ranging from ANZAC dawn services, aged care visits, award ceremonies and Queensland Youth Music Awards, the Middle School Voices combine competitive choral performances with emotional and significant services.

Example pieces include *Sailing Home* (Paul Jarman), *A Million Dreams* (The Greatest Showman Soundtrack), *When You Believe* (The Prince of Egypt Soundtrack).

Ensembles & Bands

Northside ensembles and bands range from full orchestras through to smaller, student-led bands. Participation in these bands is generally from Year 3 onwards, in conjunction with the commencement of our instrumental music program at Northside.

There are plenty of options to consider, including participation-based ensembles that play at Da Vinci Festival, Friendship Day and other events, through to audition-based ensembles that compete and perform in music showcases.

The Northside Orchestra is our largest ensemble, featuring Secondary musicians across strings, brass, woodwind and percussion. Our smaller groups include strings, flute, woodwind and guitar ensembles.

Northside Orchestra

Secondary (Years 7-12) chamber orchestra, which accompanies the musical, celebrations and other events.

Stage Band

Secondary (Years 7-12) band featuring brass & rhythm players.

Stradivarius

Middle School (Years 7-9) String ensemble featuring violin, cello and double bass.

Strung Out

Advanced String students (Years 7-12) via invitation and audition.

Secondary Flute Ensemble

Advanced Flute ensemble, by audition

Junior Concert Band

Junior (Years 5-6) band featuring woodwind, brass & percussion.

Secondary Concert Band

Secondary (Years 7-12) band featuring wood-wind, brass & percussion.

Woodwind Ensemble

Secondary (Years 7-12) by invitation and audition.

Guitar Ensemble

Years 5-12 guitar ensemble, performing arrangements of popular songs. Electric, acoustic and bass guitar welcome.

Drumline

Drum ensemble featuring different drums and drumming techniques

Private Tuition

Northside provides on-site private tuition for students in Years 1-12 across every instrumental music category: strings, woodwind, brass, percussion, guitar, piano, and vocals.

Providing private tuition through our music tutors allows our students to deepen their instrumental knowledge, have access to music industry experts, and have consistent mentoring as they transition from beginners to performers.

Individual Private Tuition	Shared Private Tuition
One-on-one private lesson	**A small group of students of similar standard and ability**
$48 excluding GST (½ hour) $35 annual administration fee	**$34 excluding GST (½ hour/ student)** $35 annual administration fee
Private lessons are tailored to each student. Teachers, parents and students can collaborate to establish a program designed for the student to achieve the students' goals.	Group lessons are carefully planned by teachers to cover a set amount of work per lesson. The teacher must cater to the needs of the whole group rather than focusing on individual needs, however, teachers will try wherever possible to help those who fall behind or to extend those who are ahead.
Suitable for: - Students wanting to undertake AMEB exams - Students who respond well to individual attention & work best on their own - Highly motivated students who are progressing too quickly for group lessons - Students who are working well but find it difficult to keep pace with a group.	**Suitable for:** - Students who respond to group dynamic - Students who are motivated by having their peers around them - Students who require a slightly lighter workload.

How to sign up

Online application can be found at:
www.northside.qld.edu.au/co-curricular/performing-arts

- Submit an application (Administration Fee will be charged on your Tuition account at a later date)

- You will be contacted by the Instrumental Music Teacher or Speech and Drama Teacher prior to lessons commencing.

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