

Course: **MUSIC 1**

2 units for each of Preliminary and HSC Board Developed Course



Prerequisites: Music mandatory course (or equivalent)

Exclusions: Music 2

Course Description:

This is a course designed for:

- Students who have not studied music as an elective subject in Years 9 and 10
- Students who have studied music in Years 9 and 10 wishing to concentrate on performance work
- Students with an interest in performance and composition who enjoy listening to a wide range of music and researching music styles and performers
- Students who can already play, or would like to learn to play, a musical instrument (with or without previous elective music experience) and/or who wish to develop their singing ability.

Preliminary and HSC Course

Students will study the concepts of music through learning experiences in performance, composition, musicology and aural within the context of a range of styles, periods and genres.

Main Topics Covered:

Students study three topics in each year of the course. Topics are chosen from a list of 21 which cover a range of styles, periods and genres.

Particular course requirements:

HSC Course

In addition to core studies in performance, composition, musicology and aural, students select THREE electives from any combination of performance, composition and musicology. These electives must represent EACH of the three topics studied in the course.

Students selecting Composition electives will be required to compile a portfolio of work as part of the process of preparing a submitted work. The portfolio may be requested by the Board of Studies to validate authorship of the submitted work.

Assessment HSC course only:

External Assessment	Weighting	Internal Assessment	Weighting
Core Performance – one piece	10	Core performance	10
1 hour aural exam	30	Core composition	10
		Core musicology	10
Three electives from any combination of:		Core aural	25
• Performance (one piece)	20	Elective 1	15
• Composition (and submitted composition)	20	Elective 2	15
• Musicology (one <i>viva voce</i>)	20	Elective 3	15
	100		100

Course: **MUSIC 2 and MUSIC EXTENSION 1**

Music 2 course is designed for experienced and skilled musicians, who have studied the Stage 5 Music course and/or independent music exams and courses. Students may study **Music 1** or **Music 2**, but not both.

A student undertaking the Music Extension 1 course must be enrolled in Music 2.

It is expected that students applying for entry to these courses have an extensive understanding of music theory and are skilled musicians in either performance or composition.