

## PROGRAM OF EXCELLENCE IN MUSIC

Pimlico offers a Program of Excellence in Music, commencing in Year 7. Students within the program are grouped in the same Music classes in Years 7 and 8 and are provided with opportunities for extension and enrichment using a curriculum based on the Australian Curriculum and incorporating elements of AMEB music theory. Further opportunities for extension continue beyond Years 7 and 8. All Music Excellence students must also be involved in the school's instrumental music or vocal programs. Music Excellence students are expected to play a lead role in the school's ensembles and participate in a wide range of school and community events. Music Excellence students are also provided with further opportunities for extension and enrichment through workshops and masterclasses with visiting musicians and ensembles and through involvement in key music events such as the Australian Festival of Chamber Music. The program places a strong emphasis on building and enhancing students' vocal and instrumental performance and musicianship skills.

Entry into the Program of Excellence is by application and shortlisted students will be required to participate in an audition/interview process. Students are selected for the program based on their level of skill and musicianship in relation to their selected instrument (including voice) and on their knowledge and application of music theory. There is also scope for a limited number of students who have not previously had the opportunity to play a musical instrument to also join the Program of Excellence in Music. These students will be assessed on their music

theory and on their demonstrated commitment to other school or community activities and must demonstrate a willingness to take up an instrument that represents an area of need within the school's ensembles.

Pimlico's Program of Excellence in Music is recognised within our school's Enrolment Management Plan and, as such, places in the program are available to students from outside of the school's defined catchment area. A Program of Excellence in Music Application Form is provided in the Pimlico State High School Enrolment Pack. Students applying for entry to the program should also indicate this at the appropriate place on their Enrolment Application Form.

### YEAR 7 MUSIC SCHOLARSHIP

Pimlico provides a nationally recognised Instrumental Music program and is uniquely placed to offer musically gifted students an opportunity to enhance and enrich their skills.

The Pimlico State High School Music Scholarship has been established to develop and support students who show an exceptional ability on one or more of the instruments offered in the Queensland State Schools Instrumental Music Program. The Scholarship will be awarded to students entering Year 7. Students will be selected by audition and interview.

Please see the Music Scholarship Application Form for further details.



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## CLASSROOM MUSIC

Classroom music is taught in our Music Block where students have access to guitars, keyboards and computer music facilities, particularly for composition.

All students in Years 7 and 8 study Music. The focus in these years is to consolidate and develop music skills from primary school. The students are given the opportunity to read and perform music notation vocally and instrumentally (guitars and keyboards) and to create their own music.

Music is chosen as an elective subject in Years 9 and 10. Students develop their skills in performing, composing and analysing repertoire, studying many styles including Classical, Folk, Rock, Jazz and Musical Theatre.

At the senior level in Years 11 and 12, Music is an General subject. Students develop skills in three dimensions – Performing, Composing and Musicology.

Advanced Year 12 musicians may study the General Subject, Year 12 Music Extension, which can be studied in addition to the subject Music. At the conclusion of this course, students will be able to demonstrate an advanced level of Performance, Composition or Musicology.

## TOURS AND PLAY-OUTS

Pimlico offers a major tour for members of the senior instrumental program every two years to places such as Brisbane, Sydney, Perth, Hobart and New Zealand. Music camps and workshops are held each year for the students.

Ensemble groups perform regularly at play-outs such as Pimlico Presents – our annual variety concert held at the Townsville Civic Theatre, Eisteddfod, Fanfare, Symphony Orchestra Annual Benefit Concert, Awards Night, aged care home concerts, chamber music festivals and other community events.

Pimlico hosts School Concerts each semester, giving all students the opportunity to perform works they have studied through the semester.

Pimlico High has always achieved outstanding success at the biennial Fanfare State Ensemble Competition. In recent years, Symphony Orchestra, Orpheus Chamber Strings and Big Band have enjoyed success at regional and state finals.

The Pimlico Vocal Program is also renowned across Townsville. Our vocal ensembles have achieved outstanding success at recent Townsville Eisteddfod, gaining numerous first places in various sections. As well as securing the trophy for Most Outstanding Vocal Item of the Eisteddfod for several years running.

## PERFORMING ARTS CENTRE

Pimlico High is proud of its purpose-built Performing Arts Centre, which is the venue for our semester music concerts as well as many other musical functions. It provides excellent facilities in which to showcase student performances.

A \$3.5 million expansion of Pimlico's music facilities is due for completion in mid 2019. This includes new classrooms, practice rooms, equipment storage, rehearsing facilities and a small performance space.

## INSTRUMENTAL AND VOCAL PROGRAM

More than 400 Years 7 to 12 students participate in the instrumental and vocal music programs at Pimlico State High School.

Students who have participated in the Queensland State Schools Instrumental Music Program in primary school are eligible to continue in the equivalent program in secondary school, if they have their own instrument or an appropriate instrument is available for them.

As part of the Queensland State Schools Instrumental Music Program, tuition is offered in:

- Woodwind
- Percussion
- Brass
- Strings

The school also offers tuition in guitar on a user pays basis and vocal tuition is incorporated within the choral program. Whilst benefitting from the scale and

diversity of a larger school, our program fosters development of the individual in small ensembles as well as large ensembles. Rehearsals for most ensembles take place in the Performing Arts Centre. Other tuition generally takes place in the purpose-built Music Block which has air-conditioned practice rooms and classrooms.

Pimlico has an active Music Support Group which assists the ongoing development of the music program at performances, for tours and raising funds.

## ENSEMBLES

All students who take Instrumental Music lessons are required to play in one of the school ensembles.

At Pimlico we are proud to offer a wide variety of musical ensembles in which our students can participate:

- Symphony Orchestra
- Junior Symphony Orchestra

- Orpheus and Pelorus Chamber Strings
- String Orchestra I & II
- Wind Symphony
- Kingfisher Ensemble
- Junior Concert Band
- Blue Brass
- Big Band
- Junior Stage Band
- Pimlico Voices and Junior Choir (available to all students)
- Percussion Ensemble
- Guitar Ensemble
- A variety of smaller Woodwind, String, Brass and Vocal ensembles

Students are allocated to ensembles by our experienced and dedicated team of Instrumental Music teachers on the basis of students' skill level. Entry into the Symphony Orchestra is by audition.

Rehearsals for ensembles are timetabled outside of the normal school time so that disruptions to students' normal classes are kept to a minimum.

