



Loreto College

Coorparoo

Your Music Ensembles Questions Answered!

YOUR CURRICULAR MUSIC QUESTIONS ANSWERED

What year levels study music at Loreto?

Music can be studied in all years at Loreto. In each of Years 7 and Year 8, all students will study Music for one semester. Music at this level is a very practical course where students are taught to play guitar, bass guitar, keyboard, and drum kit, as well as to sing and set up Live PA systems. This gives them the practical experience to then get together as a band and try playing some covers. From Years 9 to 12, Music becomes an elective subject that students can choose.

YOUR MUSIC ENSEMBLE QUESTIONS ANSWERED

Would you like to play or sing in a music group at Loreto?

All Loreto Ensembles are selected at auditions. For 2017 Music Ensembles auditions are being held on Sunday 23 October from 8:30 am to 1:00 pm. If you have missed completing an online application for these auditions, then ring Karen Carr in the Music Office (3394 9915). While membership in some of the more advanced groups may already be finalised, Loreto College runs 24 different ensembles and we will always try to find a place for students in the most appropriate group for their playing experience.

How much does it cost to join a music group at Loreto College?

There is NO cost involved. We encourage participation from as many students as possible and music groups are an important part of the educational experience supplied by the school.

Are you worried about not getting into a group?

Don't be! Our aim is to place every single student who applies into at least one music ensemble.

Why hold auditions then?

Because there is no point being selected in an advanced group such as Big Band, Symphony Orchestra or Chorale if you have only recently started learning your instrument – you will probably find the music too difficult and become discouraged. However, if you have been learning a little longer or are practising hard and advancing quickly, then we don't want to place you in a beginner group where you might get bored. Auditions are our way of making sure every student is placed in the most suitable group for their playing level so that they can all achieve to their potential and enjoy music making.

Does it matter what instrument I play? Or if I sing?

No. We have 24 different music ensembles and can find a place for almost any instrument. We include in this four different choirs that you can sing in while at Loreto.

Are there any groups I can join without needing to audition?

Most groups require an audition to join. However, the Junior Choir is not auditioned and any Year 7 student can join. The Improvised Jazz Ensemble is also open to anyone who wants to join. You do still need to fill out the Audition Application though, so that we can add you to the Junior Choir or Jazz Ensemble roll and contact you with rehearsal details once they are finalised. If you have missed completing an online application for these auditions, then ring Karen Carr in the Music Office (3394 9915).

Can I be in more than one ensemble? Or can I choose to just be in some groups?

Absolutely! You can elect to join as many as you want, or tell us on the Audition Application that you only have time to participate in one or two. After the auditions we will offer the most appropriate group for your instrument and experience. You may not make it into every group that you are interested in at first but we aim to place every single student in at least one ensemble.

Can I choose which groups I want to be in?

You can apply to be in any group that you wish to join but we do expect students to audition first for the large core ensembles most appropriate for their instrument (Concert Band, String Ensemble, Guitar Ensemble or Choir). Keep in mind that some of our ensembles might be called by different names to what you have heard before. You may not be quite sure which group is best for your instrument or experience. This is where we can advise you and why we hold auditions.

What groups do you have at Loreto? Which instruments / voices are in them?

Here is a complete list of our ensembles for 2016:

- String Ensembles 1 & 2 (Violin, Viola, Cello, Double Bass)
- Concert Bands 1 & 2 (Woodwind, Brass, Percussion)
- Choirs (Junior Choir for Yr 7/8, Senior Choir for Yr 9-12)
- Guitar Ensembles 1 & 2 (Classical Guitar, Bass Guitar)
- Symphony Orchestra (combined with Villanova College, Strings/Wind/Brass/Percussion)
- Big Band & Improvised Jazz Ensemble (Brass, Saxes, Bass & Electric Guitar, Piano, Drumkit, Voice)
- Sorelle & Exit Stage Left (Soul/Pop bands, Brass, Saxes, Voice, Piano, Bass & Electric Guitar, Drumkit)
- Chorales (Junior for Years 7-8 and Senior for Years 9-12)
- Improvised Jazz Ensemble (all instruments and voices for anyone who is interested in joining)
- Flute Ensembles 1 & 2 (Flutes)
- Clarinet Ensembles 1 & 2 (Clarinets)
- Percussion Ensembles 1 & 2 (all percussion)
- Beginner Brass, Percussion & String Ensembles (for students who have never played before - find out more next year!)

DO YOU HAVE OTHER QUESTIONS?

You can find out more by contacting the Music Office on 3394 9915 or by email: music@loreto.qld.edu.au.