

News

After a false start to the beginning of the school year due to a lockdown, we kicked Term One off with our Music Information Evening held on 8th February, during which we welcomed our incoming Year 7 students and their families. We introduced our IMSS staff and welcomed to the team Ela Kwasny who took over teaching flute from Rachel Pointon, Maree Cole who took over voice from Lani Melrose and Mathew Fagan who took over contemporary guitar from Chris Goudge. Returning staff include Daniel Connor (saxophone), Nigel McIntyre (brass), Katherine Smith (clarinet), Paul Hines (classical guitar), Pia Nidd (classroom and bands) and Ana Milas (Teacher in Charge of Music).

Our landscape is ever changing and this year, the school introduced new operating systems including Consent2Go and Qkr!. We are all learning to navigate these as we go, but hopefully they will make planning and organising co-curricular and extra-curricular events easier

in the future. Please download the apps if you haven't done so. We are still using Connect as our primary form of communication, so students and parents, please don't forget to read your Connect notices.



In preparation for the music camp, everything was ready to go. We managed to have a student and parent camp meeting, ordered the food, the bus and booked the activities. We packed our bags and then we heard the Premier's announcement. WA's 4th lockdown will take place over four days commencing Tuesday 29th June at 12:01am, 9 hours before we were supposed to depart. With that announcement, the camp was cancelled. So instead of heading off to Woodman

Point for three days, we came to school instead, where it was business as usual.

We are once again fundraising with Entertainment Books. For every book we sell, the Music Department receives \$18, of which directly benefits our music students. If you are considering purchasing a subscription, please buy from us: https://au.entdigital.net/orderbooks/89p325?utm_campaign=2021-140421-au-reactivation-final-call-fr&utm_source=cheetah&utm_medium=email&cid=51996&mid=507342153&tp=i-1NGB-78-DWE-YKkrx-1c-6rPi-1c-YJwOZ-l5wEDkc1wd-46vhe

We look forward to welcoming back Nikala Cunningham, who returns from maternity leave in Semester Two. Paul Hines is taking a well-earned break in Term 3. We will have Willem Liefertink in Paul's place for the duration of his leave.

We hope you have a wonderful and restful break. Stay safe and see you all in Semester Two.

By Ana Milas

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Masterclasses

On 15th of March, Cat and Josh from **Kaboom Percussion** ran a masterclass with our Year 7 and 8 Music in Focus and IMSS students in the PAC auditorium. Students were asked to use their listening and communication skills to practice and apply rhythm elements, call and response technique, improvisation, body percussion and they learned how to hit buckets using specific stick techniques. Our students had a great time and the feedback from Cat was "Thanks again for having us at Melville yesterday, we had a really great time working with your students. They were honestly some of the best behaved, most respectful and most musical kids we've ever done a workshop with!"



The African Drumming masterclass took place on 31st May in G16. Year 7 and 9 students took part in session 1, followed by Year 8 and 10 students in session 2. Students learned specific drumming techniques and they were required to recall increasingly complex rhythmic patterns they learned. By the end of each session, students were able to perform a song they had learned by piecing separate sections together.

Music Matters

Performances



Richmond PS



Music Brunch



For more photos from our events, please visit:
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Words From the Music Captain

Semester One has been an exciting and eventful first half of the year. Amidst the COVID-19 crisis and the dreary weather, the resilient Melville music students have persevered and accomplished four musical performances, completed examinations and have attended ensemble rehearsals in preparation for the IMSS festivals.

The Swing Band were invited to play at Richmond Primary School's Centenary Fair on Sunday 20th March. It got to 38 degrees and although it was extremely uncomfortable, students demonstrated so much professionalism.

The second performance, the Music Brunch which was held on 28th March was a great success. Everyone performed really well, considering the low number of rehearsals we had due to the lockdown and a short term due to Easter holidays. Certificate II and III Music Industry students also completed a number of backstage roles in order to attain competencies in their respective units. This opportunity also gave them authentic experience as to what happens in the Arts industry when events are put on. There is so much to consider besides learning the pieces!

The third and fourth performances were part of the Arts Week. The Matinee Show, held on 9th June included senior school music, dance and drama students, who had a great time performing to a packed auditorium for students from Palmyra PS, Bicton PS, Attadale PS and Kardiya PS. The Music Evening Show was held on 10th June. This performance was very well done considering the awkward timing of it being held just after Year 11 and 12 ATAR exams and just before the Year 10 exams. The timing of the shows revealed the determination and tenacity in senior students and gave the younger students a chance to showcase how hard they have been working throughout the semester. Overall it was a successful night and all the students, teachers and everyone involved worked very hard to accomplish so much. Sam Newman, a pre-service teacher who was at Melville SHS for 5 weeks in Term 2 took some of our classes, ran band rehearsals and even performed with a couple of groups. It was great to have a teacher who specialises in percussion who helped with the performances and the lead up to the events.

Unfortunately, the success of our performances have not translated well into the commencement of the Music Camp. Sadly the COVID-19 lockdown has deprived music students of a wonderful learning opportunity and an exciting experience. Despite this, there are many events coming up next semester, such as IMSS festivals, Soloist Night Concert in Term 3 and Music By Night concert in Term 4. We hope they will all go ahead and hope to see you
By Julia Coleman, Music Captain

Rehearsals & Upcoming Events

Teacher Bio



Maree Cole is a highly experienced teacher and performing artist. She studied classical singing, music education and musical theatre at WAAPA/EQU. In 2015 she completed her Bachelor of Dramatic Art from the renowned National Institute of Dramatic Art (NIDA) in Sydney. Along with her prolific performing arts career, Maree has a versatile teaching history, having taught in WA, NSW and VIC. She has taught classroom music, drama, film and dance, as well as multiple music ensembles, vocal groups, singing, and piano lessons. Maree has taught both privately and in school settings, including tutoring for WAAPA and NIDA. This year at Melville SHS, she is directing the Junior Vocal Ensemble, Melville Vox and teaching vocal students.

2021 Ensemble Timetable

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	
AM			Melville Vox Ensemble 7:40 – 8:40am G20 Junior Vocal Ensemble 10:40 – 11:10am G20	Junior Classical Guitar Ensemble 7:40 – 8:40am G20	
PM	Senior Concert Band 3:10-4:10pm Carly Smith Studio	Contemporary Guitar Ensemble 2:30 – 3:30pm G20	Swing Band 3:10-4:10pm G20	Senior Classical Guitar Ensemble 3-4pm G20	Intermediate Concert Band 3:10 – 4:10pm Carly Smith Studio

Event: Western Australian Schools' Senior Concert Band Festival

Venue: Churchlands Senior High School Concert Hall & Auditorium
 Band: Senior Concert Band
 Session time: Saturday, 7 August, 1.40pm-4.55pm
 Performance time: 1.40pm

Event: Western Australian Schools' Jazz Festival

Location: WAAPA
 Band: Swing Band
 Session time: Sunday, 15th August, 12:30-2:15pm

Event: WA Public Secondary Schools' Choral Festival

Venue: Churchlands Senior High School Concert Hall
 Ensemble: Melville Vox
 Session time: Sunday, 15 August, 9:00- 10:20am

Event: WA Classical Guitar Ensemble Festival

Venue: Carine Senior High School Performing Arts Centre
 Ensemble: Junior Classical Guitar Ensemble
 Session time: Sunday, 22 August, 1.55pm-5.10pm
 Performance time: 2.30pm
 Ensemble: Senior Classical Guitar Ensemble
 Session time: Sunday, 22 August, 1.55pm-5.10pm
 Performance time: 4.00pm

Event: WA Public Schools' Contemporary Music Ensemble Festival

Venue: Canning Vale College
 Ensemble: Contemporary Guitar Ensemble
 Session Time: Entries are still open. Time and date TBC

Event: WA Schools' Junior Concert Band Festival

Venue: Churchlands Senior High School Concert Hall
 Session Time: Thursday, 9th September, Time TBC

Event: Soloist Night Concert

Venue: Melville SHS PAC
 Date: 7th September, 6:30pm
 Performers: Year 12 ATAR Music students and selected Year 10 Music in Focus and or Cert III in Music Industry groups

Event: MSG meeting

18th August
 Event: Year 12 Performance Exam
 10 September