

CORINDA

STATE HIGH SCHOOL

EXCELLENCE PROGRAMS

MUSIC





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Disclaimer: The information in this handbook is subject to change without notice due to human and physical resource allocations.

The course identified in this handbook will attract a fee; where a fee applies it has been mentioned in the course brief throughout this handbook. All subject fees are outlined in the Student Resources Handbook, which is available at the office.

Fees will be invoiced in November prior to the commencement of the program. Invoices will be sent home with payment instructions and due dates and must be paid prior to student commencing the program.

Some courses will only proceed if sufficient numbers of students enrol at the time of Subject Selection process.



Academic Success

Corinda State High School aims to *Exceed Your Expectations* through our quality education programs and Selective Arts Program of Excellence. We believe that academic success is enhanced through an extensive Arts education and students should not have to make a choice between traditional academics and the Creative Arts. The program holds students to high academic standards as well as developing exceptional artists in their fields. Graduates from our Program of Excellence thrive post schooling as life-long learners who are adaptable, critical thinkers, ready to face the challenges of the changing society they live in.

Program Overview

The Music Excellence course has been designed to provide musicians with the opportunity to further develop their music performance and composition skills whilst completing their core music course work. The curriculum is built around the Australian Curriculum Arts – Music and the Queensland Certificate of Education (QCE).

Students are highly motivated and focused when they learn within, and through, an area of great personal interest. Their developing interest in the Arts is fostered and extended while continuing to provide them with a highly engaging and broad curriculum. Intensive and continuous learning in music during Years 7, 8, 9 and 10 maximises the student's results in the senior years of schooling.

In year 10 students undertake an in depth study in composition and analysis of music to prepare them for their senior school studies of music.

Optional Senior Year

In year 11 and 12, students select from a range of study courses within the QCE to provide them with career pathways and tertiary study options. Corinda State High School offers General Music and Applied Music in Practice as programs of study on campus, each with a different focus on music development.

Philosophy

At Corinda, we have faculty of music staff who lead the program and develop well-rounded musicians. We focus on the students as individuals, relishing in and improving their music skills, often using these to provide a context to strengthen learning experiences in other subjects. Learning takes place in a strong, energetic arts environment where students learn with other like-minded musically-able students.

The aim of the Music Excellence program is to help students develop the skills and knowledge that are vital for success as a modern musician. Students are challenged to develop their performance, composition and analysis skills through working closely with staff and industry professionals. Music students are encouraged to develop their skills on a main instrument or their voice and are encouraged to try new performance options including learning a second instrument. They are challenged to compose music, as well as listen to and experience music in a range of contemporary and traditional styles. They also develop an excellent knowledge of musical theory that allows them to excel in the study of music through their high school careers.



As part of the Music Excellence program your child will be required to compose, perform and analyse music. Students in the Music Excellence program are challenged to exceed all expectations in Music through:

- Intensive workshops with guest musicians and 'musician in residence' programs. The Corinda music department partners with institutions such as the Queensland Symphony Orchestra and Musica Viva to develop our young musicians.
- Music technology including studio recording and composition software. Students engage with song writing in popular and traditional genres and composing for moving image.
- Live performance opportunities for the school and wider community. Music Excellence students are supported to provide entertainment for school events and junior assemblies.
- Australian Music Examination Board Theory of Music Exams. Students achieve at a minimum of grade 1 in Year 7, grade 2 in Year 8 and grade 3 in Year 9 in the AMEB Theory of Music examinations. Students are expected to achieve higher grades in AMEB where previous experience is present.

A Music Excellence Student Timetable

Students are enrolled in a core music program for 3 lessons a week and also undertake 1 additional class outside of the timetable (before school 7:30 – 8:30 or after school 2:50 – 3:00pm). The classes are not year level based but development based and structured vertically to suit their musical ability. Students are placed within a vocal academy or a band project or their instrumental ensemble.

Students within the program are expected to be enrolled in an additional instrumental lesson or private tuition in their instrument of choice. This can occur within the school timetable or external to school.

Students in the Music Excellence class study the same core subjects as other Junior Secondary students. They take Music on their Arts elective line. This class also prepares for the AMEB Theory exams, which the class will sit at school in Semester two.

Music Excellence Fees

Current course fees for year 7, 8, 9 and 10 participants are aligned to the fee contribution scheme. The cost for the Music Program of Excellence is approximately \$154 per year. This fee includes artist in residence programs with Musica Viva, access and use of all equipment in the subject, as well as site licenses for the MAC suite of computers and composition software. The fees vary slightly to reflect the level of AMEB examination your child is requiring.

The prompt payment of fees enables the program to run efficiently.

Fees are non-refundable. Prices are approximate at time of print.



Performances

Throughout the year, students may be required to participate in performances. These may include:

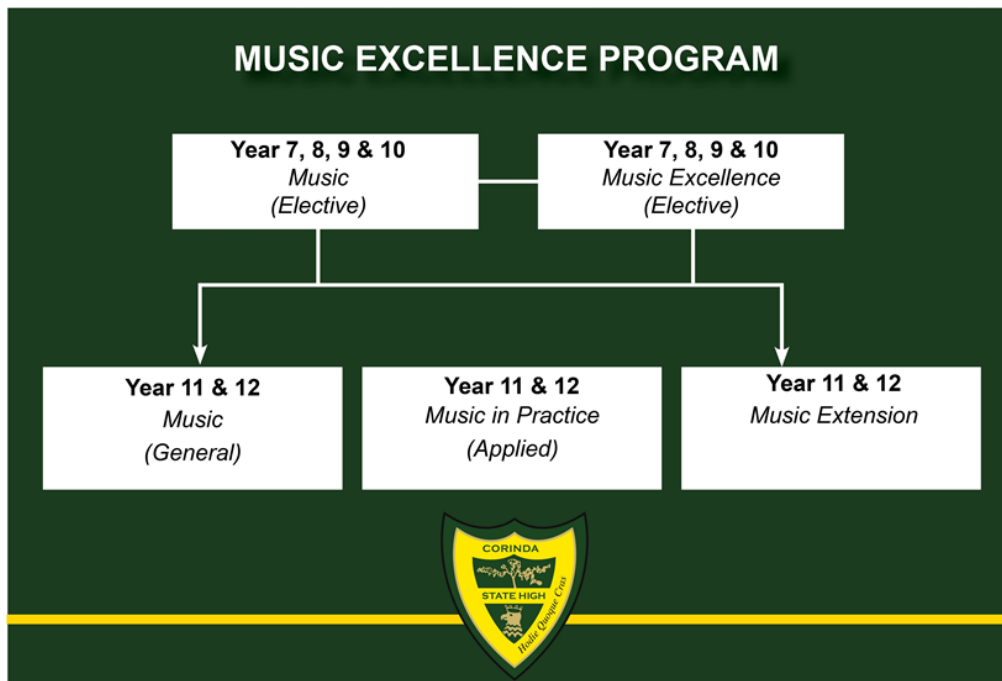
- Fetes
- Music in the Night
- Awards Night
- Music evenings
- Open Day

Extra-curricular Music

Students are required to continue with additional music outside of the classroom through either the school based instrumental music program or private tuition (fees associated).

Pathways into Senior Schooling

Students will have the opportunity to continue their development through a range of senior school pathways.



Placement of Students in the Music Program of Excellence

Applications for the Music Program of Excellence should be sent to excellence@corindashs.eq.edu.au. Students will be accepted on their application and current achievement in effort, academics and behaviour at their current schools.

To remain within this program, students are expected to maintain a 'C' standard in achievement, effort and behaviour, as a minimum. Failure to meet this requirement may result in removal from the program.



Student Information

Surname:	Given names:
Home address:	
Contact number:	Date of birth:
Current age:	Current year level:

Parent/ Guardian Information

Relationship:		
Title:	Family Name:	Given Names:
Home Phone:		Work Phone:
Mobile:		Email:
Home address:		
Postal address:		

Educational Background

List at least six subjects from the students most recent two semester reports and the results achieved.

Please attach a copy of most recent school report card.

Current school:							
Year: _____ Semester: _____				Year: _____ Semester: _____			
Subject 1	English	Result		Subject 1	English	Result	
Subject 2	Mathematics	Result		Subject 2	Mathematics	Result	
Subject 3		Result		Subject 3		Result	
Subject 4		Result		Subject 4		Result	
Subject 5		Result		Subject 5		Result	
Subject 6		Result		Subject 6		Result	



Applicant Responses

Why have you chosen to study Music Excellence?

Extra-curricular Activities / Performance Experience

List applicant's relevant extra-curricular activities / performances:

Year	Performance/ exam	Instrument

Music Background

What is your focus area within music (vocal, instrumental etc) and how long have you been studying?

Date	Place of training	Focus area



Supporting Material

Please ensure all of the documentation listed below is submitted at the time of application:

- Copies of any Music examinations completed (if applicable)
- Copy of two of the latest school report cards
- Any other information that may support application (e.g. teacher recommendations)
- have submitted an **application for school enrolment** at Corinda State High School (a separate application to this Excellence Application)

Below, please **number** (do not tick the boxes) in order of preference. You do not need to number all boxes. Students may be enrolled in up to three Programs of Excellence (two is recommended).

List A	List B	List C
<p>Academic Honours Programs Students may select 1 from List A</p>	<p>Elective Excellence Programs Students may select 1 from List B</p>	<p>Elective Excellence Programs Students may select 1 from List C</p>
<input type="checkbox"/> The Platinum Program (incorporating all core disciplines – Maths, Science, English and Humanities) <input type="checkbox"/> Maths and Science Honours <input type="checkbox"/> English and Humanities Honours	<input type="checkbox"/> Visual Art Excellence <input type="checkbox"/> Culinary Excellence <input type="checkbox"/> Engineering, Design and Technology Excellence <input type="checkbox"/> Music Excellence	<input type="checkbox"/> Football (Soccer) Excellence <input type="checkbox"/> Dance Excellence
	OR Select 1	<input type="checkbox"/> Tennis Excellence

**All Programs of Excellence are dependent on availability of places and suitable candidates.*



Applicant Declaration

I declare that the information submitted in this application form is complete and correct. I understand that the submission of incorrect or misleading information may result in the termination of the application for entry into the Music Program of Excellence.

Applicant's signature

Parent/Guardian's signature

This application will be used to assess the applicant's suitability for entry into the Music Program of Excellence and will be stored securely on school premises.

Once your application has been received and processed, a confirmation letter will be sent notifying you of your application's success. Please note that the normal enrolment process and interviews are still required.



Please email your application and all supporting documentation to:

excellence@corindashs.eq.edu.au

or drop into the School Administration office.