



CORINDA
STATE
HIGH
SCHOOL

Music Excellence Parent Handbook 2017

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 within the first month of course commencement, invoices will be sent home with payment instructions and due dates. Please note only financial students can stay enrolled in a course to receive a certificate of qualification.

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

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PROGRAM OVERVIEW

These programs have been developed for students with a strong interest in and enthusiasm for the Performing Arts. Studies have shown that study of The Arts often helps students to achieve excellent academic results in other subject areas through the promotion of healthy study and practice habits and creative thinking. Study in The Arts also provides students the inclusion of a social group of like - minded peers.

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 and 9 maximises student's results in the senior years of schooling.

We focus on the learner as an individual, relishing in and extending 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.

Students express themselves with confidence in these collaborative learning environments as they learn to think deeply and creatively. As the cohesive group of learners develops, they strongly identify with the Arts faculty and its programs throughout all their high school years.

AIMS

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/their voice and are encouraged to try new performance options including learning a second instrument, in solo, small ensemble and larger ensemble performance groups. 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.

MUSIC EXCELLENCE FEES

Current course fees for Year 7, 8 and Year 9 participants are aligned to the fee contribution scheme. The cost for the Music Excellence program is \$104 per year in year 7, 8 and 9. This fee includes artist in residence programs with Musica Viva, access and use of all equipment in the subject as well as site licences for the MAC suite of computers and composition software.

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

Fees are non-refundable.

Prices are approximate at time of print.

PARTICIPATION REQUIREMENTS

In Music Excellence, students are assessed in two areas:

- Responding
- Making (Composition and Performance)

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

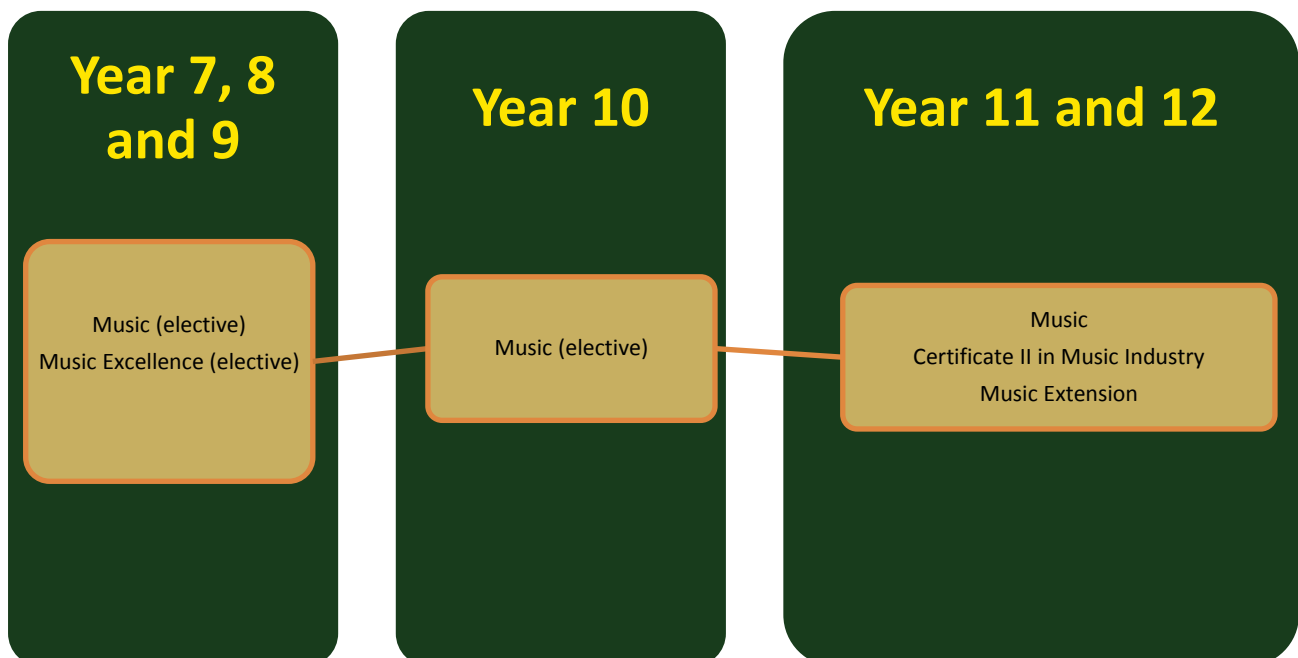
- Intensive workshops with guest musicians and ‘musician in residence’ programs. The Corinda music department partners with institutions such as the Queensland Symphony Orchestra and Musica Viva to develop our young musicians.
- Music technology including studio recording and composition software. Students 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.

Please note that participation in the Music Excellence program is a three year commitment. Students are required to complete all three years of the course before changing to other elective in Senior.

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.

PATHWAYS INTO SENIOR SCHOOLING

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



APPLICATION PROCESS

Applications for the Music Program of Excellence should be forwarded to the Head of Department – The Arts, Miss Jenny Catanzariti or Enrolments Office by 1st of October annually. Suitable applicants will then be short listed and may be required to attend a workshop, which will determine their eligibility for the program. Students will be accepted on their application and current achievement in effort, academics and behaviour at their current schools. No audition is required.

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 suspension or exclusion from the program.

APPLICATION FORM

PERSONAL INFORMATION

Surname:		Given Names:	
Address:			
		Phone No:	
Current Age:		Date of Birth:	
		Current Year Level:	

PARENT/LEGAL GUARDIAN INFORMATION

The application confirmation Letter , audition details and Formal Offer will be sent to the address provided below:

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

EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND

List at least six subjects from the student's most recent semester reports and the results achieved:

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	

ATTACH A COPY OF MOST RECENT SCHOOL REPORT CARD

RESPONSE

1: Why have you chosen to study Music Excellence?

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

3. Have you completed any examinations before in music?

PARENT/LEGAL GUARDIAN 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.

Primary Parent/Legal Guardian Name: _____

Signature: _____ Date: ___/___/___

STUDENT DECLARATION:

I declare that the information submitted in the 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.

Student Name: _____

Signature: _____ Date: ____/____/____

THE INFORMATION GIVEN ON THIS APPLICATION WILL BE USED TO ASSESS THE APPLICANT'S SUITABILITY FOR ENTRY INTO THE MUSIC PROGRAM OF EXCELLENCE. THIS INFORMATION WILL BE STORED SECURELY ON SCHOOL PREMISES

Please return the completed Application Form and Latest school report card (copy only to:

Enrolments Officer
Corinda State High School
46 Pratten Street
CORINDA QLD 4075

Once your application has been received and processed after the due date a *Confirmation Letter* will be sent to notify you whether your application has been successful. Please note that the usual enrolment process and interviews are still required.

