

Extra-Curricular Music Handbook



Welcome

Students at Prince of Peace Lutheran College enjoy access to a full range of rich music experiences as a part of a thriving Extra- Curricular program. This handbook is designed to be a quick and easy reference for families involved in the program with details about the various options, and important dates and information for everyone.

The opportunity to learn an instrument and play in an ensemble is a **significant gift**, which provides students with unique and valuable perspectives.

Students who have experienced music lessons on an instrument even for a short period of time, experience **measurable improvement** in other aspects of their lives.

Music is a **second language**, which we all speak.

Studying music in any form develops the **head, heart and hands** with skills such as:

- Consistency
- Focus
- Disciplined habit forming
- Fine motor skills
- Goal setting
- Social interdependence
- Subtle sound sensitivity
- Critical audio literacy

These processes are both **demanding and rewarding in equal measure**.

Committing to an instrument or ensemble involves a high level of responsibility and accountability. Students taking this decision will require support from their parents and caregivers to ensure that they have sufficient space and time to practice, along with the correct materials and uniform to allow them to participate fully in all that the program has to offer. They will also be critical to supporting students to attend rehearsals and events outside of normal school hours.

Welcome to the POP Senior Campus Music team!

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Extra-Curricular Music Ensemble Program

We have a wide variety of ensembles offered at Prince of Peace Lutheran College Middle and Senior Campus (MSC). Students with any level of skills and experience are encouraged to participate. Please read the information below with care and fill in a MSC Music Enrolment Ensemble Form (hard copies on request). Please take the time to complete the form and return it to the Senior Campus Office or to Linda Brady directly lbrady@princeofpeace.qld.edu.au

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
7.15 – 8.15	<i>101 Special</i> Royce Jenner	<i>Jazz Ensemble</i> Royce Jenner	<i>Vocalese</i> Linda Brady	<i>String Ensemble</i> Toukie Wood	
12.45 – 1.15	<i>Celadon</i> Royce Jenner			<i>Captains Meeting</i> Linda Brady	<i>Drumming Circle</i> Kieran Kuskopf
3.15 – 4.15	<i>Music Extension</i> Linda Brady	<i>Concert Band</i> Sharon Nobs		<i>Senior Choir</i> Jenny Howlett	

As a member of the MSC Music Ensemble Program your child commits to:

- Playing in an ensemble for a **FULL ACADEMIC YEAR**: as our concert schedule overlaps terms and semesters and changes to the team are disruptive.
- **Attend all rehearsals.** Should your child be unable to make a rehearsal for any reason the ensemble director must be contacted directly by the parent / guardian via SEQTA.
- If your child has forgotten their instrument, they are **still expected to attend rehearsal.**
- **Attend all performances for the ensemble/s.** In extreme cases where this is not possible please notify your ensemble director, in writing, no less than **two weeks** prior to the concert date.
- **Be ready to play at the designated rehearsal time.** Late attendance is disrespectful to your peers and staff who have made the effort to be there for you. Students should arrive 10 mins prior to rehearsal to set up their instruments, rehearsal room and tune for the rehearsal to start on time.
- **Keep all music in good condition,** marking parts only in pencil and not creasing paper. Music Folders can be available upon request.
- **Practise regularly** to ensure smooth rehearsals for everyone.

Performance Calendar

All of the ensemble performances will be available in the School Calendar through SEQTA. In 2024 with the 40 Years Celebrations, some variation will be made to avoid students being overwhelmed by extra-curricular commitments.

Dates to look out for are as follows:

Term 1 Week 8	Thursday 14 March 6pm	Soloists on Show Soiree
Term 2 Week 6	Thursday 23 May 6pm	Gala Celebration
Term 3 Week 4	Saturday 27 July ALL DAY	40th Anniversary FETE
Term 4 Various	Friday 2 August 12.30pm TBC TBC	Battle of the Bands Awards Carols

Performance Uniform

When participating in a concert or competition students are required to wear the following:

- Music polo shirt,
- Formal uniform trousers, grey for boys and navy for girls
- Black or blue socks and clean black leather school shoes.
- Hair clean and brushed away from the face. Shoulder length hair must be tied back.
- Make up and jewellery is not permitted.

Ensemble Folders

If relevant, students will be loaned a music folder. This folder is the student's responsibility for the entirety of the year that they are with the ensemble. All care should be taken to avoid lost or damaged folders and to demonstrate appropriate respect for the copies.

Rehearsal Timetable Clashes

Rehearsal and Private Lessons should appear in your student's SEQTA timetable. If it happens that there is a timetable clash between a music commitment and an academic, sporting or other commitment, the staff and parent/guardian will need to collaborate to organize share arrangements. It is important to look ahead and notice these within a respectful timeline. **The onus is on the parent / guardian to alert the Tutors to a clash.** Tutors do not currently have access to assessment and excursion dates and details. **Should a clash occur, please message the tutor through SEQTA** as soon as possible.

Auditions

Where there are limited places available on a particular instrument/voice within an ensemble, students may be required to audition for their place in the group. This will be organised as required. Students will be given adequate notice of the audition.

Ensemble Director Contacts:

Ideally, contact with the Ensemble Directors and Tutors should happen through SEQTA. Please contact Ms Brady lbrady@princeofpeace.qld.edu.au if you are having difficulty. The following contacts are for your reference only.

Strings / Piano	Toukie Wood	TWood@princeofpeace.qld.edu.au
Voice	Jenny Howlett	JHowlett@princeofpeace.qld.edu.au
Percussion	Kieran Kuskopf	KKuskopf@princeofpeace.qld.edu.au
Piano / Guitar	Royce Jenner	RJenner@princeofpeace.qld.edu.au
Woodwind and Brass	Sharon Nobs	Snobs@princeofpeace.qld.edu.au