

Music Pathways at MRSS

Music is an important part of every student's experience at MRSS. From Class 3 students begin core Curriculum Inclusive instrument lessons before commencing Curriculum Music Ensemble (Class Orchestra) in Class 4. From Class 5 MRSS offers an extensive Co-curricular Music Program.

Curriculum Inclusive Music Program:

Compulsory aspect of the MRSS curriculum, included in school fees.

- Class 3–Class 8: Curriculum Inclusive 30-min one-on-one instrumental lesson tuition.
- Class 4–Year 10: Curriculum Inclusive Ensemble period weekly.

Co-curricular Music Program:

- Paid optional extras for students keen to expand their musical experiences.
- Please see music fees below for details.

Class 3 to Class 8

Curriculum Inclusive Music

Class 3

Students begin 30-minute individual lessons on cello, viola or violin.

Class 4, 5 & 6

In addition to their instrument lessons, students also take part in the ensemble Class Orchestra. Rehearsals are a timetabled part of the school day.

Class 7 & 8

Some students may elect to change their instrument or choose an additional second instrument*. Weekly timetabled ensembles and first individual instrument lessons remain an inclusive part of the curriculum. Students can choose from a number of different ensembles including: orchestra, wind and brass ensemble, guitar ensemble and singing group.

Co-curricular Music

Class 5 & 6 Option

Co-curricular small string ensemble

Students may elect to participate in a smaller string ensemble as well as the inclusive Class Orchestra. This is in addition to Curriculum Inclusive Music and incurs an additional fee, billed separately. Please see music fees below.

Class 7 & 8 Options

Co-curricular second instrument and/or ensemble*

Second instrument lessons or ensembles must take place outside of school hours, usually immediately before or after school, or during school at morning tea or lunch time. Second instruments and ensembles are an additional cost which is billed separately. Please see music fees below.

45-minute instrument lessons

With guidance from Instrumental Music Teachers and Class Guardians, students can elect to receive longer lessons. The first 30 minutes of first instrument lessons are part of Curriculum Inclusive Music. The additional 15 minutes is charged per Co-curricular Music rates and billed separately.

***Note:** Some years Class 7 Guardians may elect to wait until after Term 1 for second instruments to be offered.



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Year 9 & 10

From Year 9 onwards, the decision to pursue a musical instrument is left to the student and family. Accordingly, from Year 9, **all individual instrumental lessons are considered co-curricular and are billed separately**. Students in Year 9 and 10 continue to participate in a weekly, Curriculum Inclusive Ensemble. Many students also choose to continue with Co-curricular Individual Music lessons.

Curriculum Inclusive Music

Year 9 & 10

Students participate in a weekly Curriculum Inclusive ensemble

Ensemble choices broaden to include African drumming and smaller multi-instrumental ensembles, guitar groups, funk band, string ensemble, and singing group. In this way, all students can be catered for, whether or not they are learning an individual instrument.

Co-curricular Music

Year 9 & 10 Options

From Year 9, **all individual instrument lessons are co-curricular and billed separately**. Additional ensembles and classes remain a co-curricular option, billed separately. Please see music fees below.

Expanded Co-curricular Options

Co-curricular music expands to offer students:

- Musicianship (formerly Music Theory)*: Year 9 & 10 only
- After School Band program: Year 9–12
- Recording (Music Tech): Year 9–12
- Ensemble Musique**: Gratis after school ensemble for eligible students in Year 9–12

*Students in Year 9 and 10 who are interested in studying VCE Music are strongly encouraged to participate in Co-curricular Musicianship.

**Ensemble Musique

Ensemble Musique is a multi-instrumental ensemble for students wishing to extend their musicianship. Students must be able to read notation or tab. Ensemble Musique is available to students who are already enrolled in Co-curricular Music. There is no charge for this ensemble.

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Year 11 & 12

In Year 11 and 12 students at MRSS have a number of options regardless of whether or not they study VCE Music. Students who study Music as a VCE subject have additional requirements, as outlined below.

Year 11 & 12

Students not studying VCE Music

Students can continue co-curricular individual instrumental lessons, ensembles and recording even if they are not studying Music as a VCE subject. Co-curricular options at this level are not included in school fees and are billed separately. See music fees below.

VCE Music

VCE Music Prerequisite

A minimum level of Grade 3 Theory is a prerequisite for VCE Music.

Co-curricular Musicianship (formerly Music Theory) classes in Year 9 and 10 help prepare students for this requirement.

Music at this level is not included in school fees, however, Year 12 VCE Music Ensembles that make up part of a student's VCE Performance requirements are not billed.

For specific queries about VCE Music, please contact the VCE Music Coordinator

Year 11

Unit 1 & 2 Subject Choice:

Music

Year 12

Unit 3 & 4 Subject Choices may include:

Music Contemporary Performance
Music Repertoire Performance
Music Composition
Music Inquiry

Year 11 VCE Music Instrumental Lessons

Students undertaking VCE Music in Year 11 require weekly 45-minute lessons with their Instrumental Music Teacher. This is billed separately. Please see music fees below.

Year 12 VCE Music Instrumental Lessons

In Year 12 VCE Music students require weekly 45–60-minute lessons (based on teacher advice). During assessment periods students may require additional lessons with their Instrumental Music Teacher.

All individual lessons are billed separately and are not included in school fees.

In Term 4 of Year 12, VCE Music students are invoiced for two weeks only. However, as mentioned above, due to the timing of VCAA external exams students may require additional instrumental music lessons, which will be invoiced at the end of the year.

Accompaniment for VCE exams, recitals and rehearsals is required for some performers.

Accompanist fees are an additional cost and are billed separately.



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Music Fees

MRSS Curriculum Inclusive Music Program tuition costs are included in school fees and are non-refundable.

All co-curricular individual music lessons, ensembles, musicianship (music theory) and recording are paid optional extras. Music Fees are invoiced separately and must be paid in advance before the start of each term.

Visit our website for up-to-date schedule of fees.

There are additional costs to the Curriculum Inclusive Music Program such as: instrument and relevant accessories (music stand, sheet music, rosin, strings, reeds, tuner, leads, maintenance, etc.). Families may also elect to insure their child's instrument.

Changes to Music Enrolments

Learning an instrument requires patience and perseverance. Each student's progress is unique. It usually takes at least one full semester before beginners can make an informed decision about their suitability for an instrument.

Music enrolments are for the **full calendar year** (or remaining terms), with a commitment to a full term of lessons. Fees are **billed term-by-term in advance**. Any changes or withdrawals from music enrolments require **five school term weeks' written notice** or **payment in lieu of the notice period**. All notices must be submitted in **writing to the school office**. The school will make the final decision regarding changes to music lessons and ensembles.

For full Music Program details, please see the Music Handbook.