

Hunters Hill High School Extra Curricula Music For 2016

Introduction

- The Hunters Hill High School Extra Curricula music program is the result of the collaboration of HHHS P&C Band Coordinators (parent volunteers) and the HHHS CAPA Department.
- The bands and ensembles play an active part in the school calendar and perform at Open Day, Talent Evening, Music Soiree and Presentation Days plus other events.
- The program for 2016 sees a change in music directors (resulting in changed rehearsal days) and also a new percussion group formed.
- Any students interested in joining a group please come to the first rehearsals to register
- Fees have increased this year after being unchanged for a number of years and also due to increased use of external professional tutors. 2016 fees approximate about \$12.50 per session for large group and \$15 per session for smaller groups. The fees may need to be reassessed for 2016 depending on final numbers in each group.

Concert Band

- Concert Band is open to all students with basic proficiency on an suitable instrument and plays a variety of music
- It is assumed that students will continue individual tuition outside school and also will practice Concert Band pieces between rehearsals (practice folders will be provided)
- Rehearsals:
 - **Thursday morning before school (NB changed day)**
 - Arrive 7.20am for 7.30am start - 8.30am
 - Theatre in Music/Drama Block
 - **Commencing Thursday 11th Feb 2016**
- Fees: \$500 per annum (paid as 2 X \$250 invoices)
- 2016 Music Director: Jo Arnott has a Masters in music and is a highly experienced freelance musician, specialising in recorder (baroque & modern) and clarinet. She directs two other local school bands in the area and looks forward to working with the HHHS Concert Band

Jazz/Advanced Ensemble

- The Jazz/Advanced Ensemble started in 2015 and is open by audition (come to a rehearsal to try out) for students with a medium to high proficiency and will play more advanced pieces including some Jazz.
- Students would be continuing individual tuition outside school and also will practice Ensemble pieces between rehearsals (practice folders will be provided)
- Rehearsals:
 - **Thursday after school (NB changed day)**
 - Arrive by 3.20pm for 3.30-4.30pm
 - Theatre in Music/Drama Block
 - **Commencing Thursday 11th Feb 2016**
- Fees: \$600 per annum (paid as 2 X \$300 invoices)
- If students play in both Concert Band and the Ensemble, they only pay the Ensemble Fee
- NB: It would be great if Jazz/Advanced students also played in the Concert Band, however we recognize that many students have busy schedules so this year we have decided students may choose to only play in this ensemble.
- 2016 Music Director: Stephan Schafer has a Masters of Music and is a professional Sax/Clarinet/Flute player. He regularly performs in orchestras for professional musical productions (most recently Cats in Sydney and Hobart), as well as tutoring and directing school bands/music groups.

Strings Ensemble

- The String Ensemble had a great start in 2015 with three violin students and we are looking forward to growing the group over the coming years.
- It is open to all students with basic proficiency on a suitable string instrument and plays a variety of music
- It is assumed that students will continue individual tuition outside school and also will practice Concert Band pieces between rehearsals (practice folders will be provided)

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- Rehearsals:
 - **Monday morning before school**
 - Arrive 7.20am for 7.30am start - 8.30am
 - Theatrette in Music/Drama Block
 - **Commencing Monday 08th Feb 2016**
- Fees: \$500 per annum (paid as 2 X \$250 invoices)
- 2016 Music Director: Claire Vowell is a new music teacher to HHHS with a background in woodwind who will initially lead this group while a search for a specialized violin tutor is ongoing.

Percussion Ensemble (NEW)

- The Percussion Ensemble is new for 2016 and is open by audition (come to one of the first rehearsals) for students with at least a basic proficiency (likely having completed at least one year of drum tuition) or better than basic proficiency
- The group will play dynamic and more advanced percussion pieces.
- Members may also support the Concert Band or Jazz/Advanced Ensemble
- Students would be continuing individual tuition outside school and also will practice Ensemble pieces between rehearsals (practice folders will be provided)
- Rehearsals:
 - **Friday after school**
 - Arrive by 3.20pm for 3.30-4.30pm
 - Theatrette in Music/Drama Block
 - **Commencing Friday 12th Feb 2016**
- Fees: \$600 per annum (paid as 2 X \$300 invoices)
- If students play in both Concert Band and the Percussion Ensemble, they only pay the Ensemble Fee
- 2016 Music Director: Dominic Kirk is a dynamic young percussionist with a very high level of skill and experience. He has worked with many of Australia's top musicians including James Morrison & Judy Bailey and has toured extensively overseas with several bands. Dom has the highest level of accreditation in AMEB - CPM (Drum Kit), and has mentored many school percussionists.

Students With No Musical Experience

- HHHS has a number of Band instruments that can be hired from the school at a minimal rate to allow students to commence learning a musical instrument
- The Students and their parents will need to identify a musical tutor and commence lessons outside the high school. The P&C Band Coordinators can help with suggestions for tutors.
- Students can join in the Concert Band when they reach basic proficiency with the instrument (likely allow about 6 months of tuition).

Questions?

- Email: bandhhs@gmail.com
- Please send any questions to the HHHS P&C Band Coordinators via above

Looking forward to a great 2016 Extra-Curricular Music Program!

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