Making Music

LEEMING SHS
HARMONY ~ EXCELLENCE
Dear Parents/Guardians

A warm welcome is extended to new parents and students at Leeming Senior High School. We trust that students and their families will embrace the opportunities offered in Class Music at Leeming Senior High School, either through active participation in class music, instrumental lessons or rehearsing and performing in our ensembles.

Nothing that is worthwhile is easy and becoming an excellent musician takes years of practice. Sometimes it can be exciting, sometimes it will just be hard work. The important thing is to stick with it and you'll be glad you did.

The information offered in this package is provided for parents, guardians and students to clarify the expectations and procedures within the Music Department.

In the past, students from the Leeming Senior High School Music Department have gone on to national and international performing careers. Some of these include, Jebediah, Bob Evans, Ian Tay (Piano) and Daniel Henderson (Trumpet). We look forward to continuing this heritage into the future.

I hope that you will find the information within this package helpful in explaining the music program and encourage you to contact us if you require any further clarification.

Yours Sincerely,

Luke Devenish
Teacher in Charge of Music
Leeming Senior High School
Performing Arts Department – Music

Music at Leeming Senior High School is divided into 3 equal parts:

Class Music
- An elective class that students select to be part of their weekly timetable.

Instrumental Lessons
- Taken by a IMSS teacher, students come out of their weekly classes on a rotating basis to get specialist instruction on their chosen instrument.

Ensemble Rehearsal
- Either before or after school, ensembles are practical lessons where students rehearse music for performance opportunities.

Students must be enrolled in Class Music to be eligible for instrumental lessons and ensembles.

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Instrumental Music Services School (IMSS)
(Formerly SIM)

The Music Department at Leeming Senior High School runs a successful program supported by the School of Instrumental Music.

The Department of Education’s Instrumental Music Services School works with over 400 primary and secondary Western Australian Government schools.

They provide consultancy, instrumental instruction and ensemble direction, staffing allocation and management, an instrumental loan, maintenance and repair service, a resource centre and varied enrichment activities for students.

Students enrolled in class music receive a weekly lesson from an experienced and qualified music specialist and are provided with a range of performance opportunities throughout the year.

Further information can be found online at www.sim.iinet.net.au

At Leeming Senior High School, IMss Tuition is available on the following instruments:

- Flute
- Violin
- Clarinet
- Cello
- Saxophone
- Double Bass
- French Horn
- Percussion
- Trumpet
- Classical Guitar
- Trombone
- Electric guitar
- Euphonium
- Electric Bass Guitar
- Voice
**Instrumental music lessons**

**Lower school 7 – 9**
Instrumental classes start week 2 of term 1. Students are taught in small groups, generally on the same instrument. Lessons are within class time but are usually on a rotating basis so the impact on any one timetabled class is minimized. Students rarely miss an entire class in any subject. In practice, most students have no difficulty in catching up with work missed and the system has worked well in schools across the state for many years.

Students will be auditioned or asked to join a mixed instrumental group such as Concert Band or Guitar Ensemble when they are considered ready by their instrumental music teacher.

**Upper School 10 – 12**
Instrumental classes start week 2 of term 1. Secondary students are given a 30min one on one lesson in upper school and are often taught before and after school or during recess and lunchtime. This allowance is to further reduce the impact on other subjects.

**Attendance**
It is the student's responsibility to attend their lesson. If a student is leaving a timetabled class, they must get permission from the class teacher to leave 5 minutes before their instrumental lesson is due to start.

**Absences**
Advance notice must be given in order to reschedule a lesson. Staff can be notified by a note from home or an email to luke.devenish@education.wa.edu.au. Please be aware that rescheduling is not always possible as instrumental teachers have limited time at each school they visit. Mr Devenish or the instrumental teacher must be notified of any upcoming absence. If students have missed an instrumental lesson because of a test or excursion they must still see a member of the music staff on the day of their lesson.

On the second lesson missed, parents / guardians will receive a letter of concern regarding the student's attendance.
Instrumental Teacher Absence
In the case of an instrumental teacher being absent from school, a notice will be posted in the Performing Arts Centre.

Instrumental Music Student Journal
Each student enrolled in the Instrumental Music program will be issued with a practice Record Book. This book is an important means of communication between the instrumental teacher and parents. Please use the Instrumental Music Student Journal to record practice times and discuss the students progress with the Instrumental Teacher.

Students should use the Instrumental Music Student Journal each practice session to remind them of practice items and homework. It will also include advice from teachers and suggestions for improvement.

Practice
The more you practice, the better you will be on your instrument. It is generally recommended that students in lower school practice 30 minutes a day, and students in upper school should practice anywhere up to 1 hour.

If this seems like a lot of time on top of homework, consider how many hours a week you play games or watch TV. If you think about the skills and holistic benefits that come from playing an instrument, it’s definitely worth the investment!

Instruments

Storage
There is an instrument storeroom located in the performing arts building. Students should drop off their instrument before school and retrieve it after school by 3pm. Personal Instruments
Instruments should be clearly labeled with the students name and contact details. Instruments should only be stored at school on the day of an instrumental lesson of ensemble rehearsal. **Instruments should never be left in a locker or unattended in any other part of the school.**

Parents are encouraged to keep a record of an instrument’s make, model and serial number to aid in the event of a stolen or missing instrument. Be aware that instruments have been left on public transport and with this information have been reclaimed by parents within a week.
Hire

Instruments are available for hire from Leeming Senior High School through the School of Instrumental Music at a cost of $120 per annum. Hire of instruments is only for students commencing instrumental lessons in their first year of study on the instrument. The hire forms can be collected and returned to the Performing Arts office. Hire fees will be sent out after week 4 Term 1. If SIM has no hire stock available, Leeming recommends the following music stores / rental agents:

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Ensembles

Ensembles start Term 1 Week 3 to allow staff time to prepare repertoire and class lists. Students should keep an eye on the Daily Notices (read out in Tute/Form) for information regarding specific ensembles.

All students undertaking instrumental lessons at Leeming Senior High School are expected to be involved in at least one ensemble. Attendance is recorded with the same expectations applying to ensemble attendance as instrumental lesson attendance.

Ensemble rehearsals are conducted once a week and are scheduled in period 0 (7.30am – 8.30am) and Period 6 (3.00pm to 4.00pm)

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All ensemble times and days are yet to be confirmed for 2017. More information will come out Week 1, 2017.
Performances

The Performing Arts Department – Music offers a wide range of performance opportunities throughout the year. Performances can occur for in school events such as Leeming’s Got Talent or School Assemblies, to public Performances at Frasers Restaurant in Kings Park. These performances push students to achieve excellence and provide motivation to practice at home. Permission slips will be sent home with students approximately 3 to 4 weeks before any performance.

**Participation at these events is an expectation of all ensemble members.**

Camp

Each year a three-day music camp is held for all students involved in an ensemble. During this time music specialists from SIM and professional musicians come to work with students through intensive workshops and ensemble rehearsals. This provides an opportunity for students to further develop their performing skills individually and within their ensembles, work as a team, develop friendships and have fun in a safe and welcoming environment.

Frequently Asked Questions

**My child is a continuing SIM student from a local primary school. How can they continue in the music program at Leeming SHS?**

If your child is continuing on the same instrument they’ve been learning in primary school, SIM guarantees them a position at Leeming SHS. Select the elective Class Music and indicate your child’s chosen instrument and number of years experience and they’ll be placed in an instrumental lesson and ensemble.

**My child is new to music but wants to start an instrument. Is this possible?**

As with all SIM secondary schools, Leeming SHS starts beginner lessons in year 8 only. New classes depend on student intake and government funding so not all instruments are available every year. If you would like your child to be involved in the SIM program, you must enroll in Class Music as a beginner and Mr Devenish will forward on instrumental lesson request letters during week 1 Term 1. Lessons are finalized by week 4 Term 1.
What happens if a student misses an instrumental lesson?

If a student misses a lesson, a phone call home is made. If students miss 2 lessons in a row, a letter of concern is sent home. If you know in advance that a student is going to miss a lesson, it would be appreciated if you could contact the school on 93101300 ext 219 and notify the Arts Staff or alternatively contact the Instrumental tutor via email prior to the teaching day.

My instrument needs servicing, what should I do?

Contact the music stores mentioned above and try to get the instrument serviced ASAP. If you have a rental instrument, it is your responsibility to make sure it is maintained correctly.

What are the costs associated with Class Music?

Class Music: fees vary from year to year
Instrumental lessons: free
Instrument rental: $120 per year
Ensemble costs: $50 per year no matter how many ensembles a student participates in

What if I have a question about the music program?

Please contact the Instrumental Music Teacher or Teacher in Charge of Music.
SIM - INSTRUMENT RENTAL AGREEMENT

(Please note: This form is to be retained by the school and a copy given to parents/guardians)

FOR PARENTS/CARERS CONCERNING A MUSICAL INSTRUMENT OWNED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AND MANAGED BY:

__________________________________________________________

LEEMING SHS

I, (full name) ________________________________________________
of (address) ____________________________________________ Post code: __________

Telephone no: ____________ hereby agree to abide by the following terms

TO BE COMPLETED BY PERFORMING ARTS STAFF ONLY:

(Instrument): ___________________________ Make: ________________

Model: ___________________________ Serial No: ________________

on loan to my child/ward (student’s name) ____________________________

commencing date: ______________________

1. I fully understand that the instrument is available on loan for the period stated below and that I need to purchase or obtain privately a suitable instrument when this loan expires.

2. I will pay the school $120 (there is no GST charged) for this year ( ) to cover the costs of depreciation, maintenance and repair to the instrument. This amount is non-refundable.

3. I understand that damage or loss caused by an accident, deliberate act or negligence on the part of me or my child/ward is my responsibility and I may be asked to meet the costs of such damage or loss. This may include replacement of accessories supplied.

Note: It is recommended that parents make appropriate independent insurance arrangements to cover this possibility

4. I understand that the loan is contingent on my child being a full participant in the instrumental music program at this school and the instrument will be returned immediately upon request should we leave the school and/or the program.

Periods of loans:

- Flute, clarinet, alto saxophone, trumpet, trombone: one school year only
- Cello: two school years only
- Euphonium (or baritone), tuba, french horn, double bass, oboe or bassoon: for the duration of study at the above nominated school.

Signed: ___________________________ Date: ________________

Parent or Guardian

Signed: ___________________________ Date: ________________

Principal (or representative)
Leeming Senior High School

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