

YEAR 7 MUSIC PROGRAM ENROLMENT INFORMATION

Learning a musical instrument at school opens up a whole new world of opportunities. Students who learn an instrument become part of a large group of students who will work to create music together, ranging from Year 7 to Year 12.

The Music Program at Leeming SHS is supported by the Instrumental Music School Services (IMSS formerly SIM) and provides instrumental lessons as well as performance opportunities in a range of ensembles (there is a cost to participate in the ensembles- please check the school fees schedule). The course is similar to a scholarship which demands an ongoing commitment from students and parents. **We expect therefore, that students enrolling in the course for Year 7 will participate in the course until at least the end of Year 10.** Please consider this very carefully, and do not enrol your child if there is any doubt that they will complete the four-year course. Students are selected for the program to create a very delicate balance within the ensembles and it is in doing this that we can maintain such a high-performance standard.

COURSE REQUIREMENTS

- 2 hours class music, which is a year-long elective on the subject selection sheet. Students in Class Music study aural (listening), history, literature, and basic music knowledge.
- One 20-minute group lesson per week. Year 12 lessons run for 30 minutes. Students come out of their normal subject classes each week on a rotating timetable, and are expected to catch up on any work they miss.
- Piano students can enrol in percussion or another beginner instrument of their choice or secure a private tutor as the Department of Education does not supply piano teachers.
- One ensemble rehearsal related to the instrument of study per week, either before or after school. Students may also enrol in other ensembles. Jazz Band and Percussion ensembles are invitation only.

No matter if your child is a beginner or an ongoing IMSS student, your child must be enrolled in Year 7 Class Music for Semester 1 and 2, complete and return the REQUEST FOR INSTRUMENTAL TUITION form on the following page.

Beginner positions in instrumental lessons are limited, and requesting instrumental tuition does not guarantee a position in the Music Program. Parents will be notified if there is a position available by Week 8, Term 4. Continuing IMSS students already have a guaranteed position in the program but will also be contacted to confirm.

For more information, please read the attached prospectus regarding the music program. To clarify any points regarding the Music Program please contact the Arts department directly via email at Marietta.Damos@education.wa.edu.au or Gordon.Ryder@education.wa.edu.au . We look forward to having you and your family involved in making music at Leeming Senior High School.