

YEARS 8 to 12 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). As funding is allocated to students in Year 7, those students entering the program in Years 8 – 12 may not be eligible for a position in the IMSS program.

- **If your child is a continuing IMSS student, they are guaranteed funding. Leeming SHS will organize the transfer from the previous IMSS school.**
- **If you are new to the government system (transferring from a private school (or interstate) then funding is dependant on staffing availability and an audition.**

We expect that students enrolling in the course in Year 8 or Year 9 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 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 per week related to the instrument of study either before or after school. Ensembles are designated the first week of Term 1. Students may also enrol in other ensembles. Jazz Band and Percussion ensembles are by invitation only.

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

For more information, please read the attached booklet regarding the music program. To clarify any points regarding the Music Program please contact the Arts department directly via e-mail 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 in 2020.