



Years 1-6 Music 2019

with Mrs Marisa Perica

Music Information for 2019 Years 1-6

Welcome to 2019! In order to get our music education program underway, here is some information to assist your child in general music classes for this year.

FAQ for General Music Classes 1-6

What do students learn in music education classes?

Students learn to sing, play, move, listen, read and write music in all classes at a developmentally appropriate level. Through singing songs and games, students learn to analyze sound as well as discriminate pitch and rhythm. Students also learn how patterns and repetition work in music so that they can build a vocabulary of sounds and ideas that they can use in improvisations and compositions in creative ways. In conjunction with singing, movement and playing of instruments (tuned and non-tuned percussion, recorder and other instruments) is also used in general music classes as it enhances musical learning providing a “hands on” approach before introducing musical abstract concepts and ideas. This year, Year 3 & 4 students will have recorder integrated into their music lessons.

What does your child need to bring to their music classes?

Yrs 1-6 An openness to have fun!

Years 1 & 2 - Semester 2

Music scrapbooks (as on booklist) will be housed for Year 1 & 2 in the music room.

Years 3 & 4 – Semester 1

I would appreciate your assistance in reminding your child to bring the following equipment to all music lessons:

- **Years 3 and 4 -Semester 1 & LA 15 Years 4/5**
 - A recorder that is clearly labelled with name and class **ON the back of the recorder**
 - A4 plastic sleeve folder that holds approx. 20 pages especially for music (Yrs 3 & 4) as on booklist –
 - A cloth bag to place the recorder, pencil case and plastic sleeve folder
- **Year 5 & 6**
 - A4 plastic sleeve folder that holds approx. 20 pages especially for music as on booklist
 - **Pencil case**

What days will my child have music lessons?

Semester 1 2019

- **Tuesday:** LA 15 Years 4/5, LA 10 Year 3, LA 9 Year 3, LA 19 Year 4, Choir 7.30-8.30am
- **Wednesday:** LA 11 Year 3, LA 8 Year 3, LA 18 Year 3/4
- **Thursday:** Year 5 LA 17, Year 5 LA 16, Year 4 LA 20

Semester 2 2019 –Years 1, 2 & 6

- **Tuesday:** TBA
- **Wednesday:** TBA
- **Thursday:** TBA

How does my child join the choir? When are the rehearsals for choir? What year levels can join the choir?

Campbell Primary School Choir – Years 4, 5 & 6

This year the Campbell Primary School Choir will be held on a **TUESDAY morning before school from 7.30-8.30 am**. This choir is not auditioned and a letter of invitation outlining processes for 2019 will be distributed to those students who

are interested in joining this year's Choir. Mrs Perica will be directing this choir. This will begin in week 3. It is **very important** that once your child commits to the choir that they **will remain in the choir for the whole year** and will **be required for all performances throughout the year**.

Punctuality & commitment to choir

It is important that choir students are **punctual** for **all rehearsals** and therefore it would be greatly appreciated, if your child is a choir member, that he/she is **on time for all rehearsals**. As repertoire is built upon each week to chosen songs, it is required that students who join are **committed for the whole year** to ensure adequate preparation for set performances that are scheduled throughout the year. The choir will be participating in various performances throughout the year such as the Massed Choir Festival and end of year Evening on the Green. More details will be sent to choir parents later this term.

My child has been learning an instrument - can my child join a Band?

In 2019, Year 6 students who learn instruments are invited to join the Canning Vale College Junior Band. Rehearsals will be on Thursday afternoons from 3.00 – 4.00pm at Canning Vale College. It will be parent's responsibility to ensure that students arrive at the rehearsal as close to the 3pm start time as possible. Band Rehearsals will commence on the 7th of March, 2019 (Week 5 of the school term.) The band director of the CVC is Marisa Spina; a very passionate and motivating music educator. It is envisioned that primary students rehearsing with the CVC Junior Band will be preparing songs for various concert performances. It is a great opportunity to become involved with the CVC Specialist Music Program at this early stage and become familiar with the Music Department, students, teachers and have a great time music making. For any further information please either contact me on marisa.perica@education.wa.edu.au or Rebecca Harrison (CVC Music Coordinator) Rebecca.rogers1@education.wa.edu.au.

What kinds of instruments are used in music classes for each year level?

While a variety of non-tuned and tuned percussion instruments with singing are integrated into the music classes at all year levels this year there will be a focus on the following for years 3-6.

Recorder

This year recorder tuition will continue as part of the music education program for years 3 & 4 and LA 15 (Year 4/5). It would be greatly appreciated if all parents/carers can support at least 5-10 minutes practice per day so that children have the opportunity to progress on the instrument. Recorder playing is a highly valued part of the music education program as it assists all children to:

- Improve fine motor skills
- Read and play music through traditional and graphic notation
- Take responsibility & care of an instrument developing independence, and self-regulation
- Have a good introduction to learning an instrument & laying a foundation for playing instruments
- Train brains to do many things at once
- Develop confidence
- Develop music skills that involves melody, rhythm, harmony, expression as well as aural skills using simple songs

Ukulele & Drumming

This year ukulele will be incorporated into year 5 classes and drumming with year 6 music classes. Campbell Primary has school ukuleles and djembes to support this program and each student will have access to a ukulele to borrow in class. If students have their own ukuleles – they are most welcome to bring them to the music classes. This is **NOT a request for you to buy a ukulele**. However, if you are considering buying one for your child, **please see me prior to purchase as I can give you a few guidelines**.

IMMS Program (Instrumental Music School Services)

Campbell Primary School offers private instrumental tuition for through the Department of Education's IMMS program. At the end of each year/beginning of each year, each year 4 student is tested using the Department of Education's Musical Aptitude Indicator. Using these results as well as consideration of other factors such as suitability for an instrument and social/emotional/academic progress those students who are deemed to be competitive will be offered a position in the IMMS program for year 5 & 6. There are limited places for brass, guitar, flute, percussion and clarinet. This year testing for this program will take place in term 4 week 2 for year 4 only.

Year 6 Enrichment Class

This year the extension class for year 6 will focus on learning how to be in a percussion ensemble and will take place during school on a Thursday afternoon.

Musical Informances

This year parents will be invited to observe a music lesson during the end of term 2 during the time of the music lesson. Students will be able to demonstrate some of the songs and music they have been learning in class during the year as well as giving you an opportunity to observe your child. More information will be forwarded to you later in the year regarding this new method of reporting to parents.

Volunteer Parents/Carers with Music Expertise

If you have musical expertise and are proficient on an instrument please let me know. I would love for you to come to your child's music class to demonstrate your instrument. Also, if you are able to volunteer your time and talent to accompany the choir, or assist with music in any way – please let me know.

Queries and Concerns

If you have any queries or concerns regarding your child's music education please do not hesitate to contact me.

Thank you for your assistance.

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"Music is a language that doesn't speak in particular words. It speaks in emotions, and if it's in the bones, it's in the bones." — Keith Richard