

Students have access to music lessons on a Thursday evening after dinner. Music lessons take place in the school's music room with tutor Jayden Williamson. The lessons are divided into two sessions throughout the evening.

### **Music Class - Beginner**

All new students are welcome to the 2021 beginner music class.

The aim of the beginner music lessons is for all students, no matter their current knowledge or level of musical skills, to develop practical and theoretical knowledge of musical instruments and contemporary styles of music. Students will learn how to apply rhythm through the ability to play the drum set, understand chords, chord progressions and chord structures through keyboard and guitar, and develop bass lines and scale knowledge through guitar and bass.

Students will learn what the primary chords are and how to use them, what the importance of blues music is compared to modern music, how to apply skills on an instrument to songs, and how to recognise different styles of contemporary music. The class is a very hands-on practical approach, with all students learning new skills on contemporary instruments.

In the beginner music class students will learn the following:

- How to identify the different styles of contemporary music, including rock, pop, blues, soul and funk
- How to set up and use contemporary instruments correctly
- Key signatures and appropriate chords applied to instruments and songs
- How to play beginner rock/contemporary drums
- How to play blues, pop and rock progressions on guitar and keyboard
- How to select an appropriate repertoire to play

Beginner music classes will start mid term one with students expected to commit on a five session cycle basis. Each session will run for 1 hour every second week.

### **Music Class - Intermediate**

Intermediate music students are selected from the music classes or students with existing skills.

The aim of the intermediate music class is to play together as a group with one of the aims to represent the school in performances at school events or in the community. To be considered for the band, students will have developed intermediate playing skills on their chosen instrument, whilst showing a commitment to the music class in preparation for band class. Students are expected to do further individual practice and band rehearsals in their own time.

In the intermediate music class, students will learn the following:

- How to select appropriate repertoire
- How to set up efficiently and effectively for rehearsal
- How to rehearse
- How to identify strengths and weaknesses in rehearsals
- How to perform, including performance preparation, etiquette and soundcheck skills
- How to evaluate performance to improve further

Intermediate music classes will commence mid-term one with students expected to commit on a five session cycle basis. Each session will run for 1 hour every second week.

## Cost

The charge for each session is \$110 with the cost to be shared between the students enrolled in the particular session. The more students, the lower the individual cost. Session numbers will be capped to ensure a quality experience. Once we are clear on the number of students wishing to take part we will communicate with parents their individual fee and accounts will be produced for five session cycles.

In addition to the tuition cost, the College charges students an annual fee \$40 for access to the music room, instruments and equipment.

For further information please contact Residential supervisor Therese Sparks.

## Bio: Jayden Williamson

Jayden has been an active session musician, music tutor and school teacher for the past 10 years. Studying a Bachelor of Jazz at WAAPA with further study of a Bachelor of Education at ECU and a Certificate IV in Training & Assessing, Jayden has a wealth of knowledge and experience in working as a musician and educator.

While working as a session musician, Jayden had the privilege of working with and supporting some brilliant musicians around the country at multiple festivals and in the studio. A highlight was opening the Blues on Broadbeach festival for Diesel. Having recorded albums and EPs for his own projects, Jayden has also been called in to work on sessions for local WA artists.

In the past 6 years Jayden has been working through the Department of Education teaching class music and instrumental percussion through a variety of schools. Working with young musicians is a highlight of Jayden's current workload. Currently Jayden is the director of JD's Music Tuition in Bunbury, classroom music and instrumental teacher at music specialist school Australind SHS and ensemble director of the South West Wind & Jazz Orchestras.