

## CO-CURRICULAR MUSIC PROGRAM

The NSGHS Co-curricular Music (CCM) Program offers girls the opportunity to develop their musical skills, experience the thrill of performing in an excellent ensemble and enjoy friendships across the school years. A range of ensembles provides opportunities for all students at varying levels of ability. In 2021 over 270 students were involved in ensembles. The students' dedication continued the tremendous public success and acclaim enjoyed by the groups in recent years.

We welcome all new girls and their parents to become part of this vibrant community within the school. The following ensembles will be offered in 2022, *subject to enrolments*.

### JUNIOR BAND

This group is designed for those girls who wish to take up a new Band instrument. Clarinet, alto saxophone and flute are not offered in Beginner Band as these are already popular instruments in the program. Rehearsals are great fun and the girls progress quickly. All Beginner Band members are expected to have private lessons on their new instrument.

### CONCERT BAND

The Concert Band is open to woodwind, brass and percussion players who exhibit developed skills on their instrument. Usually students who have participated in Beginner Band join Concert Band after 1 year.

### SYMPHONIC WINDS

This group is open to woodwind, brass and percussion students who exhibit highly developed skills on their instrument. It usually comprises of students in years 7-10 but students in other year groups are occasionally involved.

### WIND ORCHESTRA

Wind Orchestra is the most senior wind band in the school and performs advanced repertoire. Students in Wind Orchestra are highly proficient on their instruments.

Please note that because only a relatively small number of new flute players can be accommodated into bands each year, entry is limited for girls playing flute. Entry to the program is easier for girls who play other instruments which are in greater demand to form balanced ensembles. [see over].

### ADVANCED STRINGS

Advanced Strings is a specialised small-scale chamber ensemble made up of the school's most advanced string players. Admission is by invitation only.

## JUNIOR STRINGS

This group is designed for those girls who wish to take up a new string instrument. Violin is not usually offered in this ensemble as this is already quite a popular instrument in the program. Rehearsals are great fun and the girls progress quickly. All Junior Strings members are expected to have private lessons on their new instrument.

### CAMERATA

Camerata is a string group which provides an ensemble opportunity for intermediate string players. Generally students have been learning their instruments for 1 to 3 years and already have some proficiency with ensemble playing.

### CHAMBER ORCHESTRA

This ensemble is a chamber orchestra for intermediate/experienced string players. Woodwind and brass instruments are also involved depending on repertoire demands which include original works for chamber orchestra and arrangements of classical and popular scores. The group is tutored in string techniques necessary for orchestral playing.

### SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA

Symphony Orchestra is open to advanced string players as well as a limited number of brass, woodwind and percussion players. This is our most senior orchestra at NSGHS.

### JAZZ ENSEMBLE

This ensemble provides students with the opportunity to play repertoire in a Jazz style. As an extension ensemble, students in Jazz Band develop skills in areas such as improvisation and Jazz phrasing. Students involved in Jazz Ensemble are required to also take part in a large ensemble.

### INSTRUMENTAL TUITION

To ensure high ensemble standards are maintained, it is a condition of participation that all ensemble students in the CCM program organise their own instrumental tuition after hours. Tuition during school time is not permitted at NSGHS.

### REHEARSALS

Each ensemble meets at 7.30am one morning each week for a 70-80 minute rehearsal during school term. Students are expected to arrive 15 minutes before the scheduled start time to assist with set up. Additional rehearsals may be scheduled for weekends leading up to competitions and major performances. Attendance at all rehearsals is compulsory.

## MUSIC CAMP

This compulsory camp for ensemble members in the program, will be held from Feb 25<sup>th</sup>-27<sup>th</sup> 2022 at the Tops Conference Centre, Stanwell Tops.

### TOURS

All ensembles generally tour regionally once per year, and we aim for select students to tour internationally every 3-4 years. Tours are an essential part of the program as they develop a strong sense of camaraderie that underpins the girls' musical performances. All girls are expected to tour with their ensemble. Some assistance can be provided to families experiencing financial hardship. Recent tours have included the Bathurst, the Southern Highlands, Central and South Coasts and Central and Northern Australia.

### PERFORMANCES

A range of concerts are held at the school and other venues during the year for school and community events. Each year ensembles compete in a number of competitions.

### AUDITIONS

Auditions are held on an annual basis for all students wishing to join or continue playing in the CCM Program. Auditions for new students will take place on Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> November, 2021. We encourage new students to audition so that they can meet the conductors on an individual basis. See the Audition form for further information.

### COMMITMENT

Students who are offered a place in an ensemble are expected to attend all rehearsals for the entire year as well as attending performances & tours. Students are expected to receive regular private tuition on that instrument.

### FEES AND ADDITIONAL COSTS

Ensemble fees are \$520 per annum payable in Term 1. (\$390 for Yr 12 students). This fee covers membership to any ensembles. Additional fees are payable for tours (typically \$320 per student for a 3 day tour), Music Camp (\$300) and performance uniform (\$58 shirt and \$40 pants).

## PARENT INVOLVEMENT

The Co-curricular Music Program is supported by a group of enthusiastic parents in the P&C Music Sub-Committee.

**PARENTS DO NOT NEED TO BE MUSICAL TO BE INVOLVED!** The success of the music program depends on the involvement of parents and all are very welcome. There are various ways to contribute. Please contact the P & C Music Committee President: Melanie Lindsay/Jenny Chan via email [nsghsccmusic@gmail.com](mailto:nsghsccmusic@gmail.com) for further information.

## INSTRUMENT HIRE

To encourage their use, a selection of instruments is available for hire at very competitive prices. Please contact us immediately if you are interested in learning a new instrument, so we can help you with instrument hire and potential tutors.

## THESE PLAYERS WANTED

We especially need players of the following instruments. Girls who play flute and piano may consider diversifying. Girls who do not already play an instrument should consider one of these:

<i>Euphonium</i>	<i>French horn</i>	<i>Cello</i>
<i>Trumpet</i>	<i>Bassoon</i>	<i>Double bass</i>
<i>Trombone</i>	<i>Viola</i>	<i>Tuba</i>



## SCHOOL MUSIC DEPARTMENT

Music classes are held for all Year 7 & 8 students. Elective music is offered in Years 9 and 10. Music is also offered in the senior school (Years 11 and 12) as a Higher School Certificate subject.

## SCHOOL PERFORMANCE GROUPS

Participation in the following School Performance Groups is available by audition. These groups are conducted by school music teachers.

## SENIOR VOCAL ENSEMBLE AND A CAPPELLA

Both small choral groups sing a varied repertoire. Auditions will take place early in Term 1, and rehearsals occur once or twice weekly at lunchtime, depending on the ensemble.

## INTERMEDIATE CHOIR

Students in Years 8 and 9 are eligible to take part. An audition to join this ensemble is not required. Rehearsals for Intermediate Choir take place before school on day per week.

## YEAR 7 CHOIR

Rehearsals are before school one morning per week. This ensemble is open to all Year 7 students – no audition required.

## SCHOOL MUSICAL

An annual combined School Musical is produced with North Sydney Boys High School. Students from Years 9, 10 and 11 are eligible to audition.

# NORTH SYDNEY GIRLS HIGH SCHOOL



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