

MUSIC PROGRAM

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Specialist Music Program

All Year 1-6 classes have weekly sessions where they have the opportunity to learn an instrument, starting with classroom percussion instruments in the junior years, recorder in Year 3 and ukulele in Years 4-6 as well as xylophone, marimba and metallophone across all year groups. There are many aspects to the Music program, including the following:

School of Instrumental Music

We are very fortunate at Swanbourne Primary to have teachers from the School of Instrumental Music (IMSS) offer free tuition to selected students. The selection process involves a Music Aptitude Test, written by all Year 4 students at the end of Term 3 as well as taking into consideration their interest and commitment to learning an instrument. Lessons are held once a week for half an hour during school hours. The instruments on offer at Swanbourne are trumpet/trombone, flute and clarinet. These lessons continue right through to Year 10 in schools such as Shenton College, Perth Modern and Churchlands Senior High School.

Teaching Approach

School Band

All students that are part of the IMSS program are required to play in the school band in Year 6. The band also welcomes students from any year level who are able to play an instrument with competence and are interested in playing in a band. Any and all instruments are welcome. The band practices once a week on Wednesday mornings from 8-8:45am and they perform in assemblies and at the school end-of-year concert.

Choir

Year 3-6 students are able to join the Swanbourne choir as long as they love singing. The choir practices every Tuesday morning from 8- 8:45am and performs at the annual ANZAC assembly, end-of-year concert and events such as Shenton in the Round and the WA Massed Choir Festival. Singing is such an integral part of a child's musical development and helps to develop students' aural and vocal skills.



Events and Activities

Musica Viva

Each year, Musica Viva is invited to the school, which enables the students to learn a wide range of different cultural music as well as experience instruments and music from other countries.



Grandparents Concert

The Year 1 and 2 students have their opportunity to perform at their biannual Grandparents Concert - a very special day where all grandparents are invited to watch their grandchildren perform, participate in classroom activities and enjoy a lovely morning tea afterwards.



Events and Activities



Musical Production

In addition, every alternate year, the Year 5 and 6 students stage a musical production, giving them the opportunity to perform on stage in front of an audience and to experience being part of a cast, be it on stage or backstage. Great fun is had in dressing up, acting, singing and being a part of the lights, stage and action.



Events and Activities

End-of-year Concert

Every year, all students are involved in the end-of-year concert, which has a Christmas theme every second year and a different musical theme every other year. All parents and carers are invited to bring along a picnic and enjoy watching the children perform on the oval.



Swanbourne Primary, music is well integrated into the curriculum. The main focus is on instilling a love for music through fun, interactive lessons and exposing students to a wide range of music genres, instruments, songs and dances