



Ferry Grove State High School Instrumental and Choral Music IN-CATCHMENT AUDITION



Head of Music: Shannon Rogers

Director of Strings: Nicola Seneviratne

Director of Brass: Dale Hosking

Director of Woodwind: Brianna Bowpitt

Director of Percussion, Choral and Guitar: Shannon Rogers

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Ferry Grove State High School has one of the most highly regarded instrumental music programs in Queensland, with around 20 ensembles performing regularly at school and public cultural events. While many of its ensembles have won awards in major music competitions, the program's main emphasis is on developing students' sense of the social interaction and emotional expression possible through music.

Lessons

Lessons occur on a rotating timetable so that students don't miss the same subject every week. All students taking lessons at school must belong to an ensemble.

Instruments

Students are encouraged to provide their own instrument. The larger and/or more expensive instruments such as tuba, euphonium, french horn, double bass, bass clarinet, oboe, bassoon and baritone sax are available for hire. All percussion instruments are provided by the school and are not subject to a hire fee, but percussionists are required to own a variety of sticks and mallets, and encouraged to purchase a snare drum and xylophone for home practice.

Levy

All instrumental students and members of the auditioned choir (Chamber Choir) are required to pay a levy to assist with the running of the program. There is no levy to join the non-auditioned choirs (Big Choir & Boys' Choir), but students will be encouraged to make a small voluntary contribution.

Ensembles

Ensemble rehearsals usually take place before or after school.

Ensembles include:

- Ferry Symphony Orchestra & Training Orchestra
- Ferry Chamber Orchestra & String Orchestra
- Mahler Wind Symphony and Gershwin Concert Band
- Big Band & Stage Band
- Sparke Brass Ensemble & Gregson Brass Ensemble
- Percussion Ensembles 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 & 7
- Big Choir, Chamber Choir, Boys' Choir, Senior Choir
- Guitar Ensemble 1 & 2

Entry to instrumental ensembles and Chamber Choir is by audition.

Auditions

Auditions will be held in late November for students from local schools entering the program in 2023. They will take place at Ferry Grove State High School and will last approximately 5 minutes each. Limited places are available for piano in Big Band and Stage Band.

Students are required to play:

- Two scales
- Two contrasting pieces (percussion to play xylophone and snare drum)

As there are no keyboard/piano lessons offered as part of the program and only 2 jazz ensembles that require piano players, students are not required to audition for enrolment.

The attached audition form must be completed and returned to **Ferry Grove State High School** by **7 October 2022**. Students will be notified of audition times soon after.

Ferry Grove State High School Instrumental Music Audition Form

(Please return to Ferry Grove State High School by 7 October 2022)

Name: _____ Instrument/s: _____ Year Level in 2023: _____

Primary School: _____ Contact Number: _____

Parent Email: _____ Signature (Parent/Carer): _____