

INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC ACADEMY

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INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC ACADEMY PROGRAM

Meridan State College is committed to a holistic approach to student development across academic, sporting, and cultural fields. The Instrumental Music (IM) Academy focuses on developing musicianship as a whole and fostering a lifelong passion for music. Students are encouraged to engage in a team-oriented culture that nurtures personal growth and technical development.

The IM Academy Program follows the 10 levels of the state-designed Instrumental Music curriculum, enabling senior school students to apply for additional QCE accreditation points. Furthermore, the college offers a wide range of co-curricular ensembles to cater to students of all ability levels

The development of our students is supported by our dedicated teachers, who are fully qualified and experienced professional musicians.

We offer high-quality pedagogy, a focus on well-being development, and professional performance experiences, with opportunities for students to compete at regional and state levels. Rehearsals and competitions may take place outside of school hours, requiring a high level of commitment from all participants to maintain their place in the program.



PROGRAM OBJECTIVES

The IM Academy Program aims to;

- develop a positive mindset focused on striving for personal excellence in a team environment
- provide high-quality pedagogy to develop knowledge and skills
- foster the development of resilience, teamwork, persistence and responsibility
- provide the opportunities to compete at regional and state levels
- provide a culture of belonging to a team focusing on academic and performance excellence
- establish a supportive school environment
- develop leadership and teamwork skills
- present diverse career pathways in music and education



QCAA RECOGNISED STUDY PROGRAM

The Instrumental Music Curriculum has been approved as a QCAA recognised study program, allowing Year 11 & 12 students to obtain 1 QCE credit point when completing each of the level 7-10 of the curriculum.

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We offer a large range of performance ensembles outside of school time to develop and enhance the student's technical, expressive and performance skills as well as the development of all-round students that demonstrate the college values.

Ensembles offered include:

- Concert Band (Year 5 & 6 students)
- Primary Strings (Year 5 & 6 students)
- Wind Ensemble (Years 7-12 band students)
- Senior Strings (Years 7-12 students)
- Symphony Orchestra (Years 7-12 instrumental students)



FACULTY



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Brendan Hucknall

Instrumental Band Specialist
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Brendan Hucknall is a highly skilled brass and multi-instrumental educator who directs Concert Bands ranging from beginner to advanced levels. Collaborating with our strings specialist, he co-leads the newly established College Symphony Orchestra. A proud product of the EQ instrumental music program in the late 1980s, Brendan began his musical journey in brass bands and has dedicated over 30 years to teaching instrumental music within the department. Currently serving as the bugler for the Caloundra RSL, he plays a pivotal role in connecting our college with numerous performance opportunities, enriching the musical experiences of our students.



Frank Fodor

Instrumental Band Specialist
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Frank Fodor is our dedicated Instrumental Strings Specialist, leading the Beginner Strings, Junior, Middle, and Senior School Strings Ensembles with passion and expertise. A proud graduate of the EQ instrumental music program, Frank has been inspiring young musicians as part of the department for 15 years. Beyond his work at the college, he is an accomplished performer, contributing his talents to the Australian Session Orchestra, Sanctuary String Quartet, Fragments Ensemble, and numerous local orchestras across the Sunshine Coast.



PERFORMANCE CALENDAR

Beginner Bash – Band & Strings	Meridan State College	March
Anzac Day Ceremony	Meridan State College	April
Instrumental Music Soiree – Band & Strings	Meridan State College	May
Regional Fanfare Heats (biennial)	Meridan State College	June
intermediate Workshops (Primary Band & Strings)	Meridan State College	June
Beginner Workshops (Primary Band & Strings)	Talara Primary College	October
Symphony Orchestra Tour	Local Primary Schools	TBC
SCIMEP (Regional Primary Music Camp)	TBA	August
Showcase Finale	Meridan State College	November

INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC REHEARSAL SCHEDULE

Primary Strings	Monday	7:45- 8:30am
Secondary Strings	Tuesday	7.45-8.45am
Concert Band	Thursday	7.50-8.30am
Symphony Orchestra	Thursday	3.15-4.30pm
Wind Ensemble	Friday	7.30-8.45am

PERFORMER EXPECTATIONS AND OBLIGATIONS

As an IM Academy member, performers must continue to meet the following expectations:

- Maintain a grade point average for effort and behaviour above 3.25
- Provide appropriate role-modelling for all students and represent our college appropriately in the community and throughout events
- Rehearsals are compulsory. You must inform your teacher in a timely manner if unable to attend due to something unavoidable.
- Students must uphold the College Values

Costings:

Yearly fee, providing own instrument: \$40

Yearly fee, hiring an instrument: \$95

