

Information about Y9-10 Music Elective Classes and Instrumental Lessons at Bayside Christian College

Years 9 and 10 students have the option of doing a different Music unit each semester as an elective for three 90-minute classes per fortnight (though there will be an increase in class time in 2024).

Course Outlines

- **Semester 1 (Even Years) - Electronic Music:**
- In this unit, students will experience all things 'electronic' in music, including: electronic instruments (guitar, bass, keyboard); recording, mixing and arranging music through MIDI and through live recordings; performing with yourself through loop pedals; how to operate a basic sound desk; and how to set up the sound equipment of a live performance. Students will also grow in their proficiency on a chosen instrument, as well as their knowledge of how to read music notation.
- **Semester 2 (Even Years) - Blues Music:**
- Students will study the history of Blues music and how its combination with western musical traditions has led to music genres such as Jazz, Rock, Pop, Hip-Hop and many others. Students will be required to prepare a class performance in small groups, developing ensemble skills on a chosen instrument. A music theory focus on notation and scales will also help students discover how to improvise and create music using different scale patterns and chord charts. Experience on a musical instrument is an advantage, but those who are willing to learn a new instrument will do just fine!
- **Semester 1 (Odd Years) - How to Write a Pop Song:**
- In this unit students will answer the question 'How do you write a pop song?' through a detailed study into the musical and cultural influences of contemporary popular music. They will explore the common messages and themes which underlie much pop music, and discuss how to respond from a biblical perspective. They will also learn many simple and practical skills in reading, listening to, composing, arranging, rehearsing and performing music. They will work in small groups to prepare and compose a song to be performed in front of an audience. The skills they learn in this unit will be able to assist in many different areas of life, such as performing in a rock band, playing worship music or just accompanying themselves while singing their favourite songs!
- **Semester 2 (Odd Years) - African Music:**
- In this unit students will explore the incredible musical richness to be found in a range of different African cultures, and how music is deeply integrated into their daily lives. They will learn to identify and appreciate the stylistic musical elements which make African music unique, so that they can recreate the music themselves. They will learn a range of traditional songs and pieces, and will also have the opportunity to compose their own African music, which will be performed to an audience.

Instrumental Lessons

- Instruments offered at Bayside Christian College currently are piano, voice, guitar, drums, violin, cello, flute, clarinet and saxophone
- Instrumental lessons occur during normal class time, usually at a different time each week so that students don't miss the same class every time
- Lessons are mostly individual, with fees at \$32 for a 20 minute lesson or \$42 for a 30 minute lesson, with cheaper options for group lessons of 2 or 3
- Lesson times, payments and other communications are liaised directly with the instrumental teacher