

THE ARTS – MUSIC

WHY STUDY MUSIC?

At Mercy College Mackay music is fun! We believe that music is also an essential part of the human experience, and that everyone is musical, has a need for musical expression, and that music develops humans in very unique ways.

As you read through the incomplete list below, ask yourself what other activities provide this many attributes? Creativity, Artistry, Expression & Communication, History & Culture, Discipline, Independence, Collaboration, Problem-solving, Efficiency, The Pursuit of Personal Excellence, Metacognition, Courage, Kinaesthetic Awareness, Appreciation, Critical Analysis, Compassion.

Is it any wonder that so many lawyers, doctors, scientists and other great thinkers and leaders were also great musicians?



COURSE AIMS:

The study of Music develops students who:

- make decisions about musical elements, languages and cultural protocols in relation to specific style, function, audience and purpose of music works
- create and shape music works by manipulating musical elements to express meaning in different contexts
- modify and refine genre-specific music works, using interpretive and technical skills
- present music works to particular audiences for a specific purpose, style and function, using genre-specific music techniques, skills, processes and cultural protocols
- respond by deconstructing music works in relation to social, cultural, historical, spiritual, political, technological and economic contexts, using musical elements and languages
- reflect on learning, apply new understandings and justify future applications

COURSE ORGANISATION:

Semester 1 OR 2: 7MUSIC	BIG BEAT BLAST	SEMESTER 3 OR 4: 8MUSIC	ROCK ON
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Semester 1 or 2 7MUSIC - Big Beat Blast

This module explores the various elements music including Rhythm, Melody, Harmony, Dynamics, Timbre, Texture, and Form. Students will listen to and perform various music examples becoming familiar with different elements used. Students will begin to develop their listening and composing skills.

Semester 3 or 4 8MUSIC - Rock On

In Year 8 Music, students are introduced to the basic concepts and skills of performance, composition and analysis. Students begin the semester with a Rock unit exploring the basics of music theory, composition in GarageBand and performance on a variety of instruments. This unit is all about learning new skills and gaining confidence in a supportive environment.

The second half of the semester takes a journey around the globe looking at a variety of music from other cultures. Students will experience composition, performance and analysis.

Assessment

Teaching and learning in The Visual Arts is centred around three strands:

Exploring, Creating, Responding/Reflecting

Assessment is focused on student understandings and skills in:

Weekly formative tasks listening, researching, simple analysis, experimenting with new techniques, composition

Summative - major work which reflects use of musical elements, styles and techniques learnt

