NAGLE INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC PROGRAM

Nagle College has a long history of excellence in music education. In addition to classroom music, students who join the ‘instrumental music program’ have the opportunity to receive expert instrumental tuition and participate in our college ensembles and bands. The program develops music skills in a positive manner. It is diverse and creative, and includes traditional and contemporary instruments and styles. Enjoyment in the development of skills encourages even the beginner to take part in playing music. The program brings to all the students a friendly supportive environment from staff and fellow musicians. Students from all year levels work together in ensembles, and appreciate each other’s skills and contributions.

Lessons
Instrumental music lessons cater for beginners and continuing students. Lessons are held during school time as individual or shared, on a rotational timetable. Students typically receive eight 40 minute lessons each term. Further information including fees involved will be available once an ‘Expression of Interest’ form is lodged by you to the College.

Ensembles
Once musical skills have been gained, there is an expectation that the student will join a school band. The music teacher and bandleader will assist in timing this transition, which happens very early in their musical journey. Students then begin to further develop instrumental skills and teamwork along with performance craft. Nagle Music runs a variety of ensembles and bands that rehearse once a week during lunchtimes or after school. The ensembles and bands perform regularly at the school and to the wider community.
These ensembles currently include Cookies & Cream Showband; Concert Band; Junior and Senior Guitars; Tunes Band; Strings; Percussion; and many small groups. A free town bus service is operated Monday to Thursday to support any after school rehearsals.

Bursary
To balance our ensembles we require the correct mix of instruments. I am pleased to announce that starting 2016 the college will provide a 2/3 bursary toward the cost of lessons on specific instruments that we wish to increase within our ensemble program. This coming year we have 8 bursary positions available. These will be awarded to selected students who apply to learn ‘Trumpet, Trombone, Clarinet or Flute’. Further details are available – please tick the box on the ‘Expression of Interest Form’. As an added stimulus Nagle Music will offer these instruments in 2016 to students with no hire fee (also a considerable saving).
Instruments

Instruments on offer include: Trumpet, Trombone, Flute, Clarinet, Saxophone, Violin, Cello, Bass Guitar, Guitar, Piano, Drum Kit and Percussion. Students may choose to hire an instrument within the program. It is strongly recommended that parents consult with music staff for details and assistance regarding the purchase of any instrument.

Choir

Students who enjoy singing are encouraged to join the Nagle singing ensemble. Rehearsals occur twice a week and the group performs regularly at school assemblies, masses and support the instrumental performances at many functions. Registration takes place at the commencement of Term 1.

Music Events

During the school year the Music Department embarks on a number of activities including:

• Nagle Lunchtime Concerts for fellow students and staff
• Support and performances for Masses, Liturgies and School Assemblies
• Community Festivals, Concerts and Events
• Combined School Concerts/Workshops
• Performances with the Drama and Visual Arts Department
• Presentation Night and Annual Music Concert
• Annual Music Tour – performing to, and participation in, workshops with communities throughout Victoria and interstate.

Consider adding instrumental music to your child’s education.

Please complete the attached ‘Expression of Interest’ form and return it to the College by Friday 27 November 2015. Music staff will contact you during January with further information and to finalise arrangements for a smooth start to the 2016 school year.

New enrollments are welcome into the music program at any stage in their school life, however early registration is recommended and year 7 is an excellent time to start!

I am available for discussion or further information.

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