

COMO PRIMARY SCHOOL - MUSIC POLICY

The Music Programme operates three days a week on Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday. Classes from Year 1 to Year 6 visit the Music room for one hour-long session per week.

Music at Como Primary provides all students with the opportunity to learn about the place music plays in everyday life, and gives them the opportunity and skills to create, share and perform their music.

In all year groups there is a focus on being able to sing in tune, individually and in groups, interpreting different music styles. Class groups have the opportunity to perform at assemblies. There is a Junior Choir for children in year 2-3 (8.15am Thursday) and a Senior choir for students in year 4-6 (8.15 Tuesday); both choirs perform at special assemblies, music festivals and at times at other community events. A wide range of repertoire is used.

In Music lessons there is an emphasis on “hands-on” activities. All students are encouraged to participate, and they learn that all contributions are valid and valued. In the Junior years singing, movement, dance and percussion are used to teach melody, rhythm and beat. Older students use similar activities as they progress into note reading and theoretical knowledge, and to creating and performing their own musical compositions using tuned and untuned percussion, voice, recorder and keyboard.

Importance is also given to Music Appreciation: listening to, observing and reflecting upon music from other cultures and styles. While the senior classes specifically study World music, all students are given the opportunity to attend interactive live performances by various cultural groups who visit the school. In the weeks leading up to such visits several music sessions are devoted to preparing the students through activities related to the performance. All students are expected to attend these incursions.

From Year 4 all students learn to play the recorder; this further facilitates musical literacy and provides extra performance opportunities. Small instrumental ensembles, such as recorder or drumming, may be established. In years 5-6 selected students have access to learning the trumpet, trombone or clarinet through the School of Instrumental Music. Testing for this programme takes place late in Year 4.

Como Primary School rules apply to all sessions and the MSB procedures will be carefully followed when necessary. The Music class rules encourage a positive and respectful environment, respect for everyone’s right to learn, and the careful and proper use of all musical equipment.

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