

ENSEMBLES POLICY

Ensemble Eligibility:

- Entry into ensembles is by audition, invitation or expression of interest at the discretion of the ensemble director.
- Instrumental ensemble members must be receiving regular instrumental tuition on the instrument being played in the ensemble.
- Priority will be given to students enrolled in classroom music.
- All Special Interest Music (SIM) students are required to participate in at least one co-curricular ensemble.
- All year 8 and 9 continuing string players are required to participate in Sinfonia.
- All SIM first instrument percussionists are required to participate in Percussion Ensemble 1 or 2.
- Core and 2nd instrument percussionists are highly encouraged to participate in Percussion Ensemble 1 or 2.
- All SIM first instrument guitarists are required to participate in the Guitar Ensemble.
- Core Music guitarists are highly encouraged to participate in the Guitar Ensemble.
- Membership in an ensemble is for a full year.
- Vocal majors enrolled in classroom music are required to participate in a co-curricular choir.
- Non-vocal majors may participate in co-curricular choirs without having formal tuition.

A good ensemble member:

- makes every effort to attend rehearsals, sectionals and performances
- assists with setting up and packing up
- is warmed up with all equipment in full working order at least 5 minutes before the start of rehearsals
- sits or stands with optimal playing posture with a clear view of the conductor
- maintains frequent eye contact with the conductor
- understands that everything discussed in rehearsals is relevant to them
- treats others with respect
- takes personal responsibility for learning his/her part outside of rehearsals
- communicates effectively and in a timely manner