



Maribyrnong Primary School

Music Overview- Term 1



Term 1 Learning 2024

The music program at Maribyrnong is based on a combination of the Kodaly and Orff method of music teaching and aligns with the Australian Curriculum. Both Junior and Senior School programs include activities such as listening, moving, dancing and the playing of tuned and untuned instruments. The students are given opportunities to work in small groups and perform for their classmates, if they feel comfortable.

Maribyrnong Primary has a Year 5 and a Year 6 Woodwind Band. This fabulous Instrumental Music Program is available to selected year five and six students and is a two-year commitment, which can be continued into high school. Non-band students have an alternative music program with their classroom teachers, during band times.

This term we will focus on:

Kindergarten and LSU - an introduction to percussion instruments, beat/rhythm, sound/silence, high/low sounds, fast/slow, in-tune singing, improvisation and exploring emotions experienced in music.

Year 1/ 2 – developing listening skills for singing and playing instruments, beat/rhythm, in-tune singing, unison/part, echo, improvisation, and exploring music by First Nation Australians.

Year 3/ 4 and LSUA – examining the purpose for which music is used in the community, in their lives and across different times, exploring ways of notating music, beat/rhythm, in-tune singing, pitch, playing tuned/untuned percussion instruments in unison, parts and rounds.

Year 5 – band selection process, introduction to their new instrument. Non-band students will have an alternative music program with their classroom teachers, running during band times.

Year 6 Band – a continuation of our work last year. Learning new notes, music theory and repertoire. Flute players will have the opportunity to play the piccolo throughout the year.

Choir – Choir will be meeting in the Music room from week two. Students from K-6 are welcome to attend. We aim to have a variety of performance opportunities throughout the year.

Key Dates and Activities

Choir

Thursdays **B2** 1.30-2pm in the Music room

Year 5 Band

Tuesdays 12.45-1.30pm
Thursdays 9-9.45am

Year 6 Band

Mondays B2 1.30-2pm
Tuesdays 12-12.45pm
Thursdays 9.45-10.30am

How you can support learning

- Ask your child to share with you the songs and games we are learning in music lessons.
- Expose your child to a range of different music styles.
- Make a playlist that has each family members favourite songs to listen to while driving.
- Attend some free live music performances around Canberra.
- Be enthusiastic about hearing your child practice their instrument at home, if they play one... even if it sounds interesting. 😊

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