

Macleod College Music Academy Newsletter



Term 3, 2019

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What a fantastic term 3 it has been for all the students in the Music Academy. There has been no shortage of experiences in this term where we spend a lot of time outside of the school at competitions, camps and festivals.

Amongst these events has been the Music Camp at Ferngully Lodge, outstanding success at the Victorian Schools Music Festival, Royal South Street Eisteddfods and Essentially Ellington festival. There were performances at Rosanna Library and German Christmas Market and student participation at the State Schools Spectacular and Youthfest. We have had visits from professional groups as part of the Let Freedom Swing Concert series and at many of the performances, students have had the opportunity to work with and learn from musicians from around the world.

Term 4 comes around quick, however!

Coming up is our Spring Arts Gala where we will showcase the work we have done this year. With an eye to 2020, auditions will begin for a number of our groups, including those who wish to be part of the Generations in Jazz tour.

To keep up to date with all of this information and more, the **Music Academy Facebook page** is constantly updated with what is happening, things to look out for and tips for what students should be working on.

Most importantly, if you ever have a question, feel free to contact us.

Scholarships

In 2020, 2 new music scholarships will be added for students. These will be for students who will be studying as part of the music program in years 9 and 11. Information will be made available from the beginning of term 4.

Event Calendar Term 4

Thursday October 10

AMEB string exams

Sunday October 20

VCE exams

Wednesday October 23.

Spring Arts Gala

Friday October 27

VEA dinner at Regent theatre

Saturday November 2

VCE exams

Thursday November 7

Music Count Us In Day

Friday November 8

Applications and auditions for Generations in Jazz due.

Friday November 8

Instrument applications due for 2020

Monday November 11

Remembrance Day at Rosanna Library (Brass quintet)

Tuesday November 12

Let Freedom Swing Concert#3

Saturday November 16.

Rosanna Primary Fair.

Wednesday November 27

ABRSM exams @ Macleod

Wednesday December 11

Music information evening



Ensemble Competitions and Festivals

The 2019 music competition and festival season has now come to end and it has been a very successful one for the Macleod ensembles. Throughout performances at the Royal South Street Eisteddfod, Victorian Schools Music Festival and Essentially Ellington our students have excelled. The highlights have undoubtedly been:

- Big Band winning their section at South Street
- Inter jazz receiving a Platinum Award at the VSMF and 3rd place at South Street
- Wind Symphony receiving a Silver Award at the VSMF

Amongst this, have been events that do not receive gradings, but have been no less important to our program. Big Band delivered a great performance at Essentially Ellington and were able to spend time working with the leader of the Julliard School of Music Jazz Orchestra, Mr Jerome Jennings.

Our strings continued the community partnership with Rosanna Library, presenting performances that engaged their audiences and built their performance skills.

In all these events, Macleod are presenting against much larger and often better-resourced schools. I have no doubt that it is our human resources, the students, staff and parents of the program that make the difference and lead to such fantastic results.



SPRINGS ARTS GALA – OCTOBER 23.

Come and celebrate the great work our students do at our annual concert and art show. Tickets and further information available at www.trybooking.com/BFEPI

Instrument Hire

Macleod College has a large number of instruments to hire for students, but not enough!

Demand will again be high for 2020.

If you have been hiring an instrument for 2 or more years, it may be time to think about purchasing one. This would allow you to not only upgrade to a better instrument, but also provide a new student with the opportunity to start their journey on a hire instrument.

Please contact the music department if you would like some advice on purchasing instruments and what to look for.

2019 Fundraising Update

At the beginning of the year the Music Support Group set some ambitious goals for fundraising equipment to improve the Music Academy. We are pleased to announce that, by the end of term 3, many of these goals have been reached or are well underway! These have included:



Concert Vibraphone: \$7,500 was raised to purchase a state of the art Vibraphone to be used in all of the ensembles.

Sponsor a stand is still underway and has already replaced 20 of our old music stands and provided a carrier trolley. It makes rehearsals so much easier. 20 more to go!

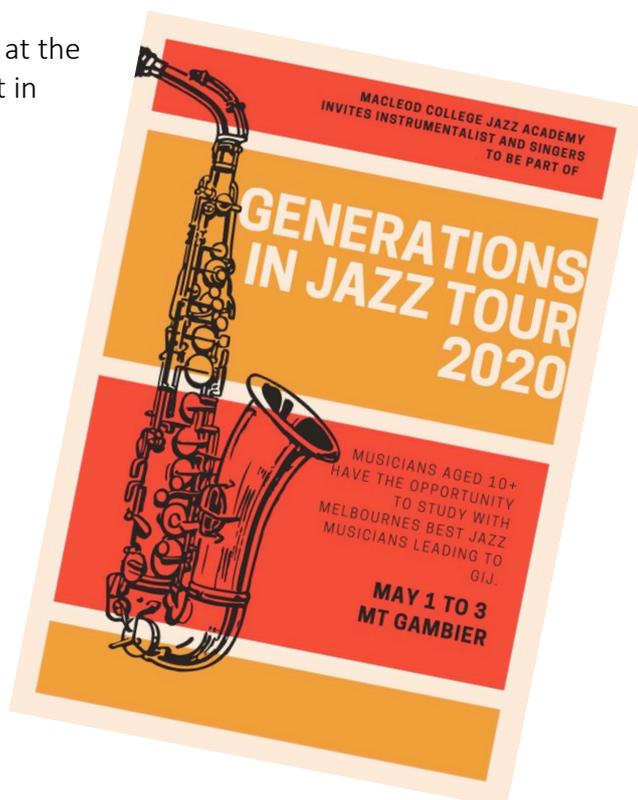


Thanks to the assistance of the Eltham Community Concert Band, we were able to purchase a Tuba. What a difference it makes to the sound of the groups!

All of this equipment will be on display at the Spring Arts Gala. Come along and see it in action!

Generations In Jazz expression of interest and auditions.

Early in term 4 we will be calling for applications for the GiJ 2020 tour. If you've been on this before, you'll want to go again. If you haven't been before, time to find out what you are missing out on! This is open to all instruments and vocalists.



A snapshot of term 3

