



# **MANSFIELD STATE HIGH SCHOOL**

## ***MUSIC NEWSLETTER - October 2018***



10 October 2018

Dear Parents and Students,

**The first few weeks of term 4 will be incredibly busy so please read this newsletter very carefully, *discuss the events as a family* and mark them on your calendar.**

### **Review of Term 3**

Our major events for term 3 were ***Battle of the Bands***, ***We Will Rock You*** and ***our Jazz Event*** all of which were a fabulous success. The *Jazz Event* was again an entertaining evening; thank you to the Music Parent Support group for the room set-up & catering, admin staff for running the bar, the PST for helping the groups look and sound great and the fabulous music staff and students presenting a very polished program of music. If you couldn't come this year, make sure you mark it in your diaries for next year – it is an evening not to be missed!

### **Term 4 Events**

**There will be no Parent Support Group meeting on 16 October due to the Music Fest performance.**

#### **♪ Evening of Excellence (previously Presentation Night)**

To celebrate our most outstanding awards in years 7-12, we will be holding the Mansfield State High Evening of Excellence on Wednesday 24 October; the group performing this year will be Brass Ensemble. The students performing will be required during the day for a rehearsal – more information will be available very soon.

Later in the term, we will be holding year-level Presentation Assemblies to celebrate further Academic, Sporting and Cultural Awards. Parents are welcome to attend these assemblies – further information will be distributed closer to the time.

#### **♪ Music Fest**

We have a number of ensembles performing at Music Fest this year. All students (and parents) involved have been emailed a permission form which is to be returned as soon as possible. Extra forms are available in D or M block or from your ensemble conductor.

Performances:

- Concert Band – Tuesday 16 October at Coorparoo Secondary College – 5.58pm
- Wind Orchestra – Friday 19 October at Iona College – 5.54pm
- Sinfonia – Monday 29 October at Coorparoo Secondary College – 7.20pm
- Musaeus – Wednesday 31 October at Coorparoo Secondary College – 7.37pm
- String Orchestra – Wednesday 31 October at Coorparoo Secondary College – 8.11pm

A bus will run to and from Iona for the Wind Orchestra performance and one way for the Concert Band performance. For all other performances, students are required to organise their own transport to and from the venue. Please discuss any concerns with your conductors.

#### **Festival Venue Addresses:**

Coorparoo Secondary College Performance Hall – Stanley St East & Cavendish Rds, Coorparoo  
Iona College Performing Arts Centre - 85 North Road, Wynnum West

#### **♪ Guitar Concert**

The Guitar students will present their concert on Wednesday 31 October at 6.30pm in the Music Studio; everyone is welcome.

#### **♪ Percussion Concert**

The percussion students will present their concert on Tuesday 6 November at 6.30pm in the Music Studio. Please come along and enjoy a fabulous evening of solo and ensemble performances by our percussion students.

#### **♪ Vocal Concert**

The Vocal students will present 2 concerts on Tuesday 13 November in K block with Concert 1 at 5:30pm and Concert 2 at 7:15pm. Students will be advised closer to the time the details for each concert.

Please come along to support the vocal students and teachers – you will be entertained by some fantastic vocal music.

## 🎵 **Mansfield Music 2018** (all ensembles, bands and choirs)

Our end of year music performance **Mansfield Music 2018** will be divided into 2 concerts with **Mansfield Music Concert 1** on **Thursday 25 October** starting at **6.30pm** and **Mansfield Music Concert 2** on **Friday 26 October** starting at **6.30pm**.

<b>Mansfield Music 1</b>	Thursday 25 October	6:30pm 9:00pm	–	Assembly Hall	Symphonic Winds, Wind Ensemble, Chamber Winds, Musaeus, String Orchestra, Jazz Ensemble, Stage Band, Junior Combo, Cantus, Cantrice, Male Chorus, Percussion 2, Bellemente, Flue & Saxophone Choirs
<b>Mansfield Music 2</b>	Friday 26 October	6:30pm 9:00pm	–	Assembly Hall	Wind Orchestra, Concert Band, Orchestra, Camerata, Capriccio, Sinfonia, Big Band, Jazz Orchestra, Senior Combo, Chorale, Cantabile, Percussion 1, Celtic Strings, Bellegrande

There will be a brief interval and light refreshments will be available free of charge. These concerts, which have been on the calendar since the beginning of the year, will feature **all of our school choirs, bands, orchestras and ensembles** and they will be wonderful family events celebrating a year of excellence in music making. They should not be missed and you should organise your family and friends to attend - they will not be disappointed! Entry this year is by donation. **It is compulsory for students to attend the event in which their ensemble is performing.**

**Students performing in Concert 1** will remain after school on the Thursday for rehearsals and sound check and **students performing in Concert 2** will remain after school on the Friday afternoon. Rehearsals for the massed choir item will be held on Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> - Concert 2 students will be 1.15pm (halfway through lunch) and period 4a with Concert 1 students rehearsing during period 4b.

We would certainly **appreciate parents to volunteer** to assist in organising or preparing the afternoon tea, providing supervision of students, organising the BBQ dinner for the students, organising or assisting with the interval refreshments, assisting with set up, backstage, front of house, and or pack up on the night. We need your assistance! Please complete the attached form if you are able to help out and return it to one of the music mail boxes by Monday 15 October.

All students must be in their **music performance uniform for this event**, including ties and black socks.

A written note **MUST** be provided if students who are supposed to be performing are unable to attend a concert. This **MUST** be placed in one of the Music mailboxes at least 2 weeks prior to the concert.

Students with special dietary requirements also need to indicate this in writing prior to the event.

## 🎵 **Auditions for 2019 Ensemble Positions - Current Students (all students)**

The following procedures will be used for the audition of students for 2019 ensemble, band and choir placements:

**Option 1:** *Instrumental students* taking lessons at school will complete an exam / audition with their instrumental teacher.

**Option 2:** Students who do not learn through the instrumental program or who learn instruments outside the program will sign on for an audition time slot. These will be held between 29 October and 2 November.

**Choral auditions** – student's progress to the next ensemble is automatic apart from Chorale. Any students wanting to audition for Chorale must attend an audition between 29 October and 16 November (listen to notices).

### ***Additional information:***

- All students must complete a 2019 audition form for each instrument they play stating their requests for ensemble placement and take it to their exam/audition.**
- All choral students must complete the audition form so that we can update their information.
- There **will not** be separate Jazz auditions so any students wanting to participate in a Jazz band must complete Option 1 or Option 2.
- Reliability and commitment with regard to lessons, ensembles and concerts will be taken into consideration when placing students in ensembles.
- A list of audition / exam slots and requirements will be published the week before auditions begin.

### 🎵 Ensemble and Lesson Finishing Times for 2018 (all students)

**Re ensembles:** - Most ensemble rehearsals will **finish at the end of week 3 – 26 October** but some directors may continue for a short while after this. **No rehearsals** will be held after Friday 16 November (week 6) to allow staff time for marking and organisation for 2019.

**Re lessons:** - All instrumental and vocal lessons will continue until the dates outlined on the students' timetables. Please see individual teachers for confirmation of this. **All lessons will finish by Friday 30 November.**

### 🎵 Auditions for new students for 2019

A **letter regarding auditions** for 2019 will be **mailed to all students** who will be **new to Mansfield for 2019**. These **auditions are for placement** only to work out lesson groups and ensembles. Everyone enrolled at Mansfield can participate in the music program. Those students who **auditioned earlier in the year** for acceptance into the school will **need to do a second audition** for placement into ensembles and lesson groups. Auditions will be held from Thursday 30 November – Monday 3 December. Audition times are booked online and information will be mailed shortly.

### 🎵 School Instruments/ Stocktake (students with school instruments)

**All students with school instruments** must return them on Friday 16 November for stocktake. Brass and Woodwind instruments must be returned to the Music Studio while String Instruments must be returned to D07. Music staff will be checking instruments as they are returned. Instruments will be available for reissue by **Monday 10 December** for holiday borrowing. There is no cost for holiday loans. All holiday instrument loans must then be returned on the **first day** of school 2019 and will then be available for loan by the end of the second week.

### 🎵 School Instrument Hire & Purchase of New Instruments

It is the **policy of Education Queensland** to supply **school instruments** for student use for just **one year**. At the end of this time, it is the **responsibility of parents** to supply instruments for their children. This enables the school to then free up the instruments for the next group of students coming through. It is **normal practice however for students playing larger instruments** such as Tuba, Euphonium & Double Bass to have **continued use of school instruments**. In the past, we have also made exceptions for students playing French Horn and in some cases Baritone Saxophone, Bass Clarinet, Bassoon, Cello and Oboe. However, we **do encourage** students playing all instruments to **consider the purchase of their own instrument**. If you want details of the best type of instrument to purchase or the best places to go to get instruments, please contact the music department. Education QLD has preferred suppliers of musical instruments, prices of which are competitive and can help ensure that parents/guardians can receive retail discounts. Again, please contact us for further information.

**DO NOT CONSIDER PURCHASING INSTRUMENTS DIRECTLY FROM THE INTERNET.** THERE ARE SOME VERY POOR QUALITY INSTRUMENTS BEING SOLD VERY CHEAPLY. DO NOT PURCHASE THESE INSTRUMENTS – YOU WILL NEED TO PURCHASE ANOTHER IN A VERY SHORT AMOUNT OF TIME. See the music staff for recommended brands and suppliers.

### 🎵 Music and Folder Return (all students)

All ensemble music will be returned in the last week of rehearsals apart from the music being performed at the final concert. Boxes will also be available at the final concert for the return of music performed on the night. All students will **keep their current folder** to be used next year, unless it is damaged. Some new folders will be available by the end of week 2 next year for those students requiring them.

### 🎵 Music 2018 DVD (all students)

If you would like a memento of this year's music activities and/or a copy of the Mansfield Music 2018 Concert, then place your orders now as they go to print shortly. Please place your order by completing the attached order form and returning it to the LOWER OFFICE along with your payment (see order form for prices) by Wednesday 24 October. DVD's will be available for collection on Monday 19 November. **Year 12 students do not need to order the 2018 - A Year of Music DVD** as this will be presented to them as a gift.

<p><b>Music Newsletters now available on the school website</b></p>
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## 🎵 Correspondence

If you have a question regarding anything to do with the music program, please either write a note and put it in the music mailbox or contact Kathrine Jacobsen via email: [kjaco15@eq.edu.au](mailto:kjaco15@eq.edu.au). Please be patient and allow some response time as Kathrine is a teacher also and must make teaching her classes her highest priority each day.

## 🎵 Music Calendar

<b>TERM 4</b>		
<b>Week 2</b>	Tuesday 16 October	Music Fest – Concert Band at Coorparoo – 5:58pm performance
	Friday 19 October	Music Fest – Wind Orchestra at Iona – 5:54pm performance
<b>Week 3</b>	Wednesday 24 October	Evening of Excellence - 6.30pm
	Thursday 25 October	<b>Mansfield Music 2018 Concert 1</b> - Junior Ensembles Concert
	Friday 26 October	<b>Mansfield Music 2018 Concert 2</b> – Senior Ensembles Concert
<b>Week 4</b>	Monday 29 October	Music Fest – Sinfonia at Coorparoo – 7:20pm performance
	Monday 29 October	<b>Chorale Auditions begin</b>
	Wednesday 31 October	Guitar Concert – 6.30pm
	Wednesday 31 October	Music Fest – Musaeus at Coorparoo – 7:37pm performance
	Wednesday 31 October	Music Fest – String Orchestra at Coorparoo – 8:11pm performance
<b>Week 5</b>	Tuesday 6 November	Percussion Concert – 6.30pm
<b>Week 6</b>	Monday 12 November	Chamber Recital
	Tuesday 13 November	Vocal Concerts
	Friday 16 November	Chorale Auditions end
<b>Week 7</b>	Tuesday 20 November	Parent Support Group Break-up
<b>Week 8</b>	Thursday 29 - Monday 3 December	Music Placement Audition Days for new students in 2019

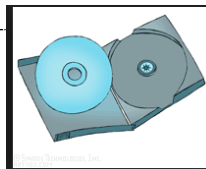
Thank you for your continued support of Mansfield Music. We are looking forward to a busy yet rewarding term 4!



Kathrine Jacobsen  
HOD Music (Acting)

## **MUSIC DVD ORDER FORM**

Please return with full payment to the Lower Office by Wednesday 24 October.



**Student's Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Form:** \_\_\_\_\_

Please indicate which option and numbers you require:

**2018 A Year of Music - Double DVD** (\$15.00)

No. of copies required \_\_\_\_\_ Amount: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Mansfield Music 2018 Concerts - Double DVD** (\$15.00)

No. of copies required \_\_\_\_\_ Amount: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Total Amount: \$ \_\_\_\_\_



## **Mansfield Music Concerts Helpers' Form**

**Please return the slip to:**

1. The Music or D Block Mail Box by Monday 15 October
- Or 2. **Text:** Nany Amies (Music parent support group coordinator) on 0422 788 519
- Or 3. **Email:** Nany Amies at nanyamies@gmail.com.



**Student's Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Form:** \_\_\_\_\_

Helper's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Phone number: \_\_\_\_\_

Able to assist with: Concert 1 (Thurs 25 October) / Concert 2 (Fri 26 October) – *please circle*

Times available: \_\_\_\_\_