

## Specialist Contemporary Music



# SPECIALIST CONTEMPORARY MUSIC PROGRAM

## Opportunity

The Specialist Contemporary Music Program offers students the opportunity to study traditional music skills through a range of music genres including contemporary, classical and jazz. The course is open to ongoing and beginner students on a variety of instruments including Brass, Percussion, Woodwind, Classical Guitar, Electric or Bass Guitar, Keyboard and Voice.

The program is structured in three tiers, in which students will receive tuition on their chosen instrument, participate in class activities and become a member of one or more of the school ensembles. Students will also participate in a number of after-hours concert performances held throughout the year, camps, excursions, and senior student may be selected for an opportunity to travel and perform internationally.

Students accepted into the Specialist Contemporary Music Program for Year 7 commit to continuing in the program until the end of Year 10, culminating in a nationally recognised Certificate II in Music qualification.

Students who wish to continue their studies in Years 11 and 12 are currently eligible to enrol in the nationally recognised Certificate III in Music qualification.

## Selection

The process for entry into the Specialist Contemporary Music Program involves a completed Application form, Audition and Interview. Applications close on Friday 26 April 2024. Auditions will be held during week commencing 20 May 2024. Students accepted into the Specialist Contemporary Music Program in Year 7 continue into Years 8, 9 and 10. Continued involvement in the program is reliant upon achievement in line with course expectations and maintaining Good Standing in the school. Successful applicants will be notified after 4 June 2024.

## For any further information contact

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## Selection Process and Application Forms

Selection into the Specialist Contemporary Music Program at Ocean Reef Senior High School is open to both in and out of area students and is based upon the following criteria:

- Latest School Report from the Primary School (to be attached by parents/caregivers)
- Reference from Instrumental teacher for students already learning an instrument (form attached)
- Student handwritten entry letter (form attached)
- An audition and interview process at our school
- A commitment contract confirming to continue music to the end of Year 10 (form attached)

## Primary School Teacher Reference and Report

Applicants must include a copy of their latest school report. In addition, the current Classroom teacher must fill out a separate reference form. This reference asks the classroom teacher to comment upon the applicant's general standard of work, conduct/attitude and to give advice as to the student's ability to cope with the extra workload which the music course demands. **This is a confidential document that must be returned to Ocean Reef Senior High School by the current Classroom teacher.**

## Music Teacher Reference

The current Music teacher must fill out a separate reference form. This reference asks the music teacher to comment upon the applicant's musical ability, general standard of work, conduct/attitude and to give advice as to the student's ability to cope with the extra workload which the music course demands. **This is a confidential document that must be returned to Ocean Reef Senior High School by the current Music teacher.**

## Instrumental Reference

Each applicant who is already learning an instrument will be asked to provide a reference from their **current Instrumental teacher**. The teacher will be asked to comment upon the progress being made by the student; attitude, ability and practice habits. **This is a confidential document that must be returned to Ocean Reef Senior High School by the current Instrumental teacher.**

## Audition and Interview

On receipt of the application for a placement in the Specialist Contemporary Music Program at Ocean Reef Senior High School a letter will be sent to the applicant advising the time and place for the audition and interview. The letter will be sent after the closing date for applications. Applicants will be auditioned on the following criteria:

### a) Instrument

- Any applicant who has been learning an instrument will be asked to prepare two short pieces (one slow, one fast) for about two minutes duration in total. The pieces chosen for the audition should showcase the ability of the student. Pieces from the student's method book are appropriate.
- Students will also be asked to demonstrate two items of technical work (scales).
- All students will be asked to sing a simple song of their choice at the audition. A song such as the national anthem is acceptable.
- Additionally, students will be assessed on their aural skills. Simple melodies will be played on the piano and students will be required to sing the melodies back.
- Students will also be required to listen to simple rhythms which they will need to relay back (clap).
  - ❖ If students require a backing track, they will be required to provide their own.

### b) Voice

- Applicants for a position in the Choral program (voice) will be asked to prepare two short songs of a contrasting style to best show their singing ability.
- Students will need to provide their own accompaniment and a backing CD is recommended.
- Additionally, students will be assessed on their aural skills. Simple melodies will be played on the piano and students will be required to sing the melodies back.
- Students will also be required to listen to simple rhythms which they will need to relay back (clap).

### c) Introductory Instrument

- Students who have not previously played an instrument are able to apply as a beginner on specific instruments only.
- Applicants will be asked to attend an interview and bring a written explanation of which instrument they would like to play and why.
- All students will be asked to sing a simple song unaccompanied of their choice at the audition. A song such as the national anthem is acceptable. If students require a backing track, they will be required to provide their own.
- Additionally, students will be assessed on their aural skills. Simple melodies will be played on the piano and students will be required to sing the melodies back.
- Students will also be required to listen to simple rhythms which they will need to relay back (clap).

### Additional Information

Students accepted into the Specialist Contemporary Music Program are required to make a minimum commitment for lower school studies. This sees students engaging in the program from years 7-10. Within this time students will study both the WA Curriculum and Certificate II Music Industry course. Upon completion of the contract students will have been given the opportunity to achieve a Nationally Recognised Qualification with a pathway link into Years 11 & 12 seeing the completion of a Certificate III Music Industry.

The Specialist Contemporary Music Course is made up of three mandatory components:

- Class Music
- Instrumental Lessons
- Ensemble rehearsals

\*Please note all Specialist Contemporary Music students are required to attend all applicable school concerts.

Students will each have 2 periods of music on their school timetables, plus an ensemble rehearsal before or after school once a week. This effectively makes up 3 periods of music per week. In addition to this, students will come out of normally timetabled classes once a week to attend an instrumental/vocal lesson with a specialist teacher. Students are also provided with multiple opportunities to perform, some examples include: Music Showcases, Primary School Tours, Performing Arts Singapore Tour, Ocean Reef's Got Talent and School Musical to name a few.

### Timeline

Please complete the relevant application forms and return them to Diana Martin at Ocean Reef Senior High School by **Friday 26 April 2024**. Auditions will be held during week commencing 20 May 2024.



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## APPLICATION FORM

### STUDENT DETAILS

Surname: \_\_\_\_\_ Given Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Preferred name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_  
Aboriginal/Torres Strait Islander ☐ Male ☐ Female ☐ Other ☐  
Present School: \_\_\_\_\_ Current school year: Year 6 ☐

### PARENTS/CARERS DETAILS

Title: Mr ☐ Mrs ☐ Ms ☐ Dr ☐  
Surname: \_\_\_\_\_ Given Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Residential Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Home/Mobile Phone: \_\_\_\_\_  
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Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
Postcode: \_\_\_\_\_

### REQUIREMENTS

Please attach the relevant information:

- Application Form
- Instrumental/Vocal Application
- Photocopy of your child's 2023 Semester 2 school report.
- Signed Music Contract
- Student handwritten Entry Letter



Please provide a current photograph of your child for audition recollection

### IMPORTANT NOTES

- Please notify by email if there are any medical conditions which need to be taken into account on the audition date.
- Please email Diana Martin or deliver to the front office the Application Form, Semester 2 2023 School Report, Commitment Contract and Student Handwritten Entry Letter to: [oceanreef.shs.enquiries@education.wa.edu.au](mailto:oceanreef.shs.enquiries@education.wa.edu.au) or contact 6206 2700.
- Classroom and Specialist Instrumental Teacher references are to be sent to: [oceanreef.shs.enquiries@education.wa.edu.au](mailto:oceanreef.shs.enquiries@education.wa.edu.au)

**Please note: Due to timetable restrictions the allocation of multiple specialist course combinations involving Marine Studies, Music and Soccer may not be possible.**

Have you applied for more than one Program? ☐ Yes ☐ No

If yes, please indicate your preference in order 1, 2 or 3 (number 1 being the most preferred).

Marine Studies ☐ Music ☐ Soccer ☐

**Application Submission Date: Specialist Contemporary Music Program Applications close – Friday 26 April 2024**

**Please note all the documents specified in the above requirements must be completed together for your application to be accepted.**

**Specialist Contemporary Music Program Auditions: week commencing 20 May 2024**

#### OFFICE USE ONLY

- ☐ Application Form
- ☐ Instrumental/Vocal Application
- ☐ Classroom Teacher Reference
- ☐ Music Teacher Reference

- ☐ Instrumental Teacher Reference
- ☐ School Report
- ☐ Signed Music Contract
- ☐ Handwritten Entry Letter

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In **your own words** please tell us in **detail** why you would like to be a part of the Ocean Reef Senior High School Specialist Contemporary Music Program and why we should select you.

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What afterschool activities do you participate in regularly?



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Have you had formal music lessons in another instrument previously?

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Have you continued those lessons or did you stop? \_\_\_\_\_

If you stopped, what was the reason?

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## INSTRUMENTAL / VOCAL APPLICATION



STUDENT NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ INSTRUMENT: \_\_\_\_\_

CURRENT YEAR: \_\_\_\_\_ ONGOING/BEGINNER: \_\_\_\_\_ TIME LEARNING: \_\_\_\_\_

**PART A: To be completed by students who are currently learning an instrument and wish to continue at Ocean Reef Senior High School.**

**\*\* If you are a Beginner, please complete Part B only\*\***

1. What instrument are you currently learning? \_\_\_\_\_
2. How many years have you been learning this instrument? \_\_\_\_\_
3. Is this your preferred instrument at Ocean Reef? (If no, please complete section B as well.) \_\_\_\_\_
4. If you play Electric or Bass Guitar, which style do you play? (Circle more than one if appropriate)  
CHORDS      FINGERPICKING      TABLATURE      NOTE READING
5. Name of your current instrumental teacher \_\_\_\_\_
6. Which method of lessons are you currently undertaking? (Circle the appropriate answer)
  - Through your primary school with IMSS PRIVATE (group)  
(Education Department)
  - Out of school hours Individual Lessons Groups LessonsMUSIC SCHOOL (name) \_\_\_\_\_ Ph: \_\_\_\_\_  
OR PRIVATE TUTOR (name) \_\_\_\_\_ Ph: \_\_\_\_\_
7. Do you own your own instrument? \_\_\_\_\_
8. Do you play any other instruments? If yes, which one(s)? \_\_\_\_\_

**PART B: To be completed by students wishing to begin learning an instrument at Ocean Reef Senior High School or applying to play a different instrument.**

**\*\* DO NOT COMPLETE THIS SECTION IF YOU ARE ALREADY LEARNING AN INSTRUMENT AND WANT TO CONTINUE THAT INSTRUMENT\*\***

**PREFERENCES:** (Please rank 1-8 in order of preference)

INSTRUMENT	Rank	INSTRUMENT	Rank
ALTO SAXOPHONE		PERCUSSION (DRUMS)	
TRUMPET		TROMBONE	
VOICE		BASS GUITAR	
ELECTRIC GUITAR			

**PARENT/CAREGIVER SIGNATURE:** \_\_\_\_\_ **DATE:** \_\_\_\_\_

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## COMMITMENT CONTRACT



**STUDENT NAME:** \_\_\_\_\_ **INSTRUMENT:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Students who are accepted into the Music Program must commit to the following:**

- a) Remain in the Specialist Music program for a minimum period of four (4) years.*
- b) Maintain a regular practice schedule of 30 minutes a day, five (5) days a week.*
- c) Be withdrawn from normal timetable, on a rotating basis, to attend an instrumental/vocal lesson once a week.*
- d) Be punctual to instrumental lessons and be prepared with a tutor method book, journal and instrument.*
- e) Understand that band/ensemble practice is an integral part of their timetable even though it occurs outside of normal school hours.*
- f) Attend all rehearsals, excursions, concerts and music camps as required.*

**Parents/carers whose child is accepted into the Music program must commit to the following:**

- a) Understand that their child will remain in the Specialist Music Program for a minimum period of four (4) years.*
- b) Encourage their child to achieve good practice habits.*
- c) Understand that their child will be withdrawn from normal timetable, on a rotating basis, to attend an instrumental/vocal lesson once a week.*
- d) Purchase tutor books, reeds, valve oil etc. as required by the instrumental tutor and purchase the required band/ensemble uniform.*
- e) Understand that band/ensemble practice is a part of their child's timetable even though it occurs outside of normal school hours.*
- f) Ensure their child attends all rehearsals, excursions, concerts and music camps as required.*



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## PRIMARY SCHOOL CLASSROOM TEACHER REFERENCE



To be completed by your current Classroom Teacher for *all* applicants

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STUDENT NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ PRIMARY SCHOOL: \_\_\_\_\_

TEACHER'S NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

### LEVEL OF SCHOOL ACHIEVEMENT (Please TICK):

CRITERIA	OUTSTANDING	GOOD	SATISFACTORY	REQUIRES IMPROVEMENT
Standards of work				
Study habits				
Ability to work alone				
Motivational level				
Problem solving skills				
Literacy skills				
Social skills				
Rapport with teachers				
Ability to catch up on missed work				
Degree of commitment				

COMMENTS REGARDING SUITABILITY FOR MUSIC PROGRAM \_\_\_\_\_

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GENERAL COMMENT ABOUT STUDENT \_\_\_\_\_

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TEACHER SIGNATURE: \_\_\_\_\_ DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

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## MUSIC TEACHER REFERENCE



**To be completed by your current Music Teacher for *all* applicants**

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STUDENT NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ PRIMARY SCHOOL: \_\_\_\_\_

TEACHER'S NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

### LEVEL OF SCHOOL ACHIEVEMENT (Please TICK):

CRITERIA	OUTSTANDING	GOOD	SATISFACTORY	REQUIRES IMPROVEMENT
Standards of work				
Ability to work alone				
Motivational level				
Problem solving skills				
Social skills				
Rapport with teachers				
Ability to catch up on missed work				
Degree of commitment				

DENTAL: (Please specify; Brass etc.) \_\_\_\_\_

COMMENTS REGARDING SUITABILITY FOR MUSIC PROGRAM \_\_\_\_\_

GENERAL COMMENT ABOUT STUDENT \_\_\_\_\_

TEACHER SIGNATURE: \_\_\_\_\_ DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

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## INSTRUMENTAL TEACHER REFERENCE



**To be completed by your current Instrumental Teacher**

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STUDENT NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ PRIMARY SCHOOL: \_\_\_\_\_

INSTRUMENT: \_\_\_\_\_

INSTRUMENTAL TEACHER'S NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

INSTRUMENTAL TEACHER'S CONTACT NUMBER: \_\_\_\_\_

As the instrumental/vocal tutor, are you employed by (please circle)

IMSS

The school

Privately by the parent/caregiver

Please circle the course of study you have been following with the student.

IMSS modules

AMEB

Trinity Rock School

Please tick the appropriate response to the following as it applies to the student:

CRITERIA	OUTSTANDING	GOOD	SATISFACTORY	REQUIRES IMPROVEMENT
Practice habits				
Attitude to practice				
Attendance at lessons				
Organisation in lessons				
Overall progress				
Sing in tune				

DENTAL: (Please specify; Brass etc.) \_\_\_\_\_

COMMENTS REGARDING SUITABILITY FOR MUSIC PROGRAM \_\_\_\_\_

GENERAL COMMENT ABOUT STUDENT \_\_\_\_\_

TEACHER SIGNATURE: \_\_\_\_\_ DATE: \_\_\_\_\_