

Mount Gravatt High School

INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC

EXCELLENCE



The Instrumental Music Excellence program offered at Mount Gravatt High (MGH) is one of the signature programs open to students enrolling in Year 7 at our school. The aim of Instrumental Music Excellence is to provide extensive opportunities for musically high-performing students (approximately AMEB 4 or above) to further develop and refine performance skills on their chosen instrument. Students also benefit from our partnership with the Jazz Music Institute (JMI).

Why study Instrumental Music (IM) Excellence?

Students are enriched through teaching and learning experiences, and enjoy additional extension opportunities, which include (but are not limited to):

- 2x 35-minute semi-private, small-group lessons per week with a specialist teacher. This includes the group lesson provided as part of Education Queensland's general Instrumental Music Program, plus an additional lesson funded under our IM Excellence program. These lessons will focus on developing technique, musical ability in a range of styles, and help prepare for AMEB exams
- Solo and chamber performance opportunities both in the wider community and within the school (eg. At JMI functions and workshops, Grandparents' Day, Mt Gravatt Show, local primary schools, Music Excellence evenings etc)
- Encouraged and supported to participate in external extension opportunities (AHEP, SHEP, CGen, MOST, Eisteddfods etc)
- Loan of an instrument (free of charge) for the duration of the program for those students performing on the following (more costly) instruments:
 - French Horn, Tuba, Bass Clarinet, Bassoon, Oboe and Double Bass
- Waiving of costs associated with Instrumental Music (including IM yearly fees, instrument hire costs, buses to competitions, excursions, camps, band folder and performance shirt)

Cost

Free – the school will cover all costs incurred for this Excellence program.

Please note that students applying for Instrumental Music Excellence are also highly encouraged to apply for the Music EDGE program (our classroom Music extension class) as these complementary programs work together to extend and develop musicality in a class of like-minded, high performing students.

A separate application is required for EDGE programs – please see the enrolment pack for more information and timelines.

Requirements | Expressing your interest in IM Excellence

Entry into the IM Excellence program is based on an audition process as well as academic and cultural merit. It is suitable for all instrumentalists (brass, woodwind, percussion, strings) who are performing at a very high level (approx. AMEB Grade 4 or above), on one or more instruments. There are only a limited number of Excellence positions available each year. Candidates undertake an application process to be considered for this program. Audition times will be allocated within 2 weeks of application closing date. First round applications are due by Friday 16 May 2025.