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Introduction

Thornlie Senior High School is an Independent Public School situated at 2 Ovens Road Thornlie, approximately 16 kilometres South-East of the Perth CBD. The school occupies extensive grounds in a parkland setting, with remnant bushland, shady trees, lawns and gardens. Established in 1971, the school has developed an excellent, broadly based curriculum to cater for the needs of all our students from Year 7 to Year 12.

Features of the Program

Thornlie Senior High School offers an exciting opportunity for students to explore their interest in instrumental/vocal music and performance by applying for selection into the Instrumental Music Program. We offer intensive training in all areas of music to the successful applicants, including aural training, theory, arranging, song writing and music history.

Students have access to our custom-built Performing Arts Centre at the school for rehearsals and performances as well as a piano keyboard lab, practice rooms and a variety of equipment and instruments that we provide for students to use in class time to enhance the teaching-learning program.

Structure of the Program

Thornlie Senior High School offers instrumental and vocal tuition in partnership with the Instrumental Music School Services (IMSS).

We offer a large range of instruments for students to study, including flute, clarinet, saxophone, trumpet, trombone, euphonium or tuba. We also offer acoustic guitar, classical guitar, percussion and voice. These lessons are free to students who successfully gain a placement in the Instrumental Music program.

Many primary schools also offer the IMSS program and generally those students who have already been learning an instrument in primary school are able to continue on in high school. We can also accommodate students that wish to commence an instrument as a beginner student in Year 7 (subject to availability and incoming numbers). Students who learn an instrument privately are welcome to apply but must continue to access private lessons when studying music as a subject.

A variety of ensembles are also provided at the school to develop ensemble skills on the chosen instrument or voice, and this requires a commitment of an hour of rehearsal time per week with their director and other students, either before or after school. This is in addition to the weekly instrumental lesson.

The large ensembles which are in operation at the school, taken by specialist music teachers, include a concert band (which is for flute, clarinet, sax,



brass and percussion students), two classical guitar ensembles (Junior and Senior groups), a choir for all voice students and percussion ensemble.

Students will perform at school concerts throughout the year and are provided with opportunities to compete at music festivals, competitions and perform at public events. This provides a valuable opportunity for students to perform for their peers, their families and within the local community.

Student Selection and Application

To be accepted into the Instrumental Music Program, applicants must satisfy the following criteria:

- Willingness to participate in all facets of the program, including weekly lessons, weekly large ensemble rehearsals and musical performances as required.
- Enthusiasm and aptitude for music – students must complete a brief musical aptitude listening test if applying as a beginner.
- Ability to meet the requirements of the program. Students must come out of timetabled classes to participate in lessons and should be able to commit to daily practice on their instrument/voice.
- Be willing to commit to the program for a minimum of 3 years.
- Sign the Instrumental Program Agreement Contract.
- Please include a copy of a recent instrumental report with your application.