

Course Outline 2021

Subject: Music

Year 8

Course Code:	8MUS	Course Length:	1 term
Brief Description:			
<p>This course is one full term, during which learners cover a range of musical skills. During the course, learners work on developing their performance skills, individually and within groups. They learn basic guitar and keyboard skills, as well as rudimentary theory through singing and other practical activities.</p> <p>It is highly recommended that those enrolled on the course have one-on-one instrumental/singing lessons, either privately or through the school itinerant system. This will increase the chance of success and lead to higher confidence in their skills.</p> <p>There is a focus on composition and music technology also. Those enrolled in the course spend time learning how to construct and represent musical ideas coherently, through the creation of original pieces of music. In tandem with this, they will begin to learn to use our powerful music notation and sequencing programmes, Sibelius and Mixcraft.</p> <p>Throughout the course, there is an emphasis on beginning to learn basic notation skills. Time is also spent listening to different styles of music and starting to understand relevant features.</p>			
Pre-requisites/Co-requisites:			
<p>There are no pre-requisites for Year 8 Music. However, it is highly recommended that learners have some previous musical experience on an instrument or through singing, preferably having also studied with a private/itinerant teacher. It will also help if they have taken class music in Year 8. Already having an understanding of basic notation reading skills will increase the chances of satisfaction and success on the course greatly. Learners are also expected to participate in the school's extra-curricular music programme, which will further benefit their learning.</p>			
Cost/Equipment:			
<p>\$12.00 to cover the cost of various music performances/workshops. A5 Manuscript Book and folder A pair of earphones/headphones</p>			
Teacher in Charge of this Course:		Mr. Andrew Ward	

Course Design					
1.	Demonstrate basic guitar skills				
2.	Demonstrate basic keyboard skills				
3.	Perform a song as a member of a group				
4.	Compose a short piece of music using Mixcraft				