

MUSIC

Secondary I & II

This instrumental music program introduces students to Concert Band and Jazz Band performance. It also explores the cultural aspects and rudiments of music through the study of theory and music history.

Concert Band includes the following instruments:

- **Woodwind, Brass, and Percussion.**

Jazz Band includes the following instruments:

- **Woodwind, Brass, Percussion, Bass Guitar.** Electric guitars are accepted however you must have your own instrument.

Individual Practice & Instrument Sign-Out:

Students will need at least two hours of personal practice per week.

ASSIGNMENTS AND EVALUATION

Performance - 40%

Starting in September students receive musical repertoire for performance, which is presented in sequential order so that music learning is gradual and progressive. Bands perform four to five times a year and enter in annual music festivals during February and March of that school year.

Creativity - 30%

Students learn the rudiments of music i.e. note values and note identification, singing and reciting rhythmic patterns, etc. Learning and using musical language i.e. accents, staccatos, crescendos & decrescendos etc. Students learn music theory (writing short compositions i.e. 8 – 12 bars).

Appreciation - 30%

Students rehearse with each other and as a band once per week after school. Rehearsals are from 2:30 pm to 3:50 pm. They encourage each other and take leadership in enhancing the quality of music in their various sections, through critical and aesthetic judgement.

Students learn music history, in particular classical, romantic and jazz history. They listen to, share, and analyze the music and events of those periods.