



PULTENY



Middle & Senior School

Co-curricular Performing Arts Handbook 2024

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- Jonathon Rice, Pulteney Head of Performing Arts



Introduction

The Performing Arts at Pulteney is where students can learn to play a musical instrument or sing, dance or act. It is a place where artistic and creative skills are developed in one-to-one lessons with a music or drama tutor, and the opportunity to utilise these skills in a solo or group context. We encourage all students to join an ensemble, learn an instrument, or to sing as early as possible, and in doing so, to experience the joy, fun and great reward that comes along with the performing arts.

We have developed and continue to expand our range of choirs, bands and ensembles to meet the wide and different interests of our students. The diversity in the performing arts co-curricular program is significant and is an important driver of what we offer here at Pulteney. We have small instrumental ensembles, choirs, bands, drama, dance classes, annual major musical productions, as well as many performance opportunities throughout the year.

Instrumental music tuition is not compulsory but is a valuable part of life at Pulteney for many students. You can learn more about the instrumental music program and apply for lessons on the [Pulteney Parent Portal](#). The co-curricular music program provides essential skill-building in ensemble musicianship, so we encourage all students to join an ensemble as soon as they have reached the appropriate standard on their instrument.

Why learn an instrument

There is now evidence that students that learn a musical instrument for five years or more may increase their IQ, grow larger brains (see Bigger, Better Brains by Dr Anita Collins), experience improved executive brain function and improved emotional intelligence and linguistic performance. Numerous studies support the significant benefit to students playing music in a group and how this develops the student's capacity to be empathetic and community-minded, as well as develop resilience and personal strength.

All co-curricular music and dance groups and activities are provided free of charge.

Expectations

Students are expected to commit to an ensemble or group for the full year. The exception is the Middle/Senior School Musical Production which is cast in Term 4 with rehearsals and the final performances in Semester I the following year.

In 2024 we will have seven weekly dance co-curricular troupes (Year 1-12) working towards skill development and performance in the Term 3 Dance Concert. This program will support students in the Year 9 Dance elective class and SACE Stage 1 and 2 Dance programs.

Admission to a group or ensemble

If admission to a group is by audition, then your child must express their interest in this group so as an audition can be arranged.

Acceptance into auditioned groups is subject to a successful audition and a corresponding vacancy in the group. If your child is enrolling for a non-auditioned group, you will simply need to express interest. For these groups, enrolments are based on order of application and to a limited maximum number of students in each group.

To express your interest

Please complete the online [nomination selection](#) by Friday 8 December 2023.

Enquiries

Please forward all your enquiries in the first place to Laura Brougham, School Operations Officer: laura.brougham@pulteney.sa.edu.au

Selection confirmation

Performing Arts will confirm groups and ensembles with families in February 2024.

Please note, if you wish to learn more about individual instrumental music, vocal music or speech/drama lessons, please contact Laura Brougham, School Operations Officer: laura.brougham@pulteney.sa.edu.au

Middle & Senior School Choirs, Bands and Ensembles

Senior Concert Band

Director:	Jonathon Rice
Rehearsal:	Monday 3:45 – 4:45pm
Location:	Wyatt Hall
Instruments:	Flute, clarinet, saxophone, oboe, bassoon, trumpet, trombone, tuba, bass, drum kit, percussion
Requirements:	By audition/invitation

Stage Band I

Director:	Jonathon Rice
Rehearsal:	Monday 5.00 – 6.00pm
Location:	Wyatt Hall
Instruments:	Trumpet, trombone, saxophones, guitar, bass, piano, drum kit, tuned percussion
Requirements:	By audition, must also be a member of Concert Band

Stage Band 2

Director:	Sam Hicks
Rehearsal:	Thursday 7.20 – 8.20am
Location:	Band Room (Nicholls Building)
Instruments:	Trumpet, trombone, saxophones, guitar, bass, piano, drum kit, tuned percussion
Requirements:	By expression of interest

Small Jazz Ensemble

Director:	Sam Hicks
Rehearsal:	Wednesday 3.45 – 4.45pm
Location:	Band Room (Nicholls Building)
Instruments:	Trumpet, trombone, saxophones, guitar, bass, drum kit, piano
Requirements:	By invitation (from membership of Stage Band 1), Runs subject to interest

Saxophone Ensemble

Director:	Lachlan McGargill
Rehearsal:	Wednesday 1.15 – 1.45pm
Location:	Music Classroom (Nicholls Building)
Instruments:	Alto, tenor or baritone saxophone
Requirements:	By expression of interest
Notes:	Runs subject to interest

Senior String Ensemble

Director:	Jonathon Rice
Rehearsal:	Tuesday 3.45 – 4.45pm
Location:	Band Room (Nicholls Building)
Instruments:	Violin, viola, cello, double bass
Requirements:	By audition/invitation

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Guitar Ensemble

Director:	TBA
Rehearsal:	TBA
Location:	TBA
Instruments:	Guitar
Requirements:	By expression of interest

Senior String Quartet / Nicholls String Quintet / Wheaton String Quintet

Director:	Katherine Quirk & Hamish Netting
Rehearsal:	Tuesday 5.00 – 6.00pm
Location:	Strings Vocal Room (Nicholls Building)
Instruments:	Violin, viola, cello
Requirements:	By invitation

Senior Percussion Ensemble

Director:	Zachary Wachtel
Rehearsal:	Friday 1.15 – 1.45pm
Location:	Percussion Room (Nicholls Building)
Instruments:	Tuned and untuned percussion
Requirements:	By expression of interest
Notes:	Runs subject to interest

Senior Handbell Ensemble

Director:	Ali O'Connell
Rehearsal:	Thursday 7.20 – 8.20am
Location:	Music Classroom (Nicholls Building)
Instruments:	AMEB Grade 2 or equivalent standard on any instrument
Requirements:	By expression of interest

Senior Drum Corps

Director:	Frank Fragomeni
Rehearsal:	Friday 7.20 – 8.20am
Location:	Band Room (Nicholls Building)
Requirements:	By audition

Intermediate Drum Corps

Director:	Frank Fragomeni
Rehearsal:	Wednesday 1.15 – 1.45pm
Location:	Band Room (Nicholls Building)
Requirements:	By expression of interest

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Rock Band

Director:	TBA
Rehearsal:	Thursday 3.45 – 4.45pm
Location:	Band Room (Nicholls Building)
Instruments:	Electric guitar, electric bass, piano/keyboard, drum kit, percussion, vocal
Requirements:	By expression of interest
Notes:	Runs subject to interest

Grammarphones Choir

Director:	Annie Kwok
Rehearsal:	Tuesday 7.35 – 8.20am
Location:	Wyatt Hall
Requirements:	Year 7 to 12, all welcome

Senior Concert Choir

Director:	Annie Kwok
Rehearsal:	Wednesday 7.35 – 8.20am
Location:	Band Room (Nicholls Building)
Requirements:	By audition

Jazz on the Terrace 1

Director:	Ross Burford
Rehearsal:	Thursday 3.45 – 4.45pm
Location:	Strings/Vocal Room (Nicholls Building)
Requirements:	By audition, must also be a member of Senior Concert Choir

Jazz on the Terrace 2

Director:	Ross Burford
Rehearsal:	Thursday 1.15 – 1.45pm
Location:	Music Classroom (Nicholls Building)
Requirements:	By audition, must also be a member of Senior Concert Choir

Small Jazz Vocal Ensemble

Director:	TBA
Rehearsal:	TBA
Location:	TBA
Requirements:	By invitation, must also be a member of Jazz on the Terrace
Notes:	Runs subject to interest

Middle & Senior School Dance and Drama groups

Middle School Dance Troupe

Director:	TBC
Rehearsal:	Wednesday 3.45 – 4.45pm
Location:	Dance/Drama Room 2 (Nicholls Building)
Requirements:	Year 7 to 9, all welcome

Senior School Dance Troupe

Director:	Rosanna Dobré
Rehearsal:	Tuesday 3.45 – 4.45pm
Location:	Dance Factory
Requirements:	Year 10 to 12, all welcome

Dance Shoe Requirements (compulsory for dance classes)

Girls (Year 7 - Year 12): Black or Tan coloured slip-on jazz shoes

Boys: Black coloured slip-on jazz shoes

<https://www.dancefx.com.au/product/bloch-elastaboot/>

<https://www.dancefx.com.au/product/capezio-e-series-jazz-slip-on-adults/>

<https://www.dancefx.com.au/product/energetiks-neoprene-jazz-boot-childs/>

Musical Theatre Troupe

Director:	Katie Jackson
Rehearsal:	Monday 3.45 – 4.45pm (From Week 6, Term 2 – Term 4)
Location:	Strings/Vocal Room (Nicholls Building)
Requirements:	Yr 7 to 12, all welcome

Middle & Senior School Drama Club

Director:	Jamie Hibbert
Rehearsal:	Thursday 3.45 – 4.45pm (From Week 6, Term 2 – Term 4)
Location:	Drama Room 1 (Nicholls Building)
Requirements:	Yr 7 to 12, all welcome <i>If many nominations are received, it is likely that this group could be divided into two groups</i>

Middle & Senior School Music groups

Songwriting Club

Director:	Callum Unger
Rehearsal:	Thursday 1.15 – 1.45pm
Location:	Band Room (Nicholls Building)
Requirements:	By expression of interest

DJ Club

Director:	Sam Hicks
Rehearsal:	Thursday 3.45 – 4.45pm
Location:	Music Tech Room (Nicholls Building)
Requirements:	By expression of interest

Podcasting Club

Director:	TBA
Rehearsal:	TBA
Location:	TBA
Requirements:	By expression of interest

Middle & Senior School Musical Production

Middle/Senior School Musical Production

Director:	Jonathon Rice
Rehearsal:	Friday 3.45 – 6.00/7.00pm, Term 1 & 2, Weekend Days TBA, and scheduled Lunchtime rehearsals (leads, featured roles, dance troupe)
Location:	Wyatt Hall
Requirements:	Year 7 to Year 12, all welcome Students audition in Term 4 of previous year for lead roles
Notes:	For more information, please contact Jonathon Rice

Musical Production Orchestra

Musical Director:	Jonathon Rice
Rehearsal:	TBA
Location:	Band Room (Nicholls Building)
Instruments:	Saxophone, trumpet, trombone, violin, cello, electric guitar, electric bass, piano/keyboard, drum kit, percussion, clarinet, flute
Requirements:	By invitation

Musical Production Stage Crew & Wardrobe (Hair/Make-up/Costume) Crew

Expression of interest is open if you would like to nominate for either of the above crews for our 2024 Musical Production.

Co-curricular Performing Arts team

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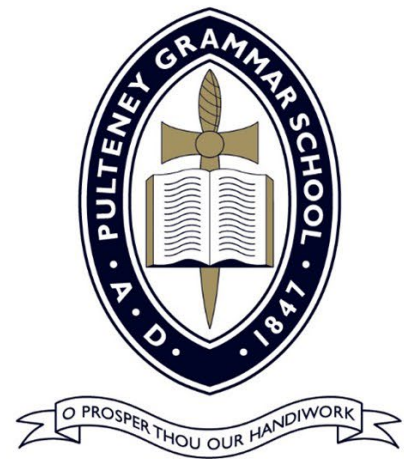
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