

## Music Excellence Application 2024

The Music Department is a vibrant and thriving part of Maleny High's school culture. A number of subjects, pathways, programs and performance opportunities are offered so that students can begin (or continue) their musical journey.

- Maleny High offers a program of advanced level training and immersion in music to inspire young performers. Students learn and apply musical concepts through instrumental and vocal performance, composition, and aural and visual analysis.
- Technology is utilised to support composition, production and performance, while practical skills focus on guitar, piano keyboard, voice and an instrument of choice.
- Students attend excursions to live performances, music camps, and showcase their performance skills at a range of music festivals, community concerts and music festivals (on at least four occasions, both within and outside of the school).
- Lessons with expert instrumental teachers as part of the Instrumental Music Tuition Program.

For musical students entering Year 7 in 2024, Maleny State High School offers the opportunity to be a part of a Music Excellence class. This program aims to extend each student's knowledge and understanding of music in order to develop their skills in the dimensions of performance, composition and analysis of music. This class is designed to encourage the pursuit of excellence in music. Students in this class study music intensively during one term of Year Seven, and one term in Year Eight along with the option of selecting Music Excellence during interschool sport. Students will undertake more advanced performing and classroom music activities, such as the incorporation of intermediate level music technology and access to recording studio and Mac Computer Lab, which promote creativity through music technology. These facilities are not made available to Year Seven and Eight music students except to those within the Music Excellence program. Students accepted into the Music Excellence program class will remain in this class grouping for all of their curriculum studies outside of music.

Who should apply:

- Students who are involved in primary music instrumental programs (and play a woodwind, brass, string and / or percussion instrument), and / or
- Students who have private music lessons.
- Students who have a natural passion and talent for music.

The program embeds an ICT pedagogy. All students are required to have a BYOx Device (see links via the school's webpage for specifications and advice). Students use technology to interact with the repertoire, complete online assignments, and compose and record music.

The Music Excellence Program will provide an extremely strong foundation for future music studies at Maleny High, and leads into Senior music courses such as General Music, Music Extension and the Cert. 2 in Music Industry. Students in Year 12 Music Extension may specialise in performance, composition or musicology.

To participate in the Music Excellence program, it is mandatory that students are involved in the school instrumental program or are having private lessons with a music tutor / teacher.

Entry to the Music Program is through application only. On submission of the Expression of Interest, students will be contacted with audition information.

Please note:

- It is possible for students to be part of both the Music Excellence Program as well as the Altitude Program.
- The Music Excellence program class will be capped at a maximum of 25 students.
- Students who are accepted into this program will be making a two-year commitment.
- For students who are outside of the Maleny State High School EMP (Enrolment Management Plan) boundaries (see <http://www.qgso.qld.gov.au/maps/edmap/> for further details) participation in the Music Excellence program is a contractual obligation. If a student is unable to complete their two-year obligation, or is in violation of the expectations of the program, then their continued enrolment at Maleny State High School will be reviewed.

## How to Book Your Audition Time for 2024

Rodney Wodson (Head of Department – The Arts) will contact students and parents/caregivers to book auditions. Please ensure that your email address and mobile number is written clearly and accurately on the attached application form. **Auditions will be held at Maleny State High School in room G01. They will be approximately 20 minutes in duration.**

**Prior to your audition, please prepare:**

- 2 x contrasting pieces of your own choice which demonstrate your level of technical and stylistic development.

Please note: auditions will be recorded for the purpose of further consideration. These media files will not be used outside of Maleny State High School, and will be destroyed once the selection process is concluded.

Further information is available from Mr Rodney Wodson: [rwods1@eq.edu.au](mailto:rwods1@eq.edu.au) / ph. 54998121.

## Maleny State High School Music Excellence Program Application for Music Excellence in 2024

Please use BLOCK letters and a blue or black pen to complete this form.

APPLICANT'S SURNAME: \_\_\_\_\_

APPLICANT'S FIRST NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

CURRENT SCHOOL: \_\_\_\_\_

PARENT NAMES: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

POSTCODE: \_\_\_\_\_

MOBILE NO: \_\_\_\_\_ HOME NO: \_\_\_\_\_ WORK NO: \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL: \_\_\_\_\_

### Details regarding the student Instruments Played

Instrument/Voice	Years of Tuition	Level Achieved	Current Teacher's Name

LEADERSHIP POSITIONS (INSIDE AND OUTSIDE OF SCHOOL)  
(e.g. Student Councillor, House Captain, Band Captain, Sports Captain)

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IF YOU HAVE LISTED MORE THAN ONE INSTRUMENT, ON WHICH ONE WILL YOU BE AUDITIONING?

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EXTRA CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES (e.g. Sporting Clubs, Youth Groups, Music, Drama, Dance etc.)

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SCHOOL RELATED ACHIEVEMENTS

(e.g. Eisteddfods, Maths Challenge, School Teams, Premierships, Representative Teams)

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OUTSIDE SCHOOL ACHIEVEMENTS AND QUALIFICATIONS

(e.g. AMEB Music, Trinity Music, UNSW Academic Awards, Community Orchestras and organisations)

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ANY FURTHER RELEVANT INFORMATION

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ACHIEVEMENT IN ACADEMIC AREAS AND EXTENSION AREAS INVOLVED IN

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DO YOU READ SHEET MUSIC? (not TAB)      YES or NO (Please circle)

DO YOU PARTICIPATE IN YOUR PRIMARY SCHOOL'S INSTRUMENTAL/CHOIR PROGRAM? YES or NO

WHAT EMSEMBLE DO YOU PLAY/SING IN?

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DO YOU HAVE MUSIC LESSONS OUTSIDE OF SCHOOL? YES or NO

IF YES, WITH WHOM AND ON WHICH INSTRUMENT(S)?

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DO YOU OWN YOUR OWN INSTRUMENT, OR WOULD YOU NEED TO HIRE ONE FROM MALENY SHS?

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WRITE A PARAGRAPH ABOUT YOURSELF EXPLAINING WHY YOU WOULD BE AN ASSET TO MALENY STATE HIGH SCHOOL MUSIC EXCELLENCE PROGRAM

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**Applicants are to provide:**

- PHOTOCOPIES of the last 2 Semester reports with your application.
- The most recent Instrumental Music report and a letter of recommendation from their current Instrumental Music Teacher.

**By Submitting this application, you are acknowledging the following:**

- The Maleny SHS Music Excellence Program has a strong focus on performance excellence and students will be required to participate, both within and outside of school times
- Acceptance into the Music Excellence Program is at the discretion of the Head of Department and Music Coordinator
- Students in the Music Excellence Program are expected to maintain good academic standing (being up-to-date with all assessment, and catching up on any class work missed due to music lessons).
- Students accepted into the Music Excellence Program commit to a minimum of two years' involvement. Students from within the school's catchment (Enrolment Management Plan) boundaries who choose to discontinue their involvement in the program, instrumental lessons or the concert band will be required to transfer into a general class.

I / We agree to the expectations of Maleny State High School's Music Excellence program conditions and expectations, as outlined in the previous pages.

Student Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Return this form to Mr Rodney Wodson, Maleny State High School,  
50 Bunya Street, Maleny. QLD. 4552, or via email to [rwods1@eq.edu.au](mailto:rwods1@eq.edu.au) by the 1st of  
June.

**Late applications shall be assessed on a case-by-case basis.**

Auditions will be organized through the school administration.  
These will be held between 05 and 16 June.

Please be on time so that other families are not inconvenienced. Parents will be advised of the outcome of their student's application by the end of Term Two, 2023.