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MUSIC AT MACKILLOP CATHOLIC COLLEGE 2014

• INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC LESSONS
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• INFORMATION SHEET

Dear Parents/Guardians

Hello and welcome to Music at MacKillop Catholic College. It is my pleasure to introduce you to some of the opportunities available to students at the College in Music for 2014. If you have any questions at all, please email or call me.

1. WHAT ARE INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC LESSONS?
Students at MacKillop Catholic College have the opportunity to learn from experienced musicians the following: drums, bass, guitar, voice, piano, flute, clarinet, saxophone, trumpet and trombone. Individual lessons last for 30 minutes on selected days throughout the school week. Times rotate so that students do not miss the same class each week. If your child would like to take up lessons please email spriest@mackillop.tas.edu.au and I will put the appropriate teacher in contact with you. Lessons are currently $32 per half hour.

2. CHOIR AND BANDS
At MacKillop Catholic College we have a choir, a training band and a senior band. If your child is interested in singing in the choir or playing in a band they should contact me personally or again on email at spriest@mackillop.tas.edu.au and I can help direct them to the appropriate group. Choir rehearses on Monday lunchtimes, Training Band (beginners) Thursday lunchtimes, and Senior Band after school on Thursdays.

3. WHY DO WE OFFER THESE LESSONS AND GROUPS?
These programmes enhance and extend what students learn in the classroom. Research shows that personalised tuition and experience in group music making contributes strongly to musical ability. It also flows into the ability to concentrate, the development of self-confidence, and the ability to work as part of a team. In other words, it is good for the whole student, not just their musical interest. In addition, there are many opportunities to perform and play music at events and functions in and beyond the College.

4. INSTRUMENT BORROWING
Students are encouraged to borrow instruments from the College so they can practice at home. This is easily done by completing a booking with Mr Priest and returning the instrument the next day. Students may also borrow on weekends.

Thank you very much for your interest in the music programme.
Yours sincerely

Sean Priest
Music Teacher