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# GMAS MUSIC HANDBOOK



## 2025

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# WELCOME



**WELCOME TO THE WONDERFUL WORLD OF MUSIC AT GMAS. OVER THE PAST 20 YEARS WE HAVE DEVELOPED A STRONG MUSIC PROGRAM WHERE YOUR CHILD CAN FULLY IMMERSE THEMSELVES IN A NURTURING MUSICAL ENVIRONMENT FROM PRE-PRIMARY TO YEAR 12. WE FOCUS ON QUALITY OF EDUCATION, PROVIDING A FUN PERFORMANCE-DRIVEN PROGRAM WITH THE AIM OF GIVING ALL STUDENTS A LOVE OF PERFORMING.**

We are most fortunate to have wonderful music staff here at GMAS as well as experienced and qualified peripatetic music tutors that come to teach here on campus each week. In addition to instrumental music lessons, we offer a comprehensive range of music ensembles from choir to rock bands, and orchestras to jazz bands.

This booklet will show you the depth and range of our music program, and what we can offer your child.

Our past experience shows us that the happiest and most successful students are those that take up as many musical opportunities as they can whilst here at GMAS.

Students often build strong friendships through a shared love of music that extends beyond their schooling years.

We hope we can help you and your child discover the joys of Music and explore the exciting world it brings.

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# MUSIC TUTORS

## STRINGS



**MRS CHERIE HAWILY**  
Violin

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**DR AMANDA REYNOLDS**  
Cello

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**MRS DONNA DEROOST**  
Double Bass

# MUSIC TUTORS

## WOODWIND



**MRS JUSTINE THOMPSON**  
Clarinet/Saxophone

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**MRS SABINE KOZLOWSKI**  
Flute

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**MRS DONNA DEROOST**  
Saxophone



# MUSIC TUTORS

## BRASS



**MRS AMY LITTLE**  
Brass

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## GUITAR



**MR GARY BENNESS**  
Guitar  
Electric Bass Guitar

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## PERCUSSION



**MR GARY LARKIN**  
Drum kit



**MR PAUL MCDANIEL**  
Drum kit

# MUSIC TUTORS

## PIANO



**MS SANDRA DRIVER**

Piano and Music Theory

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**MS ANNA BOGACHEVA**

Piano

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**MS ANGELA SLEE**

Piano

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**MRS SHERYL MANNING**

Piano



# MUSIC TUTORS

## VOICE



**MRS TANYA KAVANAGH**  
Vocal

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**MS SUSIE SIEGRIST**  
Vocal

# PRIMARY SCHOOL MUSIC

CLASSROOM EDUCATION, MUSIC  
PROGRAMS AND ENSEMBLES

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**GMAS Primary School** offers a strong foundational education in Music. Each week students receive a music class lesson based on the Kodaly method, combined with a colourful introduction to rhythmical and movement-based programs. They sing each week and develop a strong connection with their 'inner ear' so that by secondary school students have confident pitch and rhythmic skills. Their love of music is also fostered in these early years through a fun and imaginative exploration of the history of music.

In addition to classroom education, students are offered these free additional music programs and ensembles:

## **Year 2 String Program**

Free instrument hire and a weekly group lesson introducing students to playing a string instrument and taking part in their first music ensemble.

## **Year 4 Band Program**

Free instrument hire and a weekly group lesson introducing students to band instruments and playing in a large band.

## **Showstoppers Choir (Year 3-6)**

Weekly rehearsals with Mrs Thompson, singing fun contemporary repertoire, with several performances at school and in the community each year.

## **Ukulalien Ensemble**

Weekly rehearsals with Mrs Deroost learning basic ukulele skills whilst singing.

## **Junior Orchestra**

Weekly rehearsals with Mrs Deroost learning beginner orchestral repertoire, with performances at school and in the community.



# SECONDARY SCHOOL MUSIC

CLASSROOM EDUCATION, MUSIC  
PROGRAMS AND ENSEMBLES

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**GMAS Secondary School** has a rich music culture based on contemporary and classical performance as well as group ensemble work. Students experience the Music classroom elective in yr 7 and yr 8, and then can select Classroom Music in Year 9 and above. In addition to the ATAR music pathway, GMAS offers VET music certificate II to cater for the growing demand in tertiary opportunities and beyond. Please contact Mr Watts with any queries regarding Secondary Music courses

**In addition to the classroom education, students are offered these music ensembles:**

## **Year 8 & 9 Rock Band**

A weekly band rehearsal with Mr Watts introducing students to playing in a rock band and learning introductory rock repertoire

## **Senior Choir (Years 7-12)**

Weekly rehearsals with Mr Watts singing popular contemporary repertoire, with several performances at school and in the community each year

## **Senior Orchestra**

Weekly rehearsals with Mrs Telchadder learning moderate to advanced orchestral repertoire, with performances at school and in the community

## **Senior Jazz Band**

Weekly rehearsals with Mrs Deroost learning jazz and contemporary repertoire, with performances at school and in the community

## **Senior String Ensemble**

Weekly rehearsals with Mrs Telchadder learning moderate to advanced string orchestral repertoire, with performances at school and in the community

## **School Production**

Under the direction of Mrs Sue Thompson, students can audition for a place in the school production which takes place in August. Students will be coached in acting as well as singing on stage.

# PRIVATE INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC LESSON PROGRAM



GMAS offers the opportunity for students to take **private individual music lessons** whilst on campus with peripatetic music tutors. We are very fortunate to have a strong team of music tutors that have great experience and expertise in their specialist areas. All students learning a musical instrument through the school are expected to participate in at least one ensemble suitable to their instrument or voice. see [LINK](#)

## Enrolment and fees

Applications for music lessons are made online via the GMAS website [gmas.wa.edu.au/student-life/music-gmas](https://gmas.wa.edu.au/student-life/music-gmas) or by contacting Mrs Rosey York in the Arts Administration Office at [ryo@gmas.wa.edu.au](mailto:ryo@gmas.wa.edu.au) - Parents are charged by the tutor direct.

Lesson times are for 30 minutes and are rotated each week by the hour so students do not miss the same class subject more than twice a term. Tutors will email term lesson timetables at the beginning of each term.

Tuition fees are set by the tutor, and parents will be invoiced by tutors for each term:

**Term 1** - 9 lessons

**Term 2** - 9 lessons

**Term 3** - 9 lesson

**Term 4** - 6 lessons

(Year 12 students will finish lessons at the conclusion of Term 3 unless other arrangements are made with the Instrumental tutor)

## Lesson Absences

All information regarding tutoring information can be found on the Instrumental tuition application form

## Cancellation of Music Lessons

You are required to commit to lessons for a term at a time and should advise the tutor and the Head of Arts by the end of the term if you wish to no longer continue tuition for the following term.

## Scholarships - St Mary's

Weekly rehearsals with Mr Watts singing Church repertoire, with monthly performances at St Marys Church. This is by audition entry only and recipients receive financial support towards music lesson fees.



# GMAS ENSEMBLES



Students taking Instrumental music lessons at GMAS are expected to partake in at least one Ensemble. **Everyone is welcome to join!**

**Monday 8.00am** – Senior Jazz Band | Mrs Deroost | Secondary Music Classroom

**Monday 12.30pm** – Year 9/10 Rock Band | Mr Snelson | Secondary Music Classroom

**Monday 3.30pm** – School Production | Mrs Thompson | Ensemble Room  
(from Term 1 Week 9)

**Tuesday 8.00am** – Senior Ukulaliens | Mrs Deroost | Primary Music Classroom

**Tuesday 12.30pm** – St Mary's Scholarship | Mr Watts | Secondary Music Classroom

**Wednesday 7.30am** – Showstoppers | Mrs Thompson | Ensemble Room

**Wednesday 7.30am** – Senior Choir | Mr Watts | Secondary Music Classroom

**Wednesday 12.30pm** – Year 8 Rock Band | Mr Watts | Secondary Music Classroom

**Wednesday 3.30pm** – School Production | Mrs Thompson | Ensemble Room  
(from Term 1 week 9)

**Wednesday 3.30pm** – School Production | Mrs Deroost | Secondary Music Classroom  
(from Term 1 week 9)

**Thursday 7.345am** – Junior Orchestra | Mrs Deroost | Primary Music Classroom

**Thursday 12.30pm** – Year 7 Rock Band | Mr Watts | Secondary Music Classroom

**Friday 7.30am** – Senior Orchestra | Mrs Telchadder | MAC

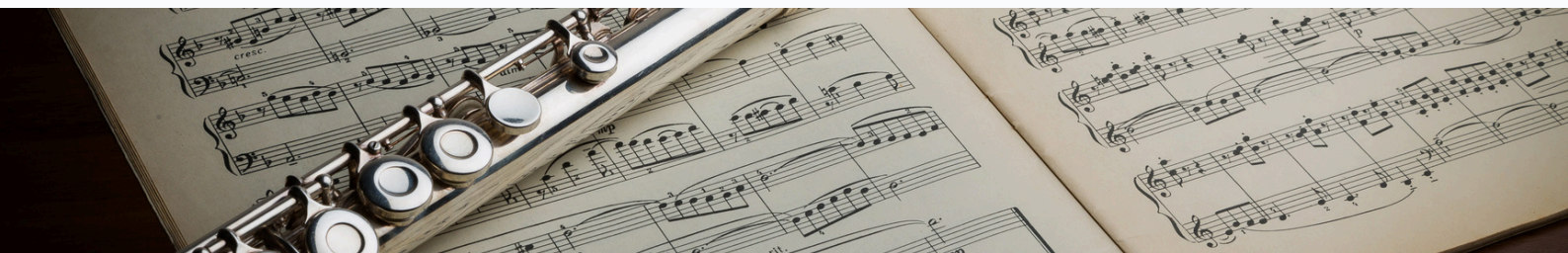
**Friday 8.00am** – Junior Ukulaliens | Mrs Deroost | Primary Music Classroom

**Friday 12.30pm** – Senior Strings | Mrs Telchadder | MAC

**Friday 12.30pm** – Year 11/12 | Mr Snelson | Secondary Music Classroom

# WHERE TO BUY/HIRE AN INSTRUMENT OR MUSIC BOOKS

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You will be required to source an instrument for your child once they have graduated from the Year 2 String or Year 4 Band Program.

Here are some retail suggestions to assist - please contact your child's music tutor with any queries.

## **PURCHASE NEW/SECOND HAND INSTRUMENTS:**

### **1. Buy n Sell sites**

- You are looking for a good quality violin (newish strings and newish bow – not worn out and black!)
- I am available to help advise on the instrument
- Please join the GMAS Music Facebook site as there are second-hand sale posts on there

### **2. Retail outlets in Perth**

- Crescendo Music 1300 000 383
- WA Music (08) 9244 9559.
- Tempest Music (08) 9450 3539
- Zenith Music (08) 9383 1422

### **3. For violins, you will also need to order a sized shoulder rest to fit (Everest brand are good and come in colours through Crescendo Music)**

## **HIRE STRING INSTRUMENTS:**

We recommend Twinkles Violin Hire in Perth (Helen Partington 0408 082 158) as she will freight to you here in Busselton as well as swap for a bigger size for year 3 and 4 etc:

<http://twinklesviolinrentals.com.au/instruments.html>

## **PURCHASE MUSIC BOOKS:**

### **4. Retail outlets in Perth**

- Crescendo Music 1300 000 383
- Tempest Music (08) 9450 3539
- Zenith Music (08) 9383 1422