



BURNSIDE HIGH SCHOOL

SPECIALIST MUSIC PROGRAMME

AND

MUSIC SCHOLARSHIPS

2018

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Applications are invited for the
Burnside High School Specialist Music Programme
and Music Scholarships.

**Please note that a Burnside High School Enrolment Application
and Performance Music Application must also be completed.**

**APPLICATIONS FOR MUSIC SCHOLARSHIPS CLOSE ON
FRIDAY 19 MAY 2017 AT 3:00pm.**

***NO LATE APPLICATIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED FOR
MUSIC SCHOLARSHIPS***



MUSIC AT BURNSIDE HIGH SCHOOL

At Burnside High School we are pleased to offer a three-tier system of music tuition at Year 9 level. This is to ensure that students are catered for in the best possible way, according to their musical experience and aptitude.

- 1** The **Specialist Music Programme** is for students of superior musical ability. It is expected that they will have a commitment to Music as a focus of study throughout their time at Burnside High School. Students are required to audition for this programme and will be placed within an appropriate Performance Music Class (9PMU). Students unsure of their level of achievement or suitability for the programme are encouraged to audition.
- 2** **Performance Music.** For many years Burnside High School has offered a very successful course for Performance Music students. This full-year course runs in each school Division, North, South and West. Entry is by application only, providing an outline of the student's musical experience, and successful applicants are placed within a form class comprising PMU students only. **THERE IS *NO AUDITION* REQUIRED FOR PERFORMANCE MUSIC.** Each 9PMU class has a music specialist as both their form teacher and Music class teacher for the year. Students seeking entry to the 9PMU course should be already learning an instrument (or voice) and be actively involved in music at their primary/intermediate school. A unique feature of this course is that practical music ensembles i.e Junior Strings, Junior Concert Band, Junior Jazz Band, Junior Performance Choir and Junior Guitar Ensemble are timetabled into the school day for all Performance Music students. PMU students are placed into one of these ensembles based on the information provided on their application form. Academically, it is expected that the Performance Music Classes will be at the same above-average level in each Division. Please note that the school reserves the right to place students where we think the students will function best in their learning.
- 3** For students with less musical experience, half year **general music** courses offer a range of activities including practical sessions on tuned percussion, world music, music technology, keyboard and guitar. Such students should select "9MUO" on their subject choices form.

If you are interested in applying for the **Specialist Music Programme**, you must complete the Burnside High School Enrolment Application form **and** Performance Music Application form. These forms are available from our Receptionist, or can be downloaded from the school website: www.learn.burnside.school.nz

A Specialist Music Application form must **ALSO** be completed. This form is included in this document and available online at www.specialistmusicprogramme.co.nz



SPECIALIST MUSIC PROGRAMME 2018

The **Specialist Music Programme** provides the highest possible standard of education, training and musical opportunities for students of high musical ability. It offers a seamless and co-ordinated progression of learning from junior primary school through secondary school to university, offering students the opportunity to work with others of similarly high musical calibre. Entry to the SMP is gained solely through musical ability and/or potential. In 1995 The Ministry of Education granted a special dispensation, allowing students from outside of the Burnside High School zone to enter the school through the Specialist Music Programme *at any year level*.

Four institutions within Christchurch collaborate to provide this unique opportunity for musically talented students.

- Westburn Primary School
- Burnside High School
- The School of Music of the University of Canterbury
- The UC College of Education, Health and Human Development

A **Board of Studies** oversees the overall functioning of the Programme. Each individual establishment is responsible for the delivery of the programme within their facility.

Year 9 students admitted to the Programme for 2018 will be enrolled within a Performance Music Class. All students are required to follow a course of study in line with the New Zealand Curriculum, therefore SMP and PMU students will study exactly the same subjects as other Burnside High School students. ***In addition*** to regular curriculum studies and musical activities, students admitted into the Specialist Music Programme will be required to:

- Receive regular lessons with a private teacher approved by the SMP Board of Studies at their own expense
- Attend weekly workshops, held after school at Burnside, for their specialist instrument
- Take part in the school's Chamber Music programme (compulsory for all SMP instrumentalists from Year Ten onwards)
- Make a regular and committed contribution to a large ensemble e.g Orchestra, Big Band, Symphonic Band, Aurora Voices, Malestrom
- Study Music as an academic subject to the end of Year Twelve (NCEA Level Two)
- Make every effort to attend concerts and masterclasses, both inside and outside of school, as recommended by SMP tutors
- Pay the annual SMP fee, currently \$320. Families experiencing hardship may apply to the SMP Council for financial assistance if necessary.



TUITION and SMP WORKSHOPS

Students in the SMP are required to have regular (weekly) lessons, at their own expense, on their primary instrument from a teacher approved by the Board of Studies. The SMP at Burnside High School is delivered through weekly workshops/masterclasses run by specialist professional performers and educators in their field. There are currently SMP workshops in:

- Orchestral Strings (Violin, Viola, Cello, Double Bass)
- Piano
- Voice
- Brass (Trumpet, Trombone, French Horn, Tuba)
- Woodwind (Flute, Clarinet, Oboe, Bassoon, Saxophone)
- Jazz (Drums, Percussion, Guitar, Bass Guitar, *Saxophone, Trumpet, Trombone**)

** - students playing these instruments with an interest in Jazz will be placed in their instrumental workshop (brass/woodwind) and given the opportunity to attend additional workshops in Jazz performance.*

For 2018, a new workshop for Contemporary Music will be created. This will cover songwriting, performance and recording techniques.

The tutor for each SMP workshop is responsible for the planning and delivery of the programme within their specialist area. Please refer to the SMP website: www.specialistmusicprogramme.co.nz for further details.

COSTS

The annual SMP fee is \$320. Additional costs may be incurred, e.g for co-curricular groups attending national competitions or touring. Financial assistance is available to students experiencing financial difficulty.

ADMISSION TO THE PROGRAMME

There are **TWO** separate audition sessions for admittance into the SMP for 2018:

1. Auditions for Year 9 entry in 2018 will be held Wednesday 24 May - Friday 26 May 2017. Audition time to be advised after application received. N.B All students wishing to be considered for SMP scholarships **MUST** audition in this session. Other year levels may also audition at this time but are not eligible for scholarships.
2. A further session of auditions for entry to all year levels (9-13) will be held Wednesday 26 - Friday 28 July 2017.

The deadline for ALL applications is Friday 21 July 2017.

For 2018 students may be admitted to the Programme at Burnside High School **at all year levels.**

In addition to a high level of proficiency on the primary instrument, applicants' attitude, sense of commitment to practising and developing musical potential to its maximum, together with previous instrumental experience will be taken into account in determining applicants' suitability for admission to the programme. These factors will be assessed through an informal interview.

It is not possible to prescribe a "grade" that SMP students should have reached in their performance instrument as there are many factors to be taken into consideration. Members of the audition panel are highly experienced in recognising those who can best benefit from admission to the Programme.

There are four **Specialist Music Programme Scholarships** offered to the best students auditioning for the programme at Year 9 level each year:

- The **Burnside High School SMP Scholarship**. There are TWO scholarships available in this category. These are awarded to the two most outstanding candidates at audition.
- The **Westburn School SMP Scholarship**, awarded to the most deserving applicant continuing through from the SMP at Westburn School.
- **Discretionary Scholarship**

Scholarships are paid in two instalments, in years nine and ten. Payment is subject to satisfactory progress being made within the programme at each year level.



AUDITION REQUIREMENTS FOR THE SPECIALIST MUSIC PROGRAMME

You will be auditioned at Burnside High School by a panel, comprising a minimum of two people representing the SMP. There are four aspects to the audition process:

1. Performance

Please prepare up to *five minutes* of music on your first instrument, demonstrating your current level of musicianship and technical ability. You are welcome to demonstrate a second instrument if you wish. An accompanist will not be provided although you may provide your own if you wish. There are facilities for playing audio backing tracks in the case of contemporary musicians e.g Drums, Guitar.

In addition you will be asked to play:

- A Major and a Minor scale of your choice (all instruments except drums)
- A selection of rudiments and beat styles (drummers only)
- Vocalists **only** will be sent a quick learning piece to prepare one week prior to audition

2. Aural Tests

1. You will be asked to clap back the rhythm of a phrase not exceeding 4 bars.
2. You will be asked to sing back the melody of a phrase not exceeding 4 bars.

3. Sight Reading

You will be asked to sight read a short piece of music on your first instrument. The level of difficulty will be within your performance capability.

4. Interview

A brief discussion between the panel, the candidate and their parents/caregivers. There will also be an opportunity for questions at the conclusion of the interview.

Please ensure that your private music teacher is aware of these requirements.



BURNSIDE HIGH SCHOOL SPECIALIST MUSIC PROGRAMME APPLICATION FORM

STUDENT SURNAME: _____ FIRST NAME: _____

DOB: _____

HOME PH: _____

PARENT/CAREGIVER NAME: _____

PARENT MOBILE: _____

Please tick relevant boxes below

I have New Zealand Citizenship

I have Permanent Residency

1st Instrument (or voice) _____

Level Achieved _____

2nd Instrument(s) _____

Level Achieved _____

Music group/activities (current and past) _____

Other Information _____

2018 Specialist Music Programme Application Checklist

Before submitting your application, please check that you have:

- Completed the Burnside High School Enrolment Application Form and attached any required documents (please refer to the Enrolment Information Book which is available from the school reception). The form can also be downloaded from our website www.learn.burnside.school.nz
- Completed the Performance Music Application Form (located in the Enrolment Information Book). The form can also be downloaded from our website: www.learn.burnside.school.nz
- Completed the Specialist Music Programme Application Form (contained in this document) or completed the online application form on the SMP website: www.specialistmusicprogramme.co.nz
- Submitted ALL FORMS by Friday 21 July 2017

Please post or return your **completed** application to:

The Receptionist, Burnside High School, Greers Rd, PO Box 29 677 Christchurch 8540

All questions relating to the SMP to be directed to Helen Wakelin, Arts Administrator by e mail in the first instance: wkh@burnside.school.nz

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