

Music

Year 11 Preliminary and Year 12 HSC Music can be separated into three distinct courses. Music 1, Music 2 and Music Extension.

All students who elect to study Music for their HSC will be required to participate in the ensemble which specialises in their instrument (Core Ensemble) as well as Senior A Capella Choir, which is built in to their class time.

Music 1 **M**

Music 1 builds on the Year 9 and 10 elective study courses. It caters for students who have diverse musical backgrounds and musical interests. It is expected students have well developed music performance and literacy skills. Students in Music 1 range from those with intermediate instrumental and/or vocal skills to those with highly developed performance skills in a variety of musical styles. Music 1 assumes some prior knowledge of musical notation as taught in the elective course in Years 9 and 10. It recognises that students who have had no further involvement in Music beyond their introduction in the Mandatory course will need to revisit elementary musical skills and understanding.

In Music 1, students will study the concepts of music through the learning experiences of performance, composition, musicology and aural within the context of a range of styles, periods and genres.

Concepts of Music

The content of the syllabus is set out according to the musical concepts of:

- Duration
- Tone colour
- Texture
- Pitch
- Structure
- Dynamics and expressive techniques

Learning Experiences

The learning experiences through which students understand music are:

- Performance
- Musicology
- Composition
- Aural

Students develop musically through the integration of these learning experiences. Such integration may include:

- Playing
- Organising
- Observing
- Singing
- Listening
- Analysing
- Moving
- Creating
- Discriminating
- Improving
- Recording
- Evaluating
- Discussing
- Experimenting
- Manipulating
- Innovating
- Responding
- Discussing

Students studying Music 1 in the HSC can specialise in Performance, Composition or Musicology. Students choose 3 electives of any combination during the Year 12 HSC year. The final examination includes a performance assessed by external markers from NESAs.

For more information on Music 1 visit the NESAs website at:

<https://educationstandards.nsw.edu.au/wps/portal/nesa/11-12/stage-6-learning-areas/stage-6-creative-arts/music-1-syllabus>

Music 2 **M**

Music 2 builds on the Years 7-10 Mandatory and Additional Study courses and focuses on the study of Western art music. It assumes students have a formal background in music, have developed music literacy skills and have some knowledge and understanding of musical styles.

In Music 2, students will study the concepts of music through the learning experiences of performance, composition, musicology and aural within the context of a range of styles, periods and genres. Students learn about the compositional techniques used within these different periods.

Concepts of Music

The content of the syllabus is set out according to the musical concepts of:

- Duration
- Tone colour
- Texture
- Pitch
- Structure
- Dynamics and expressive techniques

Revisiting these concepts, at increasing levels of difficulty, leads to the ability to synthesise musical ideas and understanding, and to evaluate music critically.

Learning Experiences

The learning experiences are performance, composition, musicology and aural.

Students develop skills through the integration of these learning experiences. These experiences will continue to involve:

- Playing
- Discussing
- Organising
- Singing
- Responding
- Creating
- Moving
- Memorising
- Innovating
- Improvising
- Discriminating
- Notating
- Experimenting
- Evaluating
- Listening
- Observing
- Analysing

Students studying Music 2 in the HSC are able to specialise in Performance, Composition or Musicology. Students must present ONE elective beyond the core components of the course. The final examination includes a performance that is assessed by external markers from NESA.

Music Extension (Year 12) **M**

Students who study Music 2 for the Preliminary and HSC course may also study Music Extension in their HSC year. Music Extension allows musically talented students to develop and expand their skills in Performance, Composition or Musicology. Each student will follow an individual program of study which will be negotiated between the student and teacher.

The Extension course builds on Music 2 and assumes a high level of music literacy, advanced performance skills, composition skills or musicology skills. The major worked is marked externally for this course by NESA.

For more information on Music 2 and Music Extension visit the NESA website at:

<https://educationstandards.nsw.edu.au/wps/portal/nesa/11-12/stage-6-learning-areas/stage-6-creative-arts/music-2-syllabus>