

Parent Group's First Meeting – 22 February 6.30pm

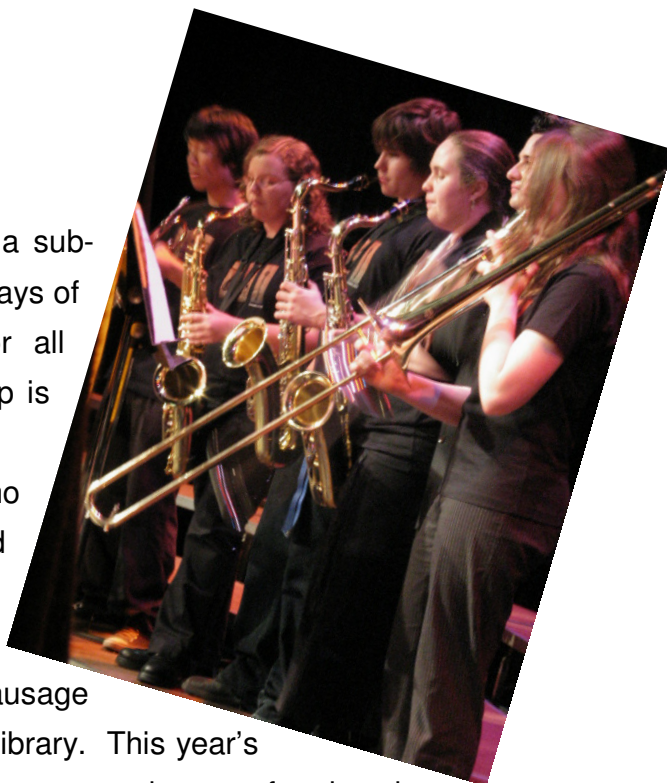
The Faculty of Music Parent's Committee are a sub-committee of the P + C. Their aim is to find ways of supporting the benefits of arts education for all students at Girraween High School. The group is made

up of regular and special event members who are all interested, enthusiastic and multi-skilled parents. The much needed help supports The Faculty of Music with fundraising,

administration and logistics, for example, sausage

sizzles at rehearsals and the set-up of a music library. This year's

focus is on producing a large scale performance event by transforming the school hall into a theatre. The first meeting for 2006 will be held in 30M at Girraween High School on Wednesday 22 February at 6.30pm. All welcome! Please come and support your student's music education.



Arts Education: The Road to HSC Success!

Music student, Christopher Neilson has received top honours for his work during the HSC, achieving among the highest marks at Girraween High School in 2005. Christopher earned 98.6 for his UAI and was awarded the Premier's All Rounder Award for his exceptional achievement in a variety of subjects and disciplines. He has recently enrolled in a Bachelor of Business and Law at The University of Technology, Sydney. Christopher was greatly involved in Music throughout his time at Girraween High School, his hard work and enthusiasm paying dividends in his overall HSC results. Well done and good luck at university!

Ensembles Information Inside!



Ensembles

Question: Want to give your student the edge?

Answer: Sign them up to one of the many Girraween High School Music Ensembles

Did you know that each member of the Girraween High School Concert Band received awards at Recognition Assemblies in 2005 for high achievement in Maths, Science, Languages, Sport and English and that most of them received more than one award?! Not to mention that both our school captains and many of our prefects are also involved in the Music program. In fact most of the 120 students involved in The Faculty of Music's Ensembles Program are consistently among the highest achieving students at Girraween High School.

This result supports recent research in primary and high school students that found that students who participated in instrumental and vocal music programs in their schools scored significantly higher than their non-band peers in standardised tests. Universities in Georgia and Texas found significant correlations between the number of years of instrumental music instruction and academic achievement in math, science and language arts.*



No prior knowledge (or instrument) is required to join any of the range of ensembles available at Girraween High School. If you already own an instrument, come and see Mr Ropa or Ms Walker and we'll see how we can fit you in. Piano students should consider learning a band instrument as we are unable to accommodate pianos into our school ensembles. Piano players make exceptional instrumentalists as they are already quite musically knowledgeable.

So come along and experience the enjoyment of being part of a special group of people!

**Source: Kluball, J., L. (2000) University of Sarasota Study; Trent, D., E. (2000) East Texas State University Study.*

Concert Band	rehearsals 7.30am Wednesday	minimum 4 th grade standard
Instrumental Ensemble	rehearsals Thursday Period 6	no minimum only enthusiasm!
Stage Band	rehearsals Wednesday afternoon	Audition
Percussion Ensemble	rehearsals Thursday Period 6	Audition for new members
Vocal Ensemble	rehearsals Friday Lunch	Audition
Brass Ensemble	rehearsals Thursday Lunch	All Brass Players
String Ensemble	rehearsals Wednesday Lunch	Audition (see Ms Walker)
Rock Band	rehearsals Monday Lunch	Audition
Flag Corps	rehearsals Thursday Period 6	(see Jasmine Tan via Music)
Private Brass Lessons	Friday rotating timetable	See Mr Ropa

Students interested in participating in the Ensembles Program should complete the two information notes attached to this newsletter and return by Friday 17 February 2006 to the Faculty of Music or the box in the Front Office. Please do not complete the Student Application Form if you received one at the Ensembles meeting last Friday.

- ▶ The Evaluation Report for the Ensembles Program 2005 is also available in PDF format by emailing parts@girraween-h.schools.nsw.edu.au.

Private Brass Tuition at School

Students interested in private lessons for trumpet or trombone should see Mr Ropa. These lessons will be 30 minutes in duration @ \$20 per lesson, payable a term in advance. From the Sydney Conservatorium of Music, Michael Raper will be the teacher.

Girraween Students Feature at the National Australia Day Ceremony at Darling Harbour

By Lucille Kirkpatrick

On Australia Day I was lucky enough to be one of the students from The Faculty of Music at Girraween High School who was able to perform in the Australia Day Choir as part of the NSW Official Australia Day Ceremony at Darling Harbour. This was an amazing experience for us as we performed to hundreds of thousands of people. We stood on a long floating wharf with fireworks exploding right behind us as we sang 'I Am Australian' and 'Advance Australia Fair' which was an exhilarating feeling.

As well as being a thrilling experience, the time we put into rehearsals during our school holidays in the week before the big night was very beneficial for all involved as we made new friends with students from other schools across NSW and came in to contact with professionals from companies involved in the event.

Singing with the choir helped develop our musical skills as well as giving us an experience that will help us in the future when we need to perform in other nerve-racking situations. Being involved in such a large scale performance truly was an unbelievable experience for all involved as well as being lots of fun!

Thank you to Mr Ropa for allowing us to be involved in such a fantastic event.



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**The Faculty of Music
Girraween High School**

**Girraween High School Ensembles 2006
STUDENT APPLICATION**



I wish to nominate for:

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|---------------------------------------|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Concert Band | <input type="checkbox"/> Instrumental Ensemble | <input type="checkbox"/> Percussion Ensemble |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Stage Band | <input type="checkbox"/> Vocal Ensemble | <input type="checkbox"/> String Ensemble |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Rock Band | <input type="checkbox"/> Brass Ensemble | <input type="checkbox"/> Flag Corps |

Student Given Name

Student Family Name

Date of Birth

2006 School Year

Gender

Contact Parent

Parent Given Name

Parent Family Name

Mr/Mrs/Ms/Dr

Home Address

Home Suburb

Post Code

Home Phone

Home Fax

Work Phone

Student's Email

Please complete the following section regardless of your instrument type:

Vocal Experience

Voice Type

Choir Solo

Soprano Alto Tenor Bass

If nominating as an Instrumentalist please complete the following section: If not sure of your current standard, please ask your music teacher. Please note that this is only as a guide and it is not necessary nor important for you to have completed any AMEB Standard Grades or equivalents.

First Instrument

Years Played

Current Standard

Which types of ensembles have you played this instrument in:

Concert Band Orchestra Jazz Band Rock Band Other _____

Second Instrument or Instrument you would like to learn

Years Played

Current Standard

Which types of ensembles have you played this instrument in:

Concert Band Orchestra String Ensemble Rock Band Other _____

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ Date: _____

Closing Date for Nominations - Friday 17th February 2005
Please return to the box in the front office or The Faculty of Music

The Faculty of Music
Girraween High School
Hire of School Instrument
Instrument Hire: \$110/year



I wish to hire:

- | | | |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Flute | <input type="checkbox"/> Alto Saxophone | <input type="checkbox"/> Trumpet |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Clarinet | <input type="checkbox"/> Tenor Saxophone | <input type="checkbox"/> Trombone |

Where a band instrument does not appear above but for which you would like to hire please indicate below:

<u>Student Given Name</u>	<u>Student Family Name</u>	<u>2006 School Year</u>
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<u>Parent Given Name Parent</u>	<u>Parent Family Name</u>
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<u>Home Phone</u>	<u>Mobile</u>	<u>Work Phone</u>	<u>Student's Email</u>
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- **Please note that waiting lists for hire of Alto Saxophone usually exist.**
- **Hire of percussion, drums, piano, electric guitar are not applicable.**
- **Hire is normally available for one year at which time instruments can be recalled.**
- **However, where an instrument is not in immediate demand, the period of hire may continue.**
- Instruments are not covered by the School's insurance except while on the School premises, or when in use during an outside School activity, therefore parents are responsible for the replacement cost of an instrument resulting from any loss or damage while it is in the student's custody.
- **Approximate values of instruments for insurance purposes are available from The Faculty of Music.**
- **At this time there is no facility for term hire payments except under special circumstances.**
- **When an instrument becomes available for you, an accession number will be written in the box below.**
- **This note will then be returned to you in order for you to pay your instrument hire fee to the Front Office.**

Office Use Only

Accession Number: _____ Entered onto Database

Conditions of Hire

I hereby apply for membership of the Girraween High School Instrument Hire Program and accept the following conditions.

- To become a participating member of a school ensemble
- To attend all rehearsals and performance
- To bring my instrument to school for all performances lessons
- To practice my instrument at least 3 times a week for a duration of 20 minutes
- To look after my instrument and clean it regularly
- To replace my instrument if I lose it
- To be responsible for any repairs required whilst in my care

I agree to fulfill the conditions above and take full responsibility for the instrument whilst it is in my child's care.

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ Date: _____

Student: _____ Date: _____