Why Music?

Students studying music are empowered by its vast capacity as a creative medium. They gain insight, discover sensibility and learn the self-discipline that leads to artistic freedom. Music education programs inspire students to be involved with music as a leisure pursuit or as a career.

Music also earns its place in the general curriculum because it offers a unique way of understanding the world. It presents a distinct form of meaning, affords insight into the nature of feelings and can contribute to emotional development. Studies in music, therefore, offer a unique form of self-expression and communication.

Make a joyful shout to the LORD, all you lands!
Serve the LORD with gladness; come before His presence with singing.
Psalm 100:1-2

Shout for joy to the LORD, all the earth, burst into jubilant song with music.
Psalm 98:4

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Classroom Music Program

At GCCC, students are given the opportunity to learn many instruments during the course of their music education. Classroom music program includes keyboards, ukulele, guitar and various percussion instruments. In the instrumental program they include string and band instruments.

The instruments are introduced as follows:

**Classroom music:**
- **Prep:** untuned percussion instruments
- **Year 1 & 2:** untuned percussion instruments and chime bars
- **Year 3:** Smart Strings violin program
- **Year 4:** tuned and untuned percussion instruments and ukulele
- **Year 5:** Instrumental Band program
- **Year 6:** tuned and untuned percussion instruments and ukulele
- **Year 7:** tuned and untuned percussion instruments, ukulele (incorporate pitched instruments into performances if a student is currently participating in instrumental lessons with a tutor).

Music Benefits

For decades, countless studies have found links between learning music and a broad range of positive impacts on children and adolescents.

Music improves students' team skills and self-esteem and helps their progress in other important learning areas such as Maths and English. Music learning is good for all students and it is particularly beneficial for students who are not achieving well in school.

A painter paints pictures on canvas. But musicians paint their pictures on silence.

**COLLEGE ENSEMBLES**

**Choral**
- Primary Vocal Group (Yrs 4-6)
- GCCC Voices (Yrs 7-9)

**Instrumental**
- Year 3 Smart Strings
- Junior String Ensemble (Yrs 4-6)
- Middle School Chamber Orchestra (Yrs 7-9)
- Junior Band (Yr 5)
- Wind Ensemble (Primary)
- GCCC Concert Band (Yr 7-12)