

Tuggerah Public School



Music Policy

Last amended: January 2019

Rationale:

- Music is a universal language that embodies one of the highest forms of creativity. We provide opportunities for all children to create, play, perform and enjoy music, to develop the skills to appreciate a wide variety of musical forms, and to begin to make judgements about the quality of music.

Aims:

- The aims of music teaching are to enable all children to:
 - perform, listen to, review and evaluate music across a range of historical periods, genres, styles and traditions, including the works of the great composers and musicians
 - learn to sing and use their voices
 - have the opportunity to learn to play a musical instrument
 - to use technology appropriately
 - to create and compose music on their own and with others
 - understand and explore how music is created

Implementation:

- We will aim to make music an enjoyable learning experience and encourage children to participate in a variety of musical activities.
- We will provide opportunities for all children to sing and to listen to and appreciate different styles and genres of music.
- We will teach students the skills of recognising and commenting on pulse, pitch, rhythm, timbre, dynamics and texture in music.
- We will provide opportunities for children to work with others to make music and show how individuals compose and organise music.
- We will also begin to teach them some of the features of musical notation and to develop an understanding of the history of music.
- Music will be conducted by a trained Staff Member in RFF time, K-6.

Additional music teaching:

- Students will be offered the opportunity to learn to play the Djembe Drum with a staff member.
- Students will be offered the opportunity to participate in Drum Corp with a Professional Music Company.
- Students will be offered the opportunity to learn to play Ukulele. (2018 saw the discontinuation of the Instructor, however, we are attempting to source another for 2019).
- The School will also attempt to source a Band Teacher in 2019.

Music curriculum planning:

- Music will also be taught and used within other areas of the curriculum, and to support and enhance the work done within the topics planned by the class teacher as well as being used for brain breaks.



- A wide range of resources is available in the Heritage Building to support music teaching.
- We give pupils the opportunity to appreciate a wide range of high-quality live and recorded music and Student Voice is embedded with the choice of music that we play over our Bell System.
- The music subject teacher is responsible for monitoring and reviewing planning.
- The music subject teacher is responsible for keeping an overview of the standard of children's work and for the quality of teaching.
- The work of the subject teacher also involves supporting colleagues, being informed about current developments and providing a strategic lead and direction for the subject in the school.
- The music subject teacher is responsible for making a contribution to the school's School Plan and Annual Report indicating current performance and identifying critical issues and steps for success.
- The subject teacher will liaise with the Biannual Performance Committee to coordinate required teachings.
- Music will also be incorporated in each Assembly, both Primary and Infants, and a roster system and guidelines will be developed by the Music Committee

Evaluation:

This policy will be reviewed as part of the school's review cycle.

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