

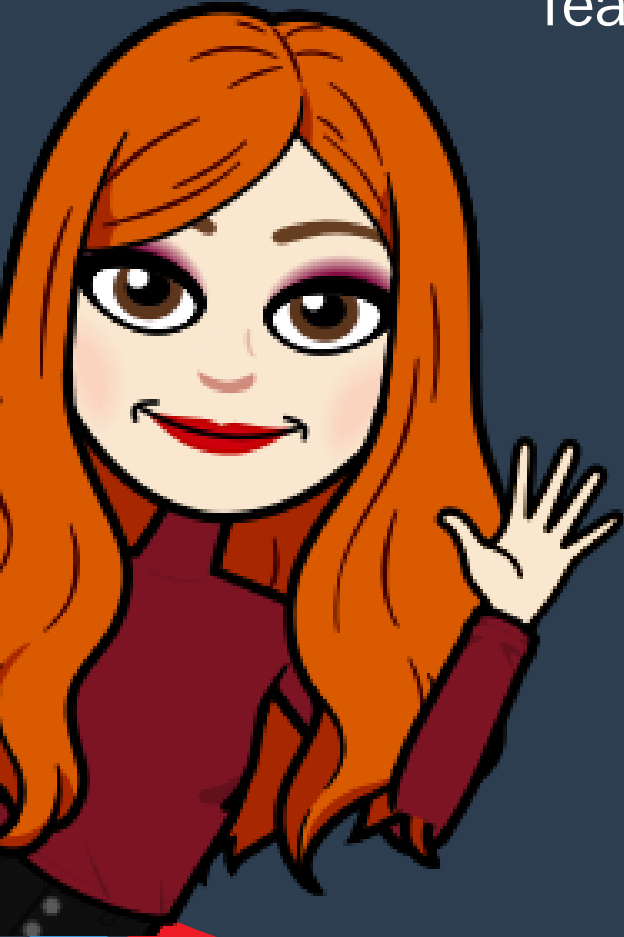
Music 1 (2U)

Category A – NESAs Developed Course
Counts towards ATAR



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Everyone is welcome

This course is designed for people who have an interest in Music. Students are expected to have a focus instrument and are required to complete performance, composition, aural and musicology tasks.



Course Topics

Topics for this course are very broad and cater for a wide range of interests. Examples include: An instrument and its repertoire; Music of the 20th century; Rock; Pop; Music for Radio TV and Multimedia; Music and the Related Arts; and Music and Technology.



Assessments

Students will be marked on:

Performance: Technical skills and Musicality

Composition: Students' ability to write complete compositions

Musicology: Often this is a prepared discussion about a music topic

Aural Skills: Listening exams where an extended (essay) answer addresses the concepts of Music.



Frequently asked questions

Q: I won't get a job from studying music – so why do it?

A: Finding work in the entertainment industry is very competitive and is hard work. Some students who have completed this course have found work in industry, but most students who study this course do so because they have an interest in Music and are looking to extend their knowledge, skills and “grow” as a person.



Frequently asked questions

Q: What are my options once I finish this course?

A: Many students who have completed the Music 1 course have gone on to successfully complete further study at tertiary institutions.



Frequently asked questions

Q: Do I need to have an external tutor?

A: External tutors can be helpful but are not essential. Many students who complete this course do not have an external tutor.



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Q: Do I need to be able to read music?

A: This course does not require students to read music notation. It is helpful if they can. More focus is placed on their knowledge and ability to use terminology taught throughout the course.



Frequently asked questions

Q: Is this course easy?

A: If you have some experience with music, for example – “have learnt some songs in the past” or studied music through Years 9 and 10, then this course can be easy to achieve average results. To achieve a Band 6 result requires many hours of regular hard work and dedication. Historically, Mudgee High regularly has 1 or 2 students per cohort achieve Band 6 results. Often, these students spend 3 to 4 hours a week independently practicing.



Frequently asked questions

Q: What does the exam look like?

A: For the HSC exam, all students need to complete the “core” components of 1 performance and 1 aural skills exam. They then need to select 3 electives which can include a performance, a composition, or a viva voce (prepared discussion). Most often students end up doing a total of 4 performances and the aural skills exam.



Frequently asked questions

Q: What about studying courses which will mean I will have multiple major works?

A: Students should consider their subject courses carefully. Often the major works for music are due around the same time as other subjects – for students who can prepare well in advance this is not an issue, but if students are prone to leave tasks to the last minute – it can be detrimental. Often the best Music students have their performances selected and prepared well before they are due for marking.



