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THE MUSIC NOTE



Updates for the parents of Mary MacKillop College music students



OVERVIEW:

- Student of the month - Angus Moller
- Eisteddfod results 2019
- Instrumental/VCE Performance nights
- COMING SOON! Recording and Sound Engineering

Welcome to the Mary MacKillop Music newsletter. Each month we will be releasing a newsletter to the parents of the students who are learning music at the school. The newsletter will feature highlights of the month as well as any important information parents need to know. The newsletter will be available via our website and Mary MacKillop College Facebook page.

COMING SOON!

Music students at Mary MacKillop College have expressed their interests in recording and mixing. We didn't want students missing out on being apart of our growing music department just because they didn't play an instrument. Therefore we catered for their needs introducing:

Mary MacKillop's very own Recording Studio!

Students now have the option of recording their music at school through class time and at lunchtimes. But wait, there's more....

We are now offering:

Private Audio Engineering Lessons

Please see page 4 of this newsletter for more details.



Yarram, Traralgon & Warragul Eisteddfods

By Jess Sara, Reuben Strentz & Gabby Perry

Last term, the junior choir got the incredible opportunity to travel to Warragul, Traralgon, and Yarram to participate in choir eisteddfods. First, we travelled to Warragul with our wonderful teacher and accompanist Alliza Miel to compete in the middle school choir section. Although we were all quite nervous performing for the first time together, we came out with 1st place, singing *Amazing Grace*, and *Whistle Down The Wind*. Our second eisteddfod was in Yarram, where we competed in the secondary section against our very own senior choir with our amazing teacher Ms Poletti. We all made a fantastic effort and ended up with an honourable mention, singing *Million Dreams*, and *Whistle Down The Wind*. Lastly, we travelled to the Traralgon eisteddfod, where we were up against junior and secondary choirs, singing the same songs as the Yarram eisteddfod. This was our last performance together so we knew we had to make the most of it, which resulted in winning 1st place. A big thank you to Ms Poletti for giving us this opportunity, which has helped us to develop a range of different performance skills.

During our two band eisteddfods in Traralgon and Yarram this year, our MMC stage band were super lucky to come first place in both competitions! It was such a great experience to take our lunchtime band rehearsals onto a musical stage to show our experience and energy as a band and to have a lot of fun. We would like to thank our band director, Ms. Beth Winterhalter for her tireless effort in making our band become one and all our band members for choosing to stay with the band and play great music with us!

The senior choir had a very successful 2019, competing in the Traralgon and Yarram Eisteddfod. At Yarram we won the secondary section for the 3rd year in a row. The examiners congratulated us on our ability to sing intricate harmonies and how we are very good at listening to each other to create a well balanced sound. The boys choir competed in the open section and came 2nd. They were up against some tough competition. At Traralgon we competed in the secondary section and came 3rd place. Our boys choir also competed and placed 2nd in another section and were beaten by our own school junior choir. A big congratulations to all choirs and students who competed and a big thank you to Ms Poletti for taking us for another year of competitions.



Angus Moller

Year level: 11

Music Choice: Pop

Bio: Angus learns voice and is studying for his 4th grade AMEB exams. He is also the lead role in the 2020 production of *Matilda* where he is playing 'The Trunchball'. Angus also sings in the school senior choir and has private lessons with Ms Poletti.

What inspired you to learn music at Mary MacKillop College? *in year 8, I participated in the 'Mary Mac's Got Talent' and I won the competition. Mr Muranty told me that I should keep singing, so I did.*

Who are your music heroes?: *Ben Platt- his voice is amazing and inspires me to work harder*

What is your favourite song at the moment?: *Vienna- performed by Ben Platt*

What has been your proudest music moment?: *Playing 'Gomez' in the 2019 school production 'The Addams Family'.*



VCE PERFORMANCE NIGHT

In October, the VCE VET Music students performed at their final VCE music night. Students performed at a high standard, showing off their songs they had chosen for their exam repertoire and for their 'compose simple songs' unit in which they study in year 11 music.

The night began with the year 11 VET music class, performing some original compositions by Angus Moller and Jess Sara. Jared Campbell and Kiara Vann played bass and drums in these original compositions which was wonderful to see cooperation and collaboration.

Zach Stubbs-Taylor treated us to 4 heavy metal songs in which he flawlessly performed. Ben Gibbins had us in tears as he performed his original comical songs in which the lyrics were about puberty and not talking to strangers.

Bridget Keily took us down the music theatre road and performed theatre classics with a twist of lyrics to suit the story of her life from year 7 to year 12.

Aidan Hall got our attention with his 3 piece band playing a mix of alternative rock songs. He shredded the guitar and really demonstrated his 'rock' styled stage presence with a lot of head banging.

Taylor Mitchell finished the night with her beautiful powerful voice, singing songs about love, hurt and betrayal. A big congratulations to the year 11 and 12 VCE VET Music students.

INSTRUMENTAL NIGHTS

In semester 2, all instrumental students performed at one of 3 instrumental nights. We started off with the Brass and Woodwind students on the Monday night, ending the night on a high with a performance by the College Stage Band under the direction of Ms Winterhalter.

On the Tuesday, Mr Carver gathered his many guitar and bass students. The students all played 1-2 pieces each, some students in small groups of 2-3. It was wonderful to see so many students working together and playing music.

Wednesday night was the voice and piano night, starting the night with a BBQ provided to the students by the lovely ladies on the parents and friends committee. All 28 voice students performed 1 song each, and it was so nice to hear the enthusiasm and support coming from the students in the audience. The night ended with the junior and senior choir treating the audience to songs such as 'Whistle down the Wind' and 'Who's Lovin' You'.

Congratulations to all the instrumental students at Mary MacKillop College. Your performances on these nights really demonstrates the hard work you put in over the year. Keep up the good work!



Audio Engineering

Coming in 2020....

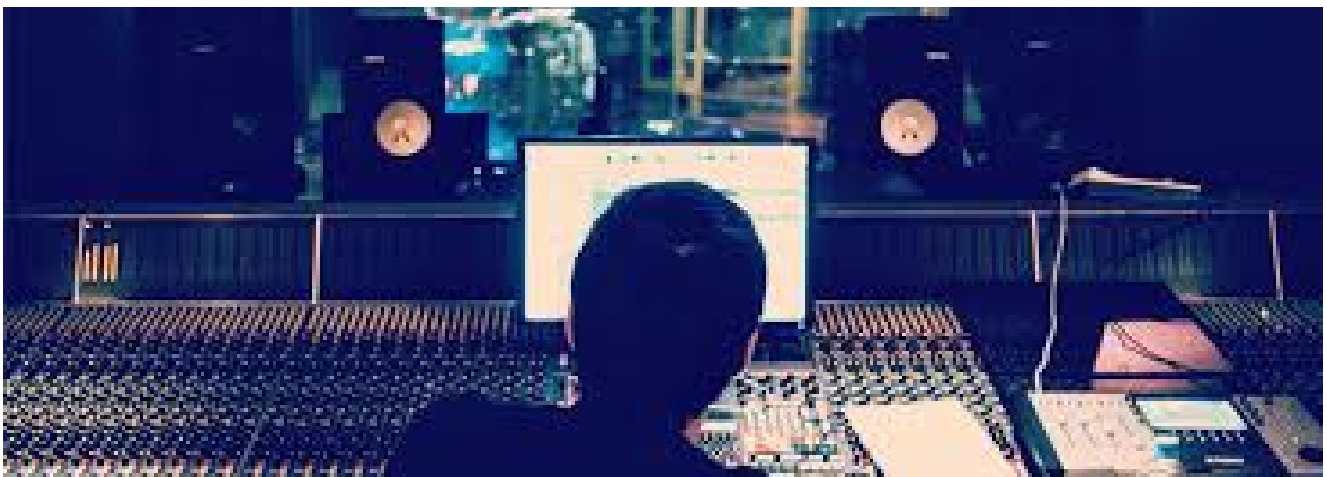
Students at Mary MacKillop College have expressed a growing interest in recording music. We listened and did our research.

In 2020, students can now have one-to-one private lessons with our very own recording engineer.

Lesson details:

- \$40 per lesson
- 40 minute lessons (either weekly or fortnightly)
- Students can learn to record, mix and master their own CD's

If your child is interested in this, please email Ms Poletti at epoletti@mmcrc.catholic.edu for more information on how to sign up for lessons in 2020.



MUSIC QUIZ CORNER

Complete the quiz below and hand back to student reception to receive your prize!

- **MAKE SURE YOU PUT YOUR NAME ON YOUR QUIZ**
- **MUST BE HANDED IN TO THE OFFICE BEFORE THE LAST FRIDAY OF EACH MONTH**

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W O L F S T R I N G S P N S N
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G R A N D F A T H E R T J A W
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L V P S B T G A R D E N Q O B
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P O N D C L I M B S N C A T W

bassoon	moscow
bird	noose
boy	oboe
cat	Peter
clarinet	pond
climbs	Prokofiev
composer	rope
duck	russian
flute	scolds
fly	Sergei
forest	strings
french horn	swallows
garden	swim
gate	tree
grandfather	wall
locks	wolf



2020
Instrumental
Lessons

SIGN UP NOW!!!

AVAILABLE

LESSONS

2020

- *Drums*
- *Guitar*
- *Trumpet*
- *Trombone*
- *Saxophone*
- *Flute*
- *Clarinet*
- *Voice*
- *Audio Engineering*

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