



Westlake Girls High School  
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## Westlake Girls High School Music Department

### A vibrant and busy department

- Curriculum – Three options for Year 9 students (Experienced, Beginners & Art & Music Integrated). Please complete a music enrolment form when you enrol in music option.
- All Year 9 options lead into Year 10 options and continue into senior study in NCEA (two strands of Extension & Contemporary).

### Co-curricular music

- Top level is combined with WBHS Premier Symphony Orchestra, Chamber Orchestra, Choralation Choir, Concert Band, Big Band, Chamber Groups and our all Girls' Choir – Cantare.
- All premier groups are directed by top level conductors with international experience in their field.
- Tours happen annually for National festivals (Choralation & Cantare choirs both in Big Sing National Finale). Every few years a large international tour is organised.
- In 2014 a tour group of 150 students competed in Summa Cum Laude Competition Vienna, mostly winning gold against adult competitors. A concert tour of Hungary completed the three week European Tour.
- All groups auditioned annually and based on ability only.
- Plenty of groups available for students to gain practical experience in performance: Taharoto orchestra, Symphonic Band, Nota Bella Choir, En Masse Choir, Funk Band, student led Rock Bands, Volante String Group, Flute Choir,
- All groups have numerous performance opportunities within our local communities such as schools and Retirement Villages, as well as competing in Regional Music Festivals.

### Itinerant lessons

- Ministry funded itinerant lessons available on almost every instrument- Year 9's must sign within the first two weeks of school commencing to get a place as it is popular scheme.
- Enrolment forms available from music department office.
- Prospective International Students should provide an electronic file of their performance playing their instrument or singing.

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