



Westlake Girls High School



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A vibrant and busy department

You can study Music in Year 9 and then in Years 10-13 students can choose between Contemporary Music or Music Studies.

There is a Specialist Music Course for experienced musicians. 9MUSM is a full-year course that caters for students who have previously learnt, and are currently learning, a musical instrument.

Co-curricular music

- Premier groups include the Symphony Orchestra, Chamber Orchestra, Choralation Choir, Concert Band, Big Band, Chamber Groups and 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.
- A major highlight of 2018 was the combined Choralation and Voicemale choirs (comprised of 27 Westlake Girls students and 50 Westlake Boys students) tour to Italy. This exceptional trip included performances in Rome, St Peter's basilica in Vatican City, Florence, Sienna, Pisa and Venice. In 2020 Cantare is travelling to Boston, Toronto and New York, where they will perform at Carnegie Hall.
- 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-up within the first two weeks of school commencing to get a place as it is a 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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