



Westlake Girls High School



Musical Achievements at Westlake Girls

Westlake Girls is proud of its vibrant and busy Music Department with many and varied co-curricular ensemble groups that contribute to its longstanding reputation for excellence. Each Premier ensemble group has a development pathway leading in, ensuring that every young musician is developed, whatever their starting level. Our association to music at Westlake Boys High School, allows us to cooperate in numerous mixed ensembles, providing socialisation through music making. For many years the Westlake schools have dominated regional and national music competitions as well as achieving great success in many international competitions.

2019 was an outstanding year of success for our premier groups. For the first time in Big Sing history, all three Westlake Choirs (Choralation, Cantare and Voicemale) were awarded Gold for their recitals.

At the KBB Festival Westlake Symphony Orchestra was awarded gold and "Best Performance of a Romantic Work". Westlake Concert Band was awarded Gold and "Best Performance of an Arranged Work and Pre-1950 Work". Westlake Big Band was awarded Gold, Westlake Chamber Orchestra Silver, Taharoto Orchestra Bronze and Symphonic Band Bronze. Both the Symphony Orchestra and Concert Band were invited to perform again in the Gala Concert as one of the top four ensembles in their category. Many Westlake students also participated in the KBB Honours Orchestra and Jazz Band, directed by the adjudicators.

The last International music tour was in 2018 when Choralation and Voicemale choirs travelled to Italy in July to perform music in Rome, St Peter's Basilica in The Vatican, Florence, Siena, Pisa, Cremona and Padua.

During the year, all of the Westlake music ensembles perform within the school and for the local community.

Choirs

Kotahi Singers (All-comers - girls), Cigno Voce (Senior Choir - girls), Nota Bella (Development - girls), Cantare (Premier - girls), Choralation (Premier - mixed)

Instrumental Groups

Symphonic Band (Development - girls), Taharoto Symphony Orchestra (Development - mixed), Westlake Symphony Orchestra (Premier - mixed), Westlake Chamber Orchestra (Premier - mixed), Westlake Concert Band (Premier - mixed), Westlake Big Band (Premier - mixed)

Ensembles

Chamber Music groups (Development and premier - girls), Rock Bands (Development - girls), Volante String Group (Development - girls)

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