Benefits of Music Education:

Music Education uniquely and holistically develops creativity, self-esteem, teamwork, self-expression, initiative, self-concept, communication, problem solving and self-confidence. Most importantly, music is one of the major ways in which young people define and express their identity. In terms of artistic experience, personal fulfilment and educational development, music has high value. Students have considerable autonomy in the way they engage in musical activities in comparison to other educational activity.¹

A two-year study in Switzerland of 1200 children scientifically demonstrated playing music improved children's reading, verbal skills, concentration, memory and self-expression. Children made rapid developments in speech and learned to read with greater ease. They also learned to like each other more, enjoyed school more and were less stressed, indicating they were better able to handle performance pressure.³ Students report that the expressive Arts provide opportunities for building confidence and the development of a sense of self.²
The Specialised **Music** Program

- Takes practical Music-making as a starting point.

- Develops instrumental, performance, compositional and theoretical skills and abilities through non-threatening practical and games-based activities.

- Provides students with an excellent foundation with which to succeed in Upper School.

- Promotes a relaxed and welcoming environment in which to work and create, including workshops, excursions and camps.

- Provides students with excellent performance opportunities at formal and semi-formal Concerts, College Celebrations, Festivals, and more informal events such as Lunchtime Concerts.

- Offers a wide range of Bands and Ensembles in which to participate; Swing Band, Barbershop Vocal Group, Jazz Ensemble, Brass Ensemble, Percussion Ensemble, Flute Ensemble, Woodwind Ensemble, DJ Crew.

- Provides excellent facilities and equipment, including professional-level recording and DJ equipment and software.
Post-School Music Pathways

- University (Music can contribute to the entrance score for any University course)
- TAFE (Certificate IV/Diploma in Music, Music Production, or Music Business)
- Professional and/or Recreational Music Making (Semi-Professional, Amateur Musician)

Potential Music-related careers include

- Performer
- Army/Navy/Air Force Musicians
- Composer/Arranger
- Music Therapist
- Sound Engineer/Editor (live, studio, radio, TV, film)
- Recording Engineer
- Music Director
- Sound Designer
- Publishing
- Promotions, Merchandising, Marketing
- Teacher (Instrumental, Classroom, Lecturer)
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