

## ENSEMBLES



### **CHAMBER STRINGS**

The STMC Chamber Strings began in 2019 under the directorship of Ms Jodie Davis. The ensemble is intentionally small ranging from 4 to 8 students and serves a wonderful purpose of providing background music in the foyer/courtyard for College celebrations and functions. The Chamber Strings is a wonderful addition to the Co-curricular program.

### **CLARINET ENSEMBLE**

The STMC Clarinet Ensemble is an exciting new initiative for 2020 under the directorship of Mr Ian Bray. The College looks forward to their premier performance at College Assembly as well as witnessing the development and progress of this new ensemble.

### **COLLEGE ORCHESTRA**

The STMC College Orchestra was a new initiative to the College in Term 4, 2019. Directed by Ms Jodie Davis, the orchestra was trialed in this term to gauge interest in a large ensemble inclusive of all instruments. The College Orchestra is currently part of the 2020 Ensemble Program and the College envisions that with current interest, it will be a permanent one.

### **CONCERT BAND**

The STMC Concert Band includes brass, wind and percussion instruments. This band is one of the College's larger bands and is a supportive environment for young musicians to learn or further their ensemble skills and etiquette. Under the directorship of Mr Scott Browne, music is chosen from a wide range of styles and genres, including classical, jazz, contemporary pop and movie greats.

### **CONTEMPORARY CHOIR**

The STMC Contemporary Choir directed by Ms Dana Musil, is open to all students of the College from years 7 to 12. The Choir has performed at fetes, festivals, competitions and is a regular feature at College Assemblies and Liturgies. The students create beautiful harmonies

with many of them learning vocal tuition at the College. Repertoire is taken from all genres from Classical to Jazz to Pop.

### **DJEMBE BAND**

The Djembe Band will begin in 2021 for Years 7, 8 and 9. It is a new initiative resulting from the fact that all Year 7 and 8 students learn the Djembe as part of their Music Taster course.

### **DRUM LINE**

The STMC Drum Line is a popular ensemble at the College directed by Ms Jodie Davis. Students march in step, perform drills, stick tricks and a high standard of rhythmic sets on a variety of drums, all from memory. The Drum Line performs in the Brisbane City ANZAC Day March as well as the Sunnybank RSL and compete in a variety of Percussion Eisteddfods across the year.

### **FLUTE ENSEMBLE**

The STMC Flute Ensemble is an exciting new initiative for 2020 under the directorship of Mr Ian Bray. The College looks forward to their premier performance at College Assembly as well as witnessing the development and progress of this new ensemble.

### **GUITAR ENSEMBLE**

The STMC Guitar ensemble is an acoustic guitar-based ensemble. The repertoire covers styles of music ranging from rock to blues and pop. The ensemble is directed by Mr Steven Williamson and students compete in a variety of festivals such as QCMF and Caboolture Band Spectacular Festival (CBS), as well as at College functions.

### **JAZZ ENSEMBLE**

The STMC Jazz Ensemble began in 2019 under the directorship of Mr Scott Browne. The ensemble has already achieved outstanding recognition at both the QCMF and CBS Music Festivals and has already performed at the College Night of Excellence. The College looks forward to watching this ensemble develop over the next few years as it attracts more students to the genre of playing Jazz.

### **JUNIOR CONTEMPORARY BAND**

With the 2019 success of the Junior Rock Band, it was necessary to form a second Middle School Band by the end of 2019. The Junior Contemporary Band, like the Rock Band includes rock instruments and vocalists but is also inclusive of a variety of orchestral instruments such as brass and strings. This new band is directed by Mr Steven Williamson and music repertoire consists of a variety of genres and styles.

### **JUNIOR POP BAND**

With the popularity of Middle School Bands, a third band formed in 2020 to accommodate students who were interested to sing popular songs. The groups of girls enjoy singing songs in parts, in unison and harmony. The band rehearses weekly and is directed by Mr Steven Williamson.

### **JUNIOR ROCK BAND**

The STMC Junior Rock began in 2019 and was a new initiative to offer students in the Middle School their own Rock Band. Directed by Mr Steven Williamson, the Band premiered at the first Whole School Assembly in 2019 and since then has competed in a variety of competitions and festivals. The Band has been most popular with Year 7 and 8 students particularly, resulting in a two new Middle School Bands starting up in 2020. The Junior Rock Band performs a range of music from the Rock and popular genres. The most outstanding achievement in 2021 was entering the National Rockfest and being awarded the best Junior Rock Band in the country. Great work from students who are just in year 8!

### **MARCHING BAND AND COLOUR GUARD**

The STMC Marching Band is for all percussion, brass and woodwind students and is accompanied by a choreographed Colour Guard which provides visual as well as aural appeal. The Marching Band, under the directorship of Ms Jodie Davis, is frequently called on to perform at various College and community events, including Awards Night, the Sunnybank RSL and the Brisbane City ANZAC Day March.

### **PERCUSSION ENSEMBLE**

The STMC Percussion Ensemble is a new initiative for 2020. The ensemble will include some drums as well as pitched instruments such as the xylophone and glockenspiel. The new ensemble, under the directorship of Ms Jodie Davis, has attracted interest from across the student body and the College looks forward to watching the development and progress of this exciting new ensemble. The College is also looking to starting up a Djembe Ensemble in 2020, focussing on students from years 7 and 8.

### **PERFORMANCE CHOIR**

The STMC Performance Choir, created in 2018, caters to students who are highly skilled in vocal performance. The entry into this choir is through audition and students are encouraged to try out for a position in this group on an annual basis. Students can only audition, however, if they are already part of the Contemporary Choir. Repertoire includes modern and classical music and focusses on part singing and more complex harmonies.

### **SAXOPHONE ENSEMBLE**

The STMC Saxophone Ensemble is directed by Mr Ian Bray and includes Alto, Tenor and Baritone Sax players. While competing in the regular Festivals such as QCMF and CBS, the ensemble has become a regular at a range of College events such as the Sports Awards Night, the Becoming More Event, Year 7 Information Night, Visitors Day, etc.

### **STRING ENSEMBLE**

The STMC String Ensemble is open to any student who plays a string instrument: violin, viola, cello or double bass. The Ensemble has been delighting its audience for many years now and is a regular feature at almost every event at the College, gaining notable recognition in recent festivals. The group, under the directorship of Ms Jodie Davis, plays repertoire from a range of genres from Classical to popular music.

### **WOODWIND ENSEMBLE**

The STMC Woodwind Ensemble includes a wide range of wind instruments such as piccolo, flute, alto flute, clarinet and bass clarinet. Students are under the directorship of Mr Ian Bray and the ensemble regularly performs at College events as well as the usual Festivals and competitions.