## INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC PROGRAM Year 7 2025



**Dear Parents and Caregivers** 

Aveley Secondary College offers an Instrumental Music program with the Instrumental Music School Services. Instrumental Music offers students opportunities to develop musical skills, appreciation and expression, as well as opportunities for diverse community involvement.

There is a limited number of places in the Instrumental Music program. Students who apply are selected based on the results of an aptitude test, interest in learning a musical instrument, parent commitment and support and physical suitability to play their selected musical instrument.

Research shows there are many benefits to learning a musical instrument, including helping children develop and mature as well as improve their self-esteem and respect for others. Music may also help children in other areas of school as they develop critical thinking and problem-solving skills. It brings a balance to the curriculum.

The specialist instrumental teachers are qualified musicians and registered teachers. There are approximately 260 full-time and part-time teachers, many of whom had their first lessons in the instrumental music program. A number of teachers have achieved postgraduate qualifications. Some also play professionally around Perth and many participate in or direct community-based ensembles in their spare time.

To ensure all parents have a thorough knowledge and understanding of the program and its operation at Aveley Secondary College, we will be holding an information and aptitude testing night at a date still to be confirmed. You will have the opportunity to ask questions and your child will sit the aptitude test to give us a direction of the best instrument for their success.

If your child is interested in applying for a place in the Aveley Secondary College Instrumental Music Program, please complete the application form and email it with your Expression of Interest for Enrolment form to Aveley.SC.Enrolments@education.wa.edu.au by Friday 16 August 2024.

Kind regards

**Ben Clapton** 

**Director of Music** 

benjamin.clapton@education.wa.edu.au

Samantha Voak

**Head of Performing Arts** 

samantha.williams@education.wa.edu.au