



# Musician Development Program (MDP)

## Mission Statement

For Kambrya College to be the school of choice for young and aspiring musicians. We will foster a culture of music performance and musicianship at junior level and provide strong music pathways in order to effectively prepare students for VCE Music Performance. We strive to make better musicians.

## What is the Purpose of the Program?

The MDP (formally *Instrumental Music Program*) caters for young musicians from all backgrounds that wish to pursue their interest in music performance and excellence beyond the scope of the junior classroom music program.

The program aims to provide your child with the opportunity to:

- Apply practical instrumental knowledge on their chosen instrument
- Perform regularly in a variety of contexts in front of their peer group, other members of the college and the wider community
- Perform and participate in a music ensemble/s
- Further develop and expand their knowledge and musicianship through exposure to different genres and styles and expert instruction
- Be involved in an exclusive program with students across all year levels 7-10
- Gain access to industry professionals

## How is the Program Structured?

Over the course of their schooling, students who are enrolled in MDP will be subject to/have access to the following:

- 1x 30-minute lesson with an instrumental music specialist on their chosen instrument focus - on rotating basis during class time
- Admission into an MDP Ensemble as directed by the instrumental specialist - dependent on instrument/level - at lunchtime or before school as stipulated by the instrumental specialist
- MDP specific incursions
- Professional guest speakers / Master classes
- MDP Performance Master classes
- MDP Annual Camp or Program (TBA)
- The opportunity to enter to be selected to perform at the College Evening of Excellence for the Arts
- Excursions to see live performances
- Solo performance opportunities in an MDP Studio Concert once a term
- Group performance in specific MDP ensemble concert once a term
- Performance opportunities for important College events
- School based social performances (lunchtimes etc.)
- Access to community presence and interaction via an MDP app or community base (TBA)
- Use of rehearsal/practice rooms and performing arts facilities for non-college/personal music use at recess/lunchtimes

Please note the nature of this program and the above items are heavily dependent on the number and type of applicants and may be subject to change at any time.

## What are the Expectations of Students in the Program?

Expectations are high for students in the MDP. Your child will be expected to:

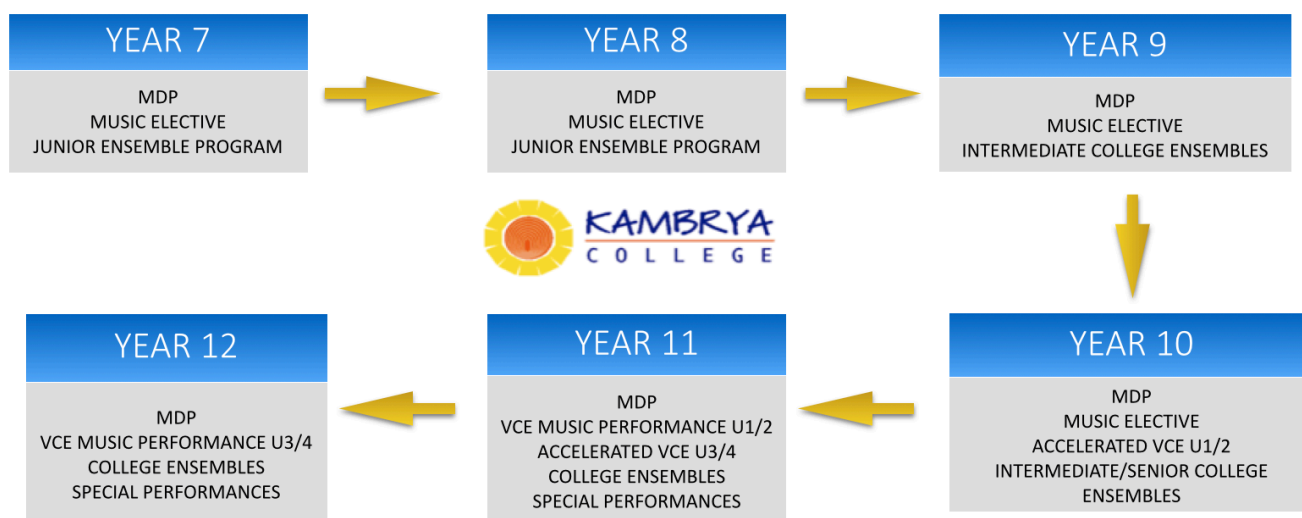
- Have a willingness to perform regularly in front of others including other college ensembles
- Actively participate in the program, rehearsals and performances as determined by music staff
- Have access to the instrument of their choice outside of the college and commit to regular practice at home each week on material given in their instrumental music lesson
- Have an open mind when being exposed to new, different and unfamiliar styles of music
- Conduct themselves in a manner that meets the College's rules and expectations
- Demonstrate professionalism at all times towards staff and ensemble members
- Maintain 90% attendance to all lessons, classes and scheduled masterclasses

## How are Students Assessed Throughout the Program?

Students will be assessed informally via the following:

- Regular performances in solo/group contexts. This is accompanied by feedback from their instrumental/classroom Teachers.
- Semester Ensemble Performance participation - concerts/performances
- Semester LAB reports

## How does MDP fit into the Music pathways at Kambrya College?



## Are There Any Fees Associated With the Program?

As participation in the Musician Development Program is voluntary, not all of the cost will be covered within the College budget. In 2020 the entry fee for the MDP will start from **\$400 annually** but is dependent on the instrument chosen, instrument hire options, consumables throughout the year as well the possibility of excursions/incursions. A comprehensive fee list and structure will be available in your enrolment pack, which will outline each instrument area and associated costs including hire if applicable.

Students who may not be eligible for the lesson program due to teachers being at capacity or through own choice may wish to participate in ensembles only. This means they are still an MDP member and will have all the other benefits of the program but don't have the 30-minute instrumental music lesson each week.

### What does the MDP fee cover?

- Maintenance of music equipment and instruments
- Specialised instruction
- Rehearsal/Concert Programs
- Access to industry professionals (MDP Masterclasses)
- Course materials – including purchase of music/backing tracks etc.
- Access to Kambrya College Theatre/Practice Rooms/Rehearsal Spaces
- Excursions/Tours/Masterclasses/Guest Speakers

## Application Process

Parents wishing to enquire further about this program are encouraged to attend an information session on 20<sup>th</sup> March 2019 or 30<sup>th</sup> April 2019 at 6:00pm. (School Tours are available before hand at 5.15pm).

All students wishing to apply for entry into this program will need to be aware of the following information:

- Due to the College's rapid enrolment growth, **it is highly unlikely that any students from outside the Designated Neighbourhood Boundary (DNB) will be accepted for enrolment in 2020. This applies to all students, including those wishing to apply for special curriculum programs (SEAL, ADP, MDP).** We will be catering for all students within our DNB first, and will most likely to be at full capacity. Students outside the DNB who have older siblings who will continue to be enrolled at the College in 2020 are exempted and will be guaranteed enrolment into mainstream classes. In 2019, 430+ families applied, and 125+ outside the DNB were declined
- Please refer to our webpage: <http://www.kambryacollege.com/> Transition and Enrolment tab for further information

The Special Programs application process is listed below:

### Stage 1:

- Complete and submit an initial expression of interest, submit application to Kambrya College, **no later than May 10<sup>th</sup> 2019**
- Ensure that KAMBRYA COLLEGE is your number one preference on the Application for Year 7 Placement form (obtained from your child's Primary School)

### Stage 2:

- If your child is accepted into Kambrya College, you will receive an enrolment pack in mid-August 2019. You will then be required to complete an MDP Application form including preference of instrument and student intentions and return it to the college **by 23<sup>rd</sup> August 2019**
- Please understand that this is an application form and **does not** automatically guarantee entry into MDP

### Stage 3:

- The MDP team will consider all applications and after careful consideration will communicate with all applicants by early to mid-December 2019 of their decision if successful. Offers will be advised via the **primary email contact** provided on the MDP application form
- Unfortunately, not all applicants will be able to be catered for due to various constraints. In the event that all instrument positions are at capacity, students will remain on a waiting list or may look to seeking a different instrument

### Stage 4

- Students who seek interest in a Brass or Woodwind instrument will not automatically receive their first preference and instead will be invited to complete a trial in the first two weeks of Term 1, 2020. This allows students to try all of the possible instruments and specialist will give a recommendation to what instrument is best suited to the student based on natural ability, ease of making a sound and availability in their lesson blocks. This process ensures a greater rate of success for the student. Offers will then be considered and sent out to parents by end of Week 2 Term 1 2020
- Any student who has been offered a position in MDP and to learn an instrument will have their application form processed and the applicable fee invoiced to their Kambrya College account. Alternatively, parents can make other arrangements with the office to pay the required fees as best suited to their situation

Timelines and application forms will be made available at the information session, as well as the College website [www.kambryacollege.com](http://www.kambryacollege.com)