



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 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:

- Be part of initial, low pressure group junior training programs to assess interest and foster basic skills on instrument/s
- Apply practical instrumental knowledge on their chosen instrument and have pathways to do this
- 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, learning from others
- 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 7-12
- Gain access to industry professionals live and up close

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:

- Larger, low pressure group lesson environments and ensemble participation for new/junior students (Training Program)
- Weekly 30-minute lessons with an instrumental music specialist on their chosen instrument focus - on rotating basis during class time (MDP core structure – Group/Solo)
- Lower tuition fees (Tiered)
- Admission into an MDP Ensemble/s as directed by the instrumental specialist - dependent on instrument/level at lunchtime or before school as stipulated by the instrumental specialist – rehearsals weekly
- MDP specific incursions such as masterclasses featuring industry professionals
- 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 Concerts
- Group performance in specific MDP ensemble concerts
- Performance opportunities for important College events
- School based social performances (lunchtimes etc.)
- 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:

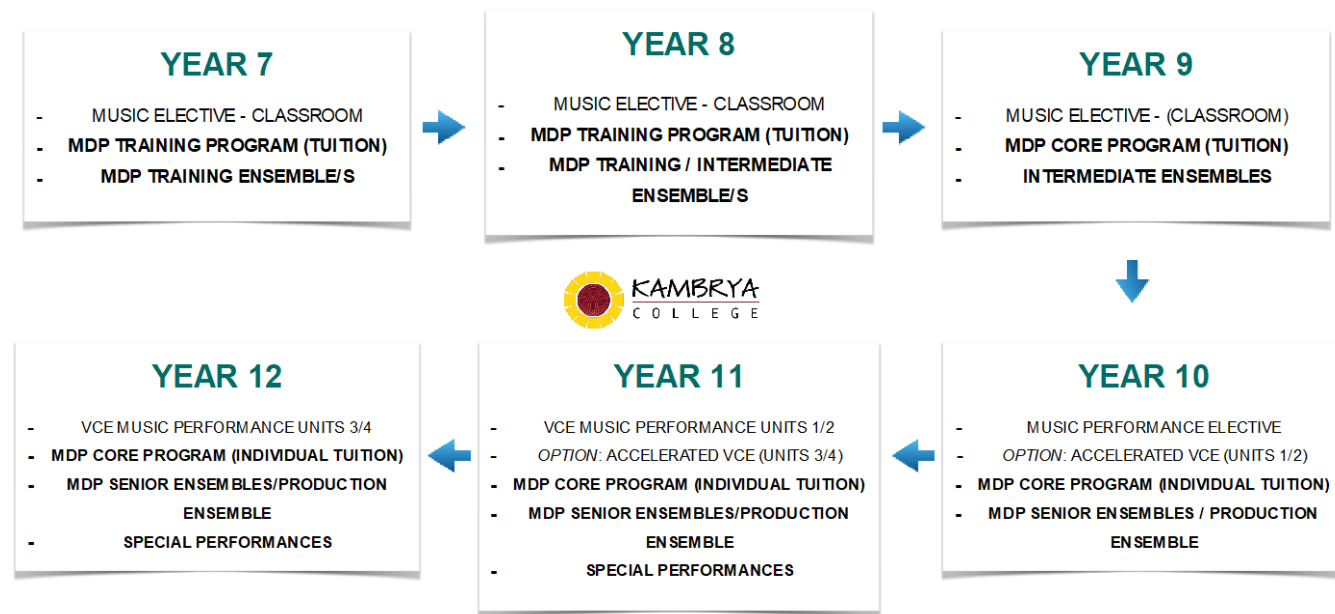
- Have a willingness to perform regularly in front of others including other college ensembles
- Actively participate in the program, rehearsals and performances as determined by music staff
- Have access to the instrument of their choice outside of the college and commit to regular practice at home 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 80% 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 2021, fees for the MDP 2022 will be on a tiered basis starting from \$200p/a for base training programs (group lessons) and charged according to whether students are in group or individual lessons, Junior students will be automatically allocated to training program in year 7 and this will continue into year 8 at the discretion of the instrumental music teacher. Positions and subsequent fees in MDP are 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 later, which will outline each instrument area and associated costs including hire if applicable.

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 when required etc.
- Access to Kambrya College Theatre/Practice Rooms/Rehearsal Spaces
- Excursions/Tours/Masterclasses/Guest Speakers

Application Process

All students wishing to apply for entry into this program will need to be aware of the following information in conjunction with the Year 7 2022 Specialised Program Application Process:

- Enrolments are provided to students within our School Zone as set out by the Department of Education and Training. We foresee that students within our school zone or with older siblings enrolled for 2022 will most likely bring the school to full capacity in Year 7 for 2022. **This applies to all students, including those wishing to apply for special curriculum programs (SEAL, ADP, MDP)**
- Please refer to our website: <http://www.kambryacollege.com/year7-transition/> for further information

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The Special Programs application process for MDP is listed below:

Stage 1:

- If your child is accepted into Kambrya College, you will receive an enrolment pack in mid-August 2021. You will then be required to read through the provided information and subsequently complete an MDP Application form including preference of instrument and student intentions and submit online to the head of music. **Note the MDP application form will be made available around late August/early September – updated information will be provided in the enrolment pack.**
- Please understand that this is an application form and **does not** automatically guarantee entry into MDP – allocations will be announced for successful candidates later in Term 4

Stage 2:

- The MDP team will consider all applications and after careful consideration will communicate with all applicants by early to mid-December 2021 of their decision if successful. Offers will be advised via the **primary email contact** provided on the MDP application form.
- Unfortunately, in some cases, not all applicants may 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. Junior students can expect to be allocated to the training program.

Stage 3

- Students who seek interest in a Brass or Woodwind instrument will not automatically receive their first preference and instead will be invited to complete trials in the first two weeks of Term 1, 2022. This allows students to try all of the possible instruments and a 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/finalised and sent out to parents by end of Week 2 Term 1 2022
- Any student who has been offered a position in MDP and to learn an instrument will have their application formally processed, an electronic payment form sent via email and the applicable fee invoiced to their Kambrya College account upon return of this form. Please note that lessons for successful applicants will not be able to commence without a down payment of a minimum of one terms' tuition. Parents can make alternative arrangements with the Accounts office to pay any remaining fees as best suited to their situation.

Timelines and application process will be made available at the information session, as well as the College website <http://www.kambryacollege.com/year7-transition/>

Please note that the application process, may change at any stage. Should we be required to make changes our college website will have relevant information for all parents. We encourage parents to check our website regularly for any updates.