

# Music Extension Program (MEX)



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## What is the Music Extension Program (MEX)?

Music Extension (MEX) is specifically designed to extend students who have already developed sound music reading and performing skills throughout the primary years of education. This exciting two and a half year program allows students to develop advanced skills in a challenging atmosphere, with other likeminded musicians. Students enrol for a full 2.5 year course and are required to participate in at least one school extra-curricular music ensemble.

Music Extension involves creative performance opportunities that involve full class performances, small group and solo performances. Students develop skills in a variety of instruments (including guitar and keyboard), as well as voice. Students participate in a singing-based aural program (Kodaly) to develop advanced musicianship skills. An e-learning website is also used to develop aural skills. Students visually and aurally analyse music by deconstructing musical elements, and making connections with style, context and genre.



# Music Extension Program – FAQ

**Q: The MEX application asks for documentary evidence (if applicable) of my child’s musical education. What is this?**

**A:** AMEB Certificates – (the highest certificate only), Trinity College certificates, references from private teachers (you do not need a reference from school instrumental teachers as these are included in your child’s report card), Eisteddfod certificates, etc.

**Q: My child learns an instrument at Primary School. Is he/she able to enrol in MEX?**

**A:** Yes. The program is designed specifically for these students. They may be required to audition to see that they have achieved a satisfactory standard.

**Q: My child has not completed any AMEB exams. Can he/she still apply to be in MEX?**

**A:** Yes. Your child should obtain a reference from their private teacher outlining the standard of their playing and the duration of their learning. This should be brought to their audition day as part of any supporting documentation.

**Q: My child sings/plays guitar/plays the drums. Can they still apply to be in MEX?**

**A:** Yes. For guitarist - as long as your child can read music notation (not just TAB) they can apply to be in the program. If your child is auditioning on drum kit, they must also audition on a pitched percussion instrument (e.g. xylophone or glockenspiel).

**Q: Will my child be required to participate in an ensemble?**

**A:** Yes. All MEX students are required to be in at least one ensemble **and** the Year 7 Choir (*Vox Nova*). Rehearsals take place before school at 7:30am.

**Q: Are there costs associated with the program?**

**A:** There are costs associated with the Instrumental & Vocal Music Program and your child will be required to be part of this program if they are in MEX. On application for a place in a Program of Excellence, a \$200 administration fee is also required. Costs are outlined on the KSHS website.

**Q: How do I apply? What is involved in this process?**

**A:** Please refer to the school website for this information and read the *Program of Excellence Enrolment Guide*:

[www.kenmoreshs.eq.edu.au/curriculum/programs-of-excellence/music-extension](http://www.kenmoreshs.eq.edu.au/curriculum/programs-of-excellence/music-extension)

Music Extension auditions will be held on Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> June 2024. Students will be required to present their live audition in front of a panel. Please see [MEX Audition Requirements](#) documentation for specific details. In addition to this live audition, students are also required to perform a short sight-reading exercise on their

auditioning instrument as well as sit a short written music theory quiz aimed at an AMEB preliminary level (note identification, rhythmic values, musical signs and definitions).

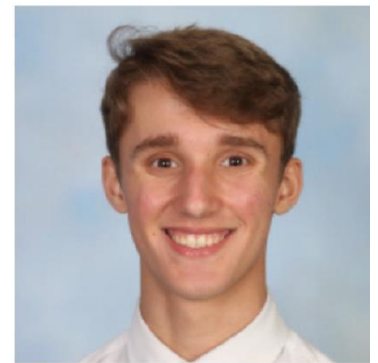


*“Kenmore State High School's Music Extension Program is a great program that extends your musical skills and knowledge in every way. I chose to be part of MEX because I had been playing piano and violin from a young age and really enjoyed music. MEX is always a highlight of my week because of my teachers, the friends I've made in the program and the practical lessons. MEX has challenged me and taught me great group work and performance skills.”*

**Asha Baldwin (Year 12)**

*“You get to understand unfamiliar musical styles and broaden your artistic horizons, all the while building confidence and learning communication skills to last a lifetime. For a warm atmosphere to accelerate your music ability, I'd choose Music Extension.”*

**Edward Perry (2023 Graduate)**



*“The Music Extension Program at Kenmore is renowned for creating talented performers, composers and musicologists, but more than that - more than crotchets and quavers, thirds and fifths, major and minor - Music Extension teaches students invaluable life-skills.”*

**Kitty McNaughton (2022 Graduate)**

## Want to know more?

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