

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 to effectively prepare students for VCE Music Performance. We strive to make better musicians.**

PURPOSE OF MDP

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 groups, 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 7-12
- Gain access to network with industry professionals

STATS ON MDP IN 2024

Students enrolled in MDP: 210

No. of Ensembles: 12

No. of instruments offered: 11

MDP Teaching Staff: 9

Performance opportunities:

- Studio and Ensemble Concerts •
- Courtyard Performances • Tours •
- Assemblies • Evening of Excellence •
- Production • Many more!

HOW IS THE PROGRAM STRUCTURED?

Students who are enrolled in MDP will be involved in/have access to the following:

- **1 x 30-minute weekly lesson** with an instrumental music specialist on their chosen instrument. Lessons occur on a rotating basis during class time either in larger or smaller groups or individually. Lesson times will appear on students' Compass schedules.
- **Admission into an MDP Ensemble** as directed by the instrumental specialist - dependent on instrument/level at lunchtime, before/after school as stipulated by the instrumental specialist – Participation in a relevant ensemble is compulsory to receive subsidized fee (See: fee structure for details)
- MDP specific **incursions**
- MDP Performance **Master classes**
- 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 semester – These concerts are compulsory for all MDP students
- **Performance opportunities** for important College events such as assemblies etc.
- **Songwriter class** initiatives
- School based **social performances** (lunchtimes etc.)
- Regular personalised **feedback/communication** with Instrumental Music teachers via MS Teams
- Use of rehearsal/practice rooms and performing arts facilities for non-college/personal music use at recess/lunchtime



Please note that inclusions are heavily dependent on the number and type of applicants and may be subject to change at any time.

YEAR 7 MUSIC – BRIDGING THE GAP

Classroom Music will not be offered in Year 7. Mainstream classroom Music classes will commence in Year 8 for one semester. Bridging this delay to music tuition is where MDP can help. We strongly encourage Year 7 students to enroll in MDP, so they are able to begin their music studies and develop their practical skills as soon as possible. When undertaking practical studies, such as playing an instrument, early adoption is paramount in maximising the potential of each student over the course of study.

Year 7 MDP students will be part of the **Junior Musician Program**, where they will complete an **MDP Theory Certificate**. Here they will work with their instrumental teachers, in small groups, to complete practical, technical and theory tasks over a semester, that align with the Victorian School Curriculum. Students will be assessed on these elements throughout the year by their instrumental teacher and will obtain a certificate at the conclusion of the semester. This program will enable students to have the best opportunity to be at the expected level (or above) when commencing Year 8 classroom music and beyond. Joining MDP in Year 7 will also provide new students with further opportunities to meet like-minded students and be part of a large team of students across year levels.

We believe this early exposure to music and involvement in learning an instrument to be extremely important in giving students every opportunity to explore and excel in music related pathways throughout their schooling.

HOW ARE STUDENTS ASSESSED IN MDP?

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
- Junior Musician Program – Level Certificates with ongoing assessments

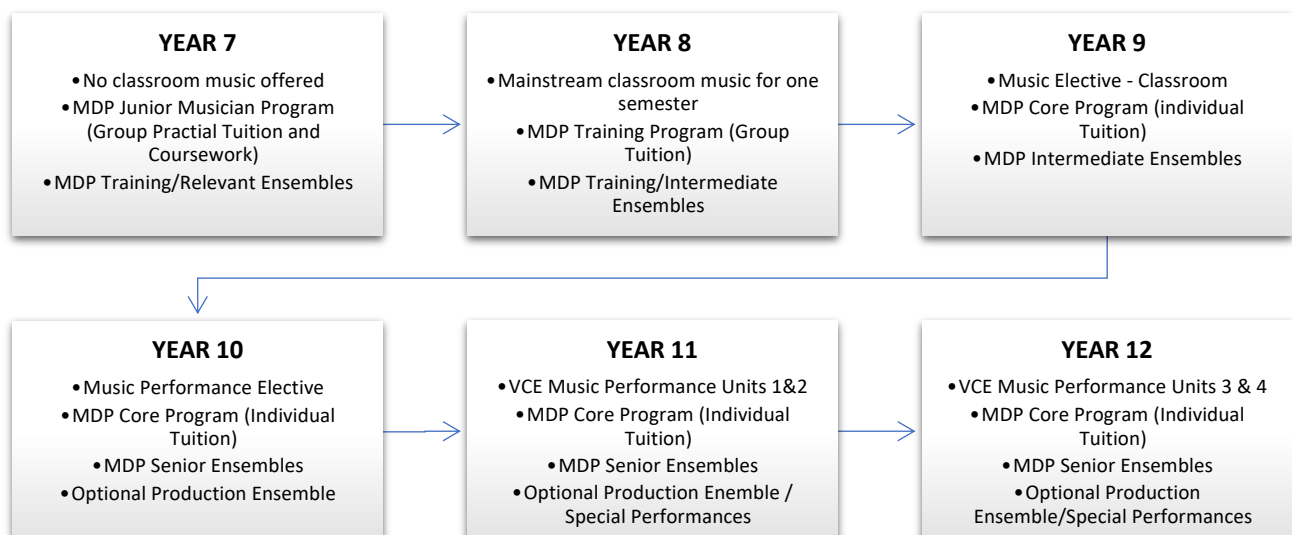
EXPECTATIONS FOR MDP STUDENTS

- 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, always demonstrating professionalism towards staff/ensemble members and maintain 80% attendance to all lessons, classes and scheduled masterclasses.

MDP STUDENT WELL-BEING BENEFITS

- Discipline • Creative Thinking • Self-Management & Organisation • Teamwork • Sense of Achievement • Boost for Self Esteem & Self Confidence • Friendship • Fun • Stress Relieving • And so much more!

HOW DOES MDP FIT INTO MUSIC PATHWAYS AT KAMBRYA?



WHAT FEES ARE ASSOCIATED WITH MDP?

As participation in the Musician Development Program is voluntary, not all of the cost will be covered within the College budget. The entry fee for the MDP starts from \$240 annually but is dependent on level, tuition structure, the instrument chosen, instrument hire options, consumables throughout the year as well the possibility of excursions/incursions. A comprehensive tiered, fee list and structure is below, which will outline each instrument area and associated costs including hire if applicable.

Students accepted into MDP will be allocated to lessons based on their level, year and experience. This is solely at the discretion of the music director and in

consultation with the instrumental music teacher/s. It is expected that beginner students in Year 7-9 will be allocated to training/group lessons and later years students (10/11/12) will be allocated to individual lessons. Individual tuition is only reserved for senior students in the primary instance. Tuition fees are tiered dependent on student enrolment.

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.

APPLICATION PROCESS

1. Consider and read through the proceeding specific information for MDP and the **apply via the electronic MS Forms link provided by the college.**
2. The MDP team will consider all applications and after careful consideration will communicate with all applicants by mid to late Term 4 of their decision if successful. **Offers will be sent out/advised via the primary email contact** provided on the MDP application form.
3. 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. This will be communicated via email.
4. Students who seek interest in a Brass or Woodwind instrument may be invited to complete a trial in the first two weeks of Term 1, 2025. 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 and sent out to parents by end of Week 2 Term 1 2025.
5. Any student who has been offered a position in MDP and to learn an instrument will have their application formally processed and the applicable fee invoiced to their Kambrya College account. 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 office to pay any remaining fees as best suited to their situation.

OTHER THINGS TO CONSIDER:

Kambrya College's MDP Funding comes from the Region/Department, and it is this funding that allows us to offer a subsidised fee structure for our student that is so much more competitive than tuition prices outside of the college.

However, our funding is based on numbers of students in ensembles and so, whilst we also truly believe that ensemble participation is hugely beneficial, attendance at weekly rehearsals and designated performances as stipulated for the year is compulsory if you wish to benefit from these lower, subsidised prices – see fee structure below. **Compulsory performance events for the year are Ensemble Concerts (one per semester) and MDP Masterclasses (min 1 per semester).** Enrolment into MDP is subject to these conditions.

Performance in ensembles is essential to being a better musician but it also allows for our program to offer lower fees on eligible instruments. We also love to share the achievements of our students so recordings, videos and photos may be taken from time to time.

There may be incidental costs for students during the year in addition to the above fees - *camp, excursions for individual ensembles, band festivals* etc. You will be notified if this is applicable to your child as required. Additionally, students will be allocated into ensembles as directed by the instrumental teacher/director of music. New MDP students will also be required to purchase an MDP Performance Polo Shirt – one off purchase – \$35.00. This uniform can be used in subsequent years.

MUSICIAN DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM (MDP)

FEE STRUCTURE

MDP SUBSIDISED FEE STRUCTURE A – 2025 PRICE PER YEAR/ANNUM				
ITEM/DESCRIPTION – SEVR (Region) Part-Subsidised Instrumental Tuition				
Participation in Weekly Ensemble rehearsals & designated concerts/performances compulsory (including Ensemble Concerts p/semester)				
ITEM DESCRIPTION	JUNIOR	INTERMEDIATE	SENIOR	
	Year 7/8	Year 8/9	Year 10/11	Year 12
	<i>Training Ensemble / Group</i>	<i>Small Group (2 students)</i>	<i>Individual</i>	<i>Individual</i>
COMPULSORY FEE All Students MDP Masterclass Levy Allows MDP students to attend masterclasses through the year.	\$20			
COMPULSORY FEE All new students MDP Performance Polo Shirt Once off purchase. Polo can be used in subsequent years.	\$35			
Voice Guitar Bass Guitar	\$260	\$360	\$510	\$560
Drumkit / Percussion * Small Group Tuition Only	\$360 *		\$510	\$560
Trumpet Trombone Flute	\$240	\$300	\$460	\$560
Saxophone Clarinet Includes a limited supply of reeds through the college	\$290	\$340	\$490	\$590
Strings – Violin / Viola / Cello TBC – New potential instrumental offering for 2025. Expressions of interest only. Strictly subject to staffing/availability. Hire <u>not</u> available for strings.	\$260	\$360	\$510	\$560
Piano * Individual Tuition Only. Not subsidised through the college.	\$1400 *			
Instrument Hire Available for Year 7/8 students only (\$4.00 PER WEEK) for: Trumpet, Trombone, Clarinet, Saxophone/s, Flute, Euphonium. Students in Years 9-12 are expected to supply own instrument/s.	\$200 Year 7/8 students only		<i>n/a</i>	
MDP FEE STRUCTURE B ALTERNATIVE – 2025 PRICE PER YEAR/ANNUM				
ITEM/DESCRIPTION – Non-Subsidised Fee Structure (VMTA RATES). Participation in Weekly Ensembles NOT Compulsory.				
NOTE: ONLY CHOOSE THIS OPTION IF YOU DO NOT WISH TO PARTICIPATE IN ENSEMBLES AT THE COLLEGE AT ALL				
ITEM DESCRIPTION	JUNIOR	INTERMEDIATE	SENIOR	
	Year 7/8	Year 8/9	Year 10/11	Year 12
	<i>Training Ensemble / Group</i>	<i>Small Group (2 students)</i>	<i>Individual</i>	<i>Individual</i>
Non-Subsidised Instrumental Tuition – Available for all instruments. (Choice to opt out of participation in Ensemble/s every week) Fees based on Victorian Music Teachers Association (VMTA) rates of \$40.50 per 30 min lesson.	\$900	\$1200	\$1620	

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APPLICATION PROCESS

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Thanks for your interest in the Musician Development Program (MDP) at Kambrya outside of the mainstream classroom Music program.

Before applying for MDP, please ensure that you have consulted the information in this booklet as well as our **Terms & Conditions** and **Frequently Asked Questions** documents. These are available at the College website - <http://www.kambryacollege.com/music/>

Apply for MDP below:



KAMBRYA COLLEGE

MUSICIAN DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM

MAKING BETTER MUSICIANS

ONLINE MUSICIAN DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM (MDP) – APPLICATION FORM

Application form for students wanting to have instrumental music lessons and participate in ensembles at the college. Use this form to choose which instrument you wish to apply to lessons for at Kambrya College.

This application includes our masterclass levy / Polo shirt fee.

Apply here – <https://forms.office.com/r/HB2scTJhTU>

ENSEMBLES ONLY – EXPRESSION OF INTEREST

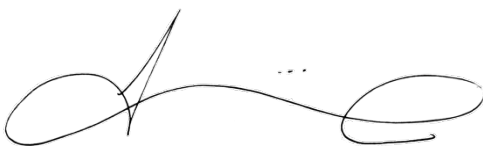
If your child is already receiving music tuition, already plays an instrument or perhaps, is just interested in being part of a college ensemble, please send register an expression of interest here – <https://forms.office.com/r/57VeFBfVbf>

After considering your situation and best scenario, **please review and complete the relevant form either via our preferred online process** (or in hard copy – form can be received on request) by **Monday 28th October 2024** should you wish to apply for a position in the Musician Development Program (MDP). If you have requested a hard copy form, this must be either returned directly to the college or scanned and emailed back to the MDP Coordinator.

The MDP Coordinator will contact you in late Term 4 to inform all applicants of vacancies available, as spots can be limited, and allocations are not guaranteed.

I look forward to having your child in the program.

Kind Regards,



Adrian Violi

Director of Music
MDP Coordinator

[Need clarification/more information?](#)

Consult our [Frequently Asked Questions](#) page or get in touch – MDP@kambryacollege.vic.edu.au

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