

PREPARATORY SCHOOL

MUSIC OPPORTUNITIES

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FOR ALL
STUDENTS

Musical opportunities in:

- ♦ Guitar
- ♦ Piano
- ♦ Vocals
- ♦ Drums

Brass instruments including:

- ♦ Trumpet
- ♦ Trombone

Woodwind instruments

- ♦ Saxophone
- ♦ Clarinet
- ♦ Flute

String instruments

- ♦ Violin
- ♦ Viola
- ♦ Cello

Opportunities

Here at the Preparatory School, we are proud to offer a diverse range of practical musical and band options to give our boys the best opportunity to engage in the musical life of Nelson College.

Private and group lessons

We provide opportunities for boys to take part in private and small group lessons within the itinerant music scheme run through Nelson College. Options are available for students to learn a diverse range of instruments from woodwinds and brass through to strings, vocals, piano, guitar and drums.

Musical ensembles

As their practical ability develops, we encourage our Prep boys to participate in as much ensemble playing as they can, to develop their ability to perform and enjoy playing instruments within a team.

Depending on numbers, students have the opportunity to be part of the Prep wind ensemble. We also have Prep bands that are lead by College music students.



College music leaders

Prep students benefit greatly with tuition from senior College music leaders who assist in running ensembles, coaching and sharing their musical knowledge.



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ACTIVE LEARNING GOALS

The learning of musical instruments in the Preparatory School years is of the utmost importance. This will best prepare the boys to succeed in music as they progress through Nelson College.

Musical opportunities are available to students once they move into Year 9 and during their time at College, and include trips away to the Webo festival in Wellington with the school concert band, involvement in the Rockquest band competition, CMNZ Secondary Schools Chamber Music Competition and more.

Vocal training

Opportunities are available for boys to take vocal lessons with itinerant teachers.



Students who play wind and brass instruments have the chance to represent Nelson College on a national level should they successfully audition for ensembles such as the National Secondary Schools' Brass Band or the National Secondary Schools Symphony Orchestra.



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