



Tempe High School

Extra-Curricular Music Ensembles

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Ensembles
Website Link

Percussion Ensemble

This ensemble encourages students to learn about the use of percussion in orchestra, latin percussion, video game and movie music. Students get the chance to choose repertoire and learn how to improvise, and it is a great opportunity for piano players to develop ensemble skills.

Rehearsals: 3:15-4:15pm on Monday afternoons in the Hall, with Teacher Dodd

Instruments: Piano, Drumkit, Mallet Percussion (Xylophone, Marimba, Glockenspiel), Djembes, all Percussion

Experience: Open to years 7-12, beginners and advanced players all welcome

Private tuition: Encouraged but not required

Sheet music reading skills: Helpful but not required

Choir

The Choir is an all-inclusive ensemble for interested vocalists and musicians. Along with school and community performances the Choir often takes part in large scale performances such as the Schools Spectacular Secondary Combined Choir and the NSW Arts Unit's In Concert series.

Rehearsals: 8:00-8:45am on Wednesday mornings in C6, with Ms Tillett

Instruments: Singers, student piano accompanist.

Experience: Open to years 7-12, beginners and advanced singers all welcome

Private tuition: Not required

Sheet music reading skills: Helpful but not required

Tempe Rovers

Tempe High School's Rovers is the entry ensemble for all wind, brass and percussion players entering the THS Ensemble Program. Rovers is Tempe's new-and-improved Concert Band equivalent: students will learn crucial ensemble skills and rhythm while performing New Orleans Jazz style festival music. Rovers are ready for any celebration, performing at community street fairs, and school events like the Athletics Carnival, Wear It Purple Day, and the 150th celebrations.

Rehearsals: 3:15-4:15pm on Wednesday afternoons in P5, with Sam Golding

Instruments: Flute, Clarinet, Oboe, Bassoon, Saxophones, Trumpet, Trombone, Euphonium, Tuba, Sousaphone, Marching Percussion

Experience: Aimed at year 7-8 students, beginners to Grade 3 AMEB equivalent. More experienced students are also welcome to join.

Private tuition: Encouraged but not required

Sheet music reading skills: Helpful but not required

Wind Ensemble

The Wind Ensemble is a smaller group tailored for wind, brass, and percussion students, providing a fantastic opportunity to develop skills in a supportive environment. Students will focus on improving music reading, collaboration, and musicality while challenging themselves with beautiful ensemble repertoire.

Rehearsals: 3:15-4:15pm on Thursday afternoons, with Murray Jackson

Instruments: Flute, Clarinet, Oboe, Bassoon, Saxophones, Trumpet, Trombone, Euphonium, Tuba, Bass Guitar, Drumkit, Percussion

Experience: Open to advanced students, Grade 4 AMEB or equivalent

Private tuition: Required

Sheet music reading skills: Required

Stage Band

The Stage Band offers students an exciting opportunity to expand their repertoire and develop jazz skills in a collaborative and dynamic environment. The ensemble regularly performs at prestigious venues such as Lazybones Lounge in Marrickville and the Sydney Conservatorium of Music, providing invaluable live performance experience.

Rehearsals: 4:30–5:30pm on Thursday afternoons in the Hall, with Murray Jackson

Instruments: Saxophones, Trumpets, Trombones, Piano, Guitar, Bass, Drumkit, Percussion. Additional woodwind and brass instruments are welcome too.

Experience: Open to advanced students, Grade 4 AMEB or equivalent

Private tuition: Required

Sheet music reading skills: Required

String Ensemble

This ensemble provides a welcoming space for string players to collaborate and develop their skills through a diverse repertoire, including folk, modern popular music, and classical pieces. Students will have the opportunity to enhance technical skills, explore musicality, and experience performing in a dynamic group setting.

Rehearsals: 3:15–4:15pm on Thursday afternoons in C6, with Mr Chapman

Instruments: Violin, Viola, Cello, Double Bass

Experience: Open to years 7–12, beginners and advanced players all welcome

Private tuition: Encouraged but not required

Sheet music reading skills: Required

Tuition at THS

We offer private music tuition at Tempe High School, both during and after school hours on site. These tutorials provide students with the opportunity to develop their musical skills and support their playing in music ensembles. Instruments available for tuition include brass (trumpet, trombone, and more), flute, clarinet, saxophone, bass, guitar, piano, drums, and voice. Lessons and fees are privately organised between parents, students, and tutors, with tutors coordinating directly with the school to arrange a suitable space on campus or offering lessons in their own studios. For tutor information and contact details please see our ensembles website:

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NOTES:

- The annual cost of joining a Tempe High School (THS) extra-curricular music ensemble is \$400 per student, and \$125 for every additional ensemble.
 - Choir is an exception, running as a free ensemble for 2025, to encourage improved wellbeing amongst all students.
- Participation in these ensembles is open to all committed students, regardless of financial circumstances. If you are experiencing difficulty with payments or would like to discuss alternative arrangements, please contact us. Scholarships are available for eligible students.
- THS extra-curricular music ensembles often perform at local festivals and band competitions, which may take place on weekends or weeknights.
- For certain performances, students are required to wear concert blacks: long black pants, a black shirt, and black shoes.
- Ensemble fees are invoiced by the school and are payable annually.
- Our ensembles program is supported by the THS P&C (parents and citizens) association. To get involved, please email: ensembles.tempehs@gmail.com

Expression of Interest

To sign up please do so at this link:
<https://forms.gle/KtDrnS4vwmj1mEzP6>



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