

Music Audition Requirements



Nerang State High School has a dynamic Arts culture and prides itself on providing opportunities for students to realise their creative potential. The Quality Arts Signature Program supports students to meet their academic and physical performance goals. Our Quality Arts program is committed to improving the popularity of Dance and Drama in the school and wider community.

What to wear:

Clothing that facilitates easy movement and is not constrictive. Do not wear baggy clothing as it that makes it difficult to see the application of correct technique and posture appropriate for instrument.

- Supportive footwear.
- Hair neatly tied off face.

What to prepare:

- 1-minute solo in a classical, popular, rock and contemporary style.

Please no other styles. We understand that students may be really good at improvisation but our curriculum programs do not cover this aspect of musicianship in the junior years.

Music must be either on a USB or mobile device. Make sure it is a proper music file (mp3 format or similar) and not a YouTube clip. This can be time consuming when we are waiting for songs to load from the internet.

What to bring:

To assist in our audition, we suggest applicants bring:

- Water bottle.
- Instrument.
- Copy of sheet music.
- Backing track or SMART Music app on a device to play for accompaniment.
- Method Book - For example: Standard of Excellence, Sound Innovations.

What happens in the audition?

- Students will be given 10 minutes prior to their audition to access a practice room to warm-up, tune their instrument and prepare for the audition.
- Students will play their prepared piece to assess their ability to perform for an audience
- Finally, students will be asked to play a few scales to assess their technical ability and sight read a short music excerpt.

What happens after the audition?

- All applicants will be notified via email of the outcome of the audition.
 - There are 26 positions available in the QA classes.
- The Head of Department can be contacted for feedback via email after students have been told of the outcome.
- Two year 7 scholarships will be awarded for this program and will cover the costs of the Student Resource Scheme and the Signature Program fee. Successful students will be notified via email.
- A meeting will be held within the first week of school the following year to welcome all Quality Arts students to the program and complete their expectations contract.