The Monte Sant’ Angelo Music Academy provides both individual instrumental and voice lessons, and opportunities for girls to play and sing in ensembles.

**Individual Lessons**

Lessons are available in voice, and in a number of instruments: String, Brass, Woodwind, as well as Piano, Guitar, Drums/percussion, Harp, Musicianship and Theory, and Composition. Some large instruments are available for hire, with an expectation that girls will have their own instruments after a year of lessons.

Music Academy students receive eight 40-minute lessons per term at a cost of $400.00 per term. Lessons are held in the dedicated music rooms upstairs in the Performing Arts Department. Lessons are held in class time, but are timetabled so that girls do not miss the same curricular class every week. Senior students or girls with special needs sometimes are able to have lessons out of class time, by negotiation. Payment for lessons is made direct to the Music tutor.

Girls/parents need to complete a Music Academy registration form and return it to the Performing Arts Department before lessons can be commenced.

**Co-curricular Music Ensembles**

All girls in Music Enrichment or Elective classes, and all girls taking individual lessons should join a performance group. These ensembles include: Wind Ensemble; Concert Band; Stage Band; Flute Choir; Chamber Winds; Orchestra; Chamber Strings; Years 7-10 String Groups; Junior or Senior Choir; Monte Singers; Saxophone, Percussion and Guitar Ensembles.

Some groups are open to all girls, eg, Choir, and some groups require audition. There is a fee for participation in an ensemble and this will be added to your school fees account at the end of Term 1 2014.

Rehearsals are generally once a week, before or after school or at lunch time. There may be additional rehearsals prior to Eisteddfod or competition performances. Entry to these is included in the ensemble fee.

At the beginning of 2014 a form will be available for ensemble participation: this must be completed before girls can join.

**On line Information**

A copy of the full Performing Arts/Music Academy booklet for 2014 will be available early in the year on the Monte website under Co-Curricular/Music Academy. This will give you some idea of the groups and costs involved. Girls involved in the Music Academy will be able to get full information about their ensembles via Montenet.