



MONTE SANT' ANGELO MERCY COLLEGE

CO-CURRICULAR PERFORMING ARTS PROGRAM





Drama and Theatre

Monte Sant' Angelo Mercy College's Co-curricular Drama and Theatresports offer a fantastic platform for students to unleash their creativity, ignite their imagination, and develop skills in communication and collaboration. With a range of exciting opportunities, we provide a nurturing environment where students can thrive, make lifelong friendships, and develop a deep passion for the dramatic arts.

Screen and Stage Skills (SASS)

Students discover the foundations of acting and unlock their potential on the stage and screen. SASS empowers students with tools to participate in theatrical endeavours, laying the groundwork for further Drama and Theatre Studies at Monte and beyond. Students learn acting fundamentals such as listening and characterisation. This course is exclusively offered to Year 7 and 8 students.

Theatresports

Students can unleash their spontaneity and quick thinking with Theatresports. Through engaging improvisational exercises, students build confidence and skills. Working collaboratively in teams, students develop characters, create settings, and improvise short scenes based on a variety of exciting scenarios, games, and challenges. Theatresports is a thrilling and dynamic experience that nurtures creativity and builds resilience.

Music Theatre Club

For students who have a passion for singing, dancing, and acting, the Music Theatre Club is the perfect fit. Open to all year groups, this club meets regularly to prepare songs, scenes, and dances from popular shows. Students showcase their talents through various performances throughout the year, where they have the opportunity to shine and share their love for musical theatre with others who share the same passion.

Musicals

Students and the wider community come together to immerse themselves in the enchanting world of musical theatre as they engage in awe-inspiring performances. Monte's annual musical productions are a highlight of the College year, showcasing the extraordinary talents of Monte students. Whether students dream of gracing the stage with their presence or prefer to work behind the scenes as part of the stage and technical crews, there's a role for everyone. Each year, Monte strives to deliver an even more spectacular show, with past productions including beloved favorites like *Frozen JR.*, *Matilda JR.*, *Wicked*, *Mulan JR.*, and *High School Musical*.



Music

Our Co-curricular Music program offers a wide range of musical ensembles, providing students who play instruments or sing with a platform to showcase their talents, enhance their skills, and immerse themselves in the joy of music.

Open to all, ensembles can offer much more than individual practice sessions. They are dynamic learning environments that allow students to collaborate, develop and refine essential performance techniques, which cannot always be fully explored in private lessons or classrooms alone.

Benefits of Music

Playing a musical instrument has been proven to have numerous benefits that extend beyond musical skill development. Studies have shown that students who engage in music:

- Display self-discipline and responsibility.
- Increase their self-esteem and confidence.
- Engage in social interaction.
- Develop coordination.
- Adopt creative problem-solving skills.
- Celebrate team, school and community spirit.

Research indicates that students who engage with music tend to excel in other academic subjects, demonstrating the positive cognitive impact of musical training.

Enhancing Performance Techniques

Participating in our ensembles, students develop skills such as ensemble coordination, musical interpretation, and the art of engaging an audience. Through regular rehearsals and performances, students gain confidence and become well-rounded musicians.

Enriching Opportunities

Throughout the school year, ensemble members embark on a rich musical journey. They actively participate in workshops, concerts, competitions, and our annual Music Camp. These immersive experiences provide intense learning and performance opportunities, expanding students’ musical horizons and allowing them to showcase their talents. By embracing these activities, students not only grow as musicians but also develop a deeper appreciation for the art form.

Brass Players	Percussion Players	Piano Players	String Players	Vocalists	Woodwind Players
Concert Band	Concert Band	Concert Band	Advanced Strings	Angelo Singers	Flute Ensemble
Saxophone Quartet	College Orchestra	College Choir^	College Orchestra	The Madeleines	Stage Band^
Stage Band^	Taiko Ensemble		Guitar Ensemble	College Choir^	Wind Ensemble
	Stage Band^		Rock Band		
	Wind Ensemble		Stage Band^		

Membership in an ensemble is expected for all students having private lessons in the Monte Music Academy. Students studying elective Music in Years 9-12 and students in the Year 7 and 8 Enrichment Music classes must be fully committed members of at least one major ensemble.

^Monte offers Senior and Junior ensembles.



Instrument Lessons

We offer tuition in a wide range of areas, with a focus on preparing students for AMEB (Australian Music Examinations Board) and Trinity examinations. Our expert instructors are committed to guiding students on their musical journey, helping them develop their skills, and preparing them for successful examinations.

Lessons are available in the following:

Brass	String	Woodwind	Other
Euphonium	Cello	Bass Clarinet	Composition
French Horn	Double Bass	Clarinet	Drums and Percussion
Trombone	Guitar and Bass Guitar	Flute	Musicianship and Theory
Trumpet	Viola	Oboe	Piano and Keyboard
Tuba	Violin	Saxophone	Voice

Major Events

Monte Celebrates Music

Monte Celebrates Music is a vibrant evening that brings together our talented students, their families, teachers, and the wider community to celebrate the power of music. It is a joyous occasion that showcases the remarkable musical journey each student has undertaken, reflecting their growth and dedication. Additionally, we recognise and honor the achievements of our students through the presentation of annual music awards, acknowledging their exceptional contributions to the musical community at Monte.



Music Tour

Students are provided the opportunity to attend Monte’s overseas Music Tours. Tours allow students to broaden their musical horizons and experience the magic of music on an international stage. The tour also provides students with the chance to perform in other schools, outdoor and iconic venues, and participate in enriching clinics led by expert professors. It is an immersive experience that enhances their musical skills, fosters cultural exchange, and creates lifelong memories.



Our next Music Tour will take place in 2024, touring France, England and Ireland.

