



# Belconnen High School

## COURSE OUTLINE Semester 2, 2026

Course Title: **8 Music**  
Faculty Head: Jo Hopman

Faculty: **The Arts**

### Description of Course

In Year 8 Music, students will be given the opportunity to begin or deepen their understanding of music through exploration of the elements of music and how they are applied across different styles and genres. Students are able to learn or develop their skills on piano/keyboard, guitar and vocals, and possibly other instruments by negotiation. Through composition, performance, theory and musicianship tasks they will compare how these elements are used in different versions of songs by other composers and apply this knowledge to guide their own performances and compositions. Through evaluating their own work and that of others, students will develop an appreciation of music as a form of personal and cultural expression. This is a practical class with a view to expanding both knowledge of music and technical skills on an instrument.

### Learning Outcomes

- Analyses how the elements of music and/or compositional devices are manipulated in music they compose, perform and/or experience
- Adopts text structures to organise, develop and link ideas when writing and creating
- Evaluates the ways music from across cultures, times, places and/or other contexts communicates ideas, perspectives and/or meaning
- Describes respectful approaches to composing, performing and/or responding to music
- Demonstrates listening and aural skills when composing and performing
- Manipulates elements of music and compositional devices to compose music that communicates ideas, perspectives and/or meaning
- Notates, documents and/or records the music they compose
- Manipulates elements of music when performing their own and/or others' music
- Demonstrates performance skills when performing music for audiences

### Materials Required

Students will have access to a google classroom where class tasks and assessment items will be displayed, therefore a device is required. The assessment dates for this subject will appear on the students google calendar. Students can refer to the BHS Study Skills Guide and the BHS website for assistance with assessment tasks. The Assessment and Reporting Policy is available on the school website. Items Required Chromebook or suitable device Notebooks, pencil case and equipment.

### Homework Required

Students will be expected to complete a variety of tasks outside of class time. This may include, teacher-set homework, research for tasks, revision for tests, review of class work and more.

### Assessment Schedule

|                         | Due Date   | % Weighting |
|-------------------------|------------|-------------|
| Performance             | 03/09/2026 |             |
| Written Tasks - Ongoing | 20/11/2026 |             |
| Composition             | 02/11/2026 |             |
| Performance             | 28/10/2026 |             |

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