PERFORMING ARTS

BANDS

Senior Jazz Band

Senior Jazz Band consists of brass, woodwind and rhythm section instruments in the form of a traditional big band. It is suitable for students with at least 1 or 2 years' experience and is offered to students in Years 7 - 12. In addition to a weekly rehearsal schedule, the Jazz Band participates in many performance events throughout the year. The main focus for this group is jazz, swing and contemporary music.

COORDINATOR AND	Mrs Donna Deroost
CONTACT	dde@gmas.wa.edu.au
Start Date:	Term 1, week 2 Monday
Venue:	Ensemble Room
Time:	8.00am
Year level	Years 7 - 12
Uniform	Normal
Maximum number:	-
Communication:	An expression of interest meeting is held at the beginning of
	each year. This meeting will be advertised in the Daily
	Notices and in Home Room.

Junior Band

Junior Band consists of brass, woodwind and rhythm section instruments. It is offered to students in Years 4 - 6. In addition to a weekly rehearsal schedule, the Junior Band participates in many performance events throughout the year. The main focus for this group is an introduction to symphonic band repertoire, as well as giving students the experience of performing in a group.

COORDINATOR AND	Mrs Kate Telchadder
CONTACT	kte@gmas.wa.edu.au
Start Date:	Term 2, Week 2 Friday
Venue:	Ensemble Room
Time:	8.00 - 8.30am
Year level	Years 4 - 6
Uniform	Normal
Maximum Number:	-
Communication:	An expression of interest meeting is held at the beginning of
	each year. This meeting will be advertised in the Daily
	Notices and in Home Room.

CHOIRS

Junior School Choir (Showstoppers)

Showstoppers is for children from Years 4-6. The aim is to learn basic parts and harmonies to chosen songs. As a choir they sing for school and community events as well as the Bunbury Performing Arts Eisteddfod.

COORDINATOR AND	Mrs Susan Thompson
CONTACT	sth@gmas.wa.edu.au
Start Date:	Term 1, Week 2 Wednesday
Venue:	Ensemble Room
Time:	7.30am
Year level	Years 4 - 6
Uniform	Normal
Maximum Number:	-
Communication:	Expression of interest meeting will be held at the beginning
	of each year. This meeting will be advertised in the Daily
	Notices.

Secondary School Choir

Secondary School Choir is open to all Secondary School students with a passion for singing. The choir performs throughout the year at assemblies, school and community events as well as the Bunbury Performing Arts Eisteddfod.

COORDINATOR AND	Mr Philip Watts
CONTACT	pwa@gmas.wa.edu.au
Start Date:	Term 1, Week 2 Wednesday
Venue:	Music classroom
Time:	7.30am
Year level	Years 7 - 12
Uniform	Normal
Maximum Number:	-
Communication:	Expression of interest meeting will be held at the beginning
	of each year. This meeting will be advertised in the Daily
	Notices.

ST MARY'S SCHOLARSHIP ENSEMBLE

The St Mary's Instrumental / Vocal Scholarships are awarded to four students each year. Students must be entering Middle School or Senior School to apply. Applications open at the end of Term 3 with auditions being held during Term 4. Scholarship holders rehearse every Tuesday lunch time and perform at a St Mary's Anglican Church Sunday morning service once a month throughout the year.

COORDINATOR AND	Mr Philip Watts
CONTACT	pwa@gmas.wa.edu.au
Start Date:	Term 1 Week 2 Tuesday
Venue:	Fitzgerald Practise Room
Time:	Lunchtime
Year level	Years 7 - 12
Uniform	Normal
Maximum Number:	-
Communication:	Scholarship auditions are held in Term 4 of every year.

ORCHESTRAS

Senior Orchestra

The Senior Orchestra is open to all Middle and Senior School instrumental students. This ensemble caters for a variety of instruments including strings, woodwind, brass and percussion. In addition to weekly rehearsals, the Orchestra participates in a range of performance events throughout the year, including the Bunbury Performing Arts Eisteddfod. The Senior Orchestra is a fantastic avenue for students to improve their notation reading while performing iconic music works with peers.

COORDINATOR AND	Mrs Kate Telchadder
CONTACT	kte@gmas.wa.edu.au
Start Date:	Term 1, Week 2 Thursday
Venue:	Ensemble room
Time:	7.30am
Year level	Years 7 - 12
Uniform	Normal
Maximum Number:	-
Communication:	Expression of interest meeting will be held at the beginning
	of each year. This meeting will be advertised in the Daily
	Notices.

Junior Orchestra

Junior Orchestra is open to Junior School instrumental students. This ensemble caters for a variety of instruments including strings, woodwind, brass and percussion. In addition to weekly rehearsals, our Junior Strings participate in many performance events throughout the year, including school concerts and the Bunbury Performing Arts Eisteddfod. Junior Strings is a great introduction to the skills required for playing music in an ensemble.

COORDINATOR AND	Mrs Kate Telchadder
CONTACT	kte@gmas.wa.edu.au
Start Date:	Term 1 Week 2 Tuesday
Venue:	Ensemble Room
Time:	7.45am
Uniform	Normal
Maximum Number:	-
Communication:	Expression of interest meeting will be held at the beginning
	of each year. This meeting will be advertised in the Daily
	Notices.

Senior Strings

Senior Strings consists of string instruments and is suitable for advanced string players, ideally at a minimum of Grade 3 AMEB. In addition to a weekly rehearsal schedule, the Senior Strings participate in many performance events throughout the year, including the Bunbury Eisteddfod. The main focus for this group is to improve string techniques and ensemble skills whilst exploring the rich repertoire of baroque string genres.

COORDINATOR AND	Mrs Kate Telchadder
CONTACT	kte@gmas.wa.edu.au
Start Date:	Term 1 Week 2 Friday
Venue:	Ensemble Room
Time:	3.30 - 4.45pm
Uniform	Normal
Maximum Number:	-
Communication:	An expression of interest meeting is held at the beginning of
	each year. This meeting will be advertised in the Daily
	Notices and in Home room.

Year 3 Strings program

Year 3 students are offered the opportunity to learn a string instrument for a semester. Tuition and instrument hire is free, and in addition to weekly instrumental lessons, the students combine to play in a string ensemble. This group present a final end of semester concert to showcase their newly- acquired string skills, and to experience performing on a stage.

COORDINATOR AND	Mrs Kate Telchadder
CONTACT	kte@gmas.wa.edu.au
Start Date:	Semester 1, Week 2 & Semester 2, Week 3
Venue:	Ensemble R\room
Time:	TBC
Uniform	Normal
Maximum Number:	
Communication:	Information is sent home with students. Participation in the
	program is optional, but enrolment does require full
	commitment for the semester.

Year 4 Band program

Year 4 students are offered the opportunity to learn a woodwind or bass instrument for a term. Tuition and instrument hire is free, and in addition to weekly instrumental lessons, the students combine to play in a band. This band rehearsal takes place during classroom Music, and every child in the class participates on an instrument. This class presents a final end of term concert to showcase their newly- acquired string skills, and to experience performing on a stage.

COORDINATOR AND	Mrs Kate Telchadder
CONTACT	kte@gmas.wa.edu.au
Start Date:	Each Term, Week 1
Venue:	Mrs Deroost's Music classroom
Time:	TBC
Uniform	Normal
Maximum Number:	
Communication:	Information is sent home with students. Participation in the
	program is optional, but enrolment does require full
	commitment for the term.

Year 5 Band program

Year 5 students are offered the opportunity to learn a brass, saxophone or bass instrument for a semester. Instrument hire is free, and in addition to weekly instrumental lessons, the students combine to play in a band ensemble. This group present a final end of semester concert to showcase their newly- acquired band skills, and to experience performing on a stage.

COORDINATOR AND	Mrs Kate Telchadder
CONTACT	kte@gmas.wa.edu.au
Start Date:	Semester 1, Week 2 & Semester 2, Week 2
Venue:	Ensemble room
Time:	TBC
Uniform	Normal
Maximum Number:	
Communication:	Information is sent home with students. Participation in the
	program is optional, but enrolment does require full
	commitment for the semester.

YEAR 7 ROCK BAND

Year 7 Rock Band consists of traditional rock band and rhythm section instruments. It is suitable for students with at least 1 or 2 years' experience. In addition to a weekly rehearsal schedule, the Rock Band participates in many performance events throughout the year. The main focus for this group is contemporary rock/pop music.

COORDINATOR AND	Mr Philip Watts
CONTACT	pwa@gmas.wa.edu.au
Start Date:	Term 1, Week 2 Monday
Venue:	Music classroom
Time:	Friday lunchtime
Uniform	Normal
Maximum Number:	-
Communication:	An expression of interest meeting is held at the beginning of
	each year. This meeting will be advertised in the Daily
	Notices and in Home Room.

PRODUCTION

SECONDARY SCHOOL - MUSICAL SCHOOL PRODUCTION

The main School Production each year is a musical with students undertaking an audition process to be involved. Productions aim to provide students with opportunities to showcase their skills and talents whist working productively with many others in a supportive and encouraging environment.

COORDINATOR AND CONTACT	Mrs Sue Thompson
	sth@gmas.wa.edu.au
Start Date:	Auditions, Term 1 – Performance, Term 3
Venue:	Ensemble Room, MAC
Time:	Monday 3.30 - 6.00pm / Wednesday 3.30 - 5.30pm, some
	lunchtimes and some weekends
Uniform	Normal (plus costumes)
Maximum Number:	As script/auditions specify
Communication:	Auditions will be advertised via posters, in the daily notices and in
	the school newsletter.

JUNIOR SCHOOL EXTRAVAGANZA

The Junior School Extravaganza each year is a musical item from each Year 3-6 class. This production aims to provide students with an opportunity to showcase their music and drama skills on stage in front of a large audience.

COORDINATOR AND CONTACT	Mrs Kath Campbell
	kca@gmas.wa.edu.au
Start Date:	Term 3
Venue:	MAC
Time:	Class items are devised and practised in school time
Uniform	Normal (plus costumes)
Maximum Number:	All Year 3 - 6 class participates
Communication:	Will be conducted to parents through classroom teachers

CLUBS

MEDIA CLUB

The GMAS Media Club is a popular avenue for students to pursue their passion for Media. Students are given the opportunity to cover a large variety of school and community events, developing their skills in real world experiences while receiving support from our Canadian exchange Media teacher Ms Debra Merriman. Events covered include Cinefest, the Busselton Fringe Festival and the GMAS Fashion Parade. Some Media Club members have also had great success in recent film and photography competitions.

COORDINATOR AND CONTACT	Ms Debra Merriman
	dme@gmas.wa.edu.au
Start Date:	Term 1

Venue:	Media classroom
Time:	Thursday 3.30 – 5.30pm
Uniform	Normal
Maximum Number:	-
Communication:	An expression of interest meeting is held at the beginning of each year. This meeting will be advertised in the Daily Notices and in Home room.

PERFORMING ARTS CLUB

The Performing Arts Club is a student run initiative with consultation from the Arts Department that aims to give students in Years 7-12 opportunities for performance practice. Students are able to put their name down to perform to peers in a friendly, positive and encouraging environment. Performers may ask for constructive feedback if they wish to receive it.

COORDINATOR AND CONTACT	2018 Year 12 students Mazey O'Reilly and Nathanial Jackson oreillym@gmas.wa.edu.au and jackson@gmas.wa.edu.au
	oremym@gmas.wa.edd.ad
Start Date:	Term 1
Venue:	Ensemble room and / or MAC
Time:	Lunchtime (day to be advised)
Uniform	Normal
Maximum Number:	-
Communication:	An expression of interest meeting is held at the beginning of each
	year. This meeting will be advertised in the Daily Notices and in
	Home room.

Twinkles Violin Club

String students in Pre-primary to Yr 3 are invited to join this weekly string group session. Students play through the Suzuki Book 1 repertoire in the group, with the aim of improving confidence and technical skills.

COORDINATOR AND CONTACT	Mrs Kate Telchadder
	kte@gmas.wa.edu.au
Start Date:	Week 3 Term1
Venue:	Stravinsky Room
Time:	3.30 -4.15pm
Uniform	Normal
Maximum Number:	
Communication:	Information is sent home with students.