

MUSIC PROGRAMME



**"If I were not a physicist, I would probably be a musician. I often think in music. I live my daydreams in music. I see my life in terms of music... I get most joy in life out of music."
-Albert Einstein**

Music defines a culture, which in turn strengthens and sustains both individual and community growth. Incorporating music into a child's educational experience is key and has proven to be beneficial in overall development. Memory, coordination skills and spatial IQ are just some of the areas which can be enhanced through this discipline. Vocal and instrumental applications motivate and encourage students to express opinions and emotions, consequently building self-confidence and self-esteem. Furthermore, music gives students the opportunity to explore and celebrate cultural differences. It is through a structured and cross curricular program that an authentic learning experience can be created.

East Hill's music programme is offered to all students from Kindergarten to Cycle 3 and is taught by music specialists. Kindergarten students receive 30 minutes of instructional time and Cycles 1, 2 and 3 receive 90 minutes per week.

The programme offers each student the opportunity to explore and build music's main competencies; inventing, interpreting and appreciating. A wide array of percussion instruments, keyboards, drums, the recorder, vocal skills, and computer software are just some examples of the tools used to complement the program. While all instruments are incorporated throughout all Cycles, the recorder is officially introduced in level 2.

Through the acquisition of theory skills (such as reading and writing music notation), practical techniques, and computer software, students learn how to compose and interpret different styles of music. A great emphasis is also placed on appreciation of the roots of the music studied; that is, its history and cultural links. It is believed that a deeper awareness for humanity can be developed through the study of all aspects of music.

Also key to the East Hill music programme are annual concerts at which time students are given the opportunity to share their learning, as well as their instrumental and vocal progress with the community.

**"Music is the universal language of mankind."
-Henry Wadsworth Longfellow**

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