The study of music fosters intellectual, physical and emotional development. In addition to teaching students instrumental techniques, playing music develops concentration, commitment and study skills, and bestows upon students a unique musical experience, from which they will benefit for the rest of their lives.

‘Music nurtures the soul...’

Williamstown High School provides an excellent Music Program developed through years of experience and hard work. The program provides a valuable co-curricular experience for many students across both campuses.

As the nature of the instrument can dictate, piano players often work on an insular basis. By participating in piano master classes, we hope to offer students the opportunity to connect with and benefit from working with other piano players. This year we will offer a series of master-classes and performances geared towards intermediate to advanced piano students who learn piano privately.

With the help of the Parents and Friends Association, the Ex-student Association and private donors, the Music Department has had the fortune to purchase a concert grand piano, which is currently housed in the Atrium of the Bayview Campus. Students participating in Piano Program will have the opportunity to play on a world-class instrument and receive professional feedback.

The WHS Piano Program does not include piano lessons. It is geared towards piano students who learn privately and would like to further develop their skills. This Program is ideal for students who would like to connect with other piano players, develop their exam repertoire and learn to perform with confidence. For VCE Solo Performance students, this provides a unique opportunity for students to trial exam pieces, listen to music from outside their repertoire and benefit from professional insight.

Master classes:
A master class is a class given to students of a particular discipline by an expert of that discipline. Master classes will take place in the Atrium three times a year and each master class will have a different focus. Students will work with professional pianists who will workshop and demonstrate a variety of techniques and skills; each focusing on a range of performance techniques.

Performances:
Piano students will have the opportunity to perform each semester on the grand piano. Our students may also enjoy regular performances throughout the year as musical items are often required for school assemblies, open days, local community events and special activities.

Piano students are encouraged to utilise the grand piano during lunchtimes or after school for rehearsing and performing.

Fees:
Please refer to the Application Form for fee details. All payment inquires/requests should be directed to the Business Manager on 9397 1899.

How to Participate in the WHS Piano Master classes:
All WHS piano students of an appropriate standard have the opportunity to participate in the Piano Program. If you would like your child to be part of the Piano Program, please complete the attached Application Form and return to the main office. Upon receipt of this form you will be contacted by the Music Co-ordinator and invoiced accordingly.
What we require of students participating:

Students eligible to participate should have been playing for at least three years or be of a Grade 3 or above AMEB standard. Students will have the opportunity to attend three masterclass sessions throughout the year and perform at two concerts. Parents should ensure that students are maintaining a regular practice routine.

Further Information:

If you have any queries please contact either of our two Directors of Music:

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PIANO MASTER CLASS APPLICATION FORM

Student name: ................................................................. Home Group: .......
Home Phone Number: .................. Mobile number (parent) .......................
Email address (parent)............................................................

➢ The fee for involvement in the Piano Master Class program is $175 (please do **not** pay this until you receive an invoice)

Please sign below if you have read and agree to the terms stated. This form must be signed by a parent or a legal guardian.

This is confirmation that my child ____________________________ wishes to participate in the Piano Master Class program at Williamstown High for the annual fee of $175.

Parent name___________________________________________

Parent signature________________________________________

Date____________________________________________________

To help us determine prior experience please complete the following:

1. Please state previous experience on the piano by describing: piano/keyboard experience and reason for interest in the program. This may include: time studied, exams taken, self-taught experiences etc.

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2. What would you hope to gain from participating in this Program?

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*Please return this application to the main office at the Bayview or Pasco Campus*  
*by the end of week 1, term 1.*