



CO-CURRICULAR ARTS AND CULTURE

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Dio has a significant number of co-curricular arts activities in which our students can be involved.

Current activities are:

Barbershop
Choir(s)
Culinary Art
Debating
Dance Group(s)
Guitar Ensemble

Instrumental Groups
Junior Drama Club
Kapa Haka
Student Magazine 'Noise'
Performance Lessons
Jazz Band

Production
Drama Opportunities
Techy Angels
All Saints Worship Band
Orchestra

The Operations Coordinator (Arts) supports the teachers of curriculum arts subjects by organising a range of activities and trips, as well as arranging opportunities for students to participate in a range of co-curricular activities.

Dio has a student Arts Council led by the Head of Arts (Arts Prefect) whose role it is to help organise and promote arts in the school. Activities organised by the council include the Arts Report presented in Assemblies, various Arts activity days which present a variety of Arts to all students and Arts Awards.

House Singing is the main inter-house arts activity. Building up over the second half of Term 2, this culminates in an evening concert offsite near the end of Term 2. House Singing is a compulsory activity that the students participate in, with their allocated Houses. Each House sings one worship song and one song from a different genre each year. These songs are chosen, arranged and taught by the house leaders and their team of helpers.

A full school production takes place every year in some form. Punk Rock collaborated with Shakespeare for 2023's production of *A Midsummer Night's Dream* pushing some thinking along the way. 2024 had us bring the childhood classic *The Lion, The Witch, and The Wardrobe* to life as a musical adaptation. New musical *'The Prom'* will be bringing the glitter for 2025. All incoming year 9's can book an audition time (check your emails for details or email arts@wdsg.school.nz for an audition time). The production will be opening on 5 April, with tickets on sale at the start of March. There are also excellent year level drama performances to be enjoyed from the classes studying drama as a curriculum subject throughout the year.

We have three established singing groups here at Dio - **Espresso Barbershop Chorus** sings four part a cappella harmony to some well known songs, and package it with costumes and choreography and have a lot of fun. They welcome any singers without an audition. **Cantiamo Chapel Choir** performs mostly sacred music as its primary focus is to serve the Chapel, although they also get to have fun and compete at The Big Sing every year in Tauranga. This is an all-comers choir so anyone who has a love of singing is welcome to join. With no auditions, Cantiamo Choir has a huge focus on serving the chapel and enjoyment of singing!

See overleaf

Bel Suono choir focuses mainly on high level singing and competitions. The prerequisite for entry into this choir is membership of the Chapel Choir (Cantiamo Choir). Entry into this choir is by audition in November 2024. They start 2025 with an intensive camp before school starts in Term 1. If you would like to audition this, please contact Mrs Maria Colvin ASAP mcolvin@wdsg.school.nz

Our Kapa Haka, named Te Kaahu Piihopatanga, uphold many school events such as powhiri, whakatau, Chapel services, Matariki and many more. The year starts with a noho/ live-in before Term 1 starts. Incoming students are welcome to join for this noho - please email HoD Kaupapa Maori, Ms Faith Tautuhi ASAP on ftautuhi@wdsg.school.nz

NCEA Music performance evenings, Dance Showcase, High Achievers' Concert, and the Arts Showcase are great nights out which showcase both curriculum and co-curricular arts.

Some fees are charged for the co-curricular activities. They can range from competition fees to costume fees and transportation on trips. These are most often charged to the students' school accounts which are billed monthly. You will always be notified of these costs prior.

All co-curricular activity information (Co-Curricular guide) will be on the Waikato Diocesan School for Girls main website (www.waikatodiocesan.school.nz) under Arts and Culture. There you will find all the information required to make informed decisions about the activities students wish to participate in (this will be updated in December to relevant 2025 dates) . During the first few days of school students will be given the opportunity to register for arts and cultural groups at Arts Registration which will be emailed to their school emails.

Optional performance lessons occur during school hours up to 3:30pm. Each lesson is 30 minutes in length. Students are expected to catch up on any work they miss by being out of class, and to give plenty of notice to their music tutor if they cannot leave class due to an assessment. Fees are charged each term and reflect the current private market rates. Some instrument lessons are covered by the itinerant music scheme and are of no cost to the student. These spaces are limited and NCEA students are given preference. Sign ups for lessons are done on a separate form.

We like to celebrate the success of our students in their outside arts groups, so if your child is in a community theatre production, or had amazing results in a dance/music exam or competition, or has made a representative team/group please let us know - a photo would be great too! These can be emailed directly to arts@wdsg.school.nz



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PERFORMANCE ENROLMENT FOR 2025

Performance lessons occur during school hours up to 3:20pm. Each lesson is 30 minutes in length. Students are expected to catch up on any work they miss by being out of class, and to give plenty of notice if they cannot leave class due to an assessment.

Fees are charged each term and reflect the current private market rates (Generally between \$30-\$45 per half hour lesson). Some instrument lessons are covered by the itinerant music scheme and are of no cost to the student. These spaces are limited and NCEA students are given preference. Please see the tutor list on the reverse side of this page for further details

Instruments can be hired from several suppliers in Hamilton. Please see Mrs Greenslade if you would like assistance in this.

Daughter's name Year level in 2025.....

Is this a new application or are you continuing with lessons from the previous year? (Please circle one)

NEW APPLICATION or CONTINUING APPLICATION

Instrument in which you wish to enrol

Please give details of previous lessons in the instrument and name of past teacher/s

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Please give details of examinations sat in the instrument (eg. Royal or Trinity schools etc)

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Please give any other information that may be helpful to us in ensuring a good start for your daughter

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I accept the terms and conditions as outlined above, including the required notice (in writing) period stated by the instrument teacher period if I wish to discontinue lessons.

Signed (parent/guardian) Print name:

Date Phone/Mobile: Email.....

PLEASE RETURN THIS PORTION TO THE ARTS ADMINISTRATOR'S OFFICE OUTSIDE PMC1 AS SOON AS POSSIBLE AS PLACES ARE LIMITED (or email to arts@wdsg.school.nz)

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PLEASE RETAIN THIS PORTION FOR YOUR INFORMATION

DISCONTINUING PERFORMANCE LESSONS

If you wish to discontinue lessons you **MUST** give notice **in writing** to the appropriate instrument teacher. Each teacher will have guidelines in regards to fee payment and notice required if you wish to discontinue lessons. Please ensure you are aware of these guidelines before lessons begin.

Once signed, this form becomes a contract between parents and the instrument teacher.

There are NO exceptions

The number of weeks in each term will determine how many lessons are available.

INSTRUMENT:	TEACHER:	COST PER TERM:
Woodwind (Flute, Clarinet, Saxophone)	Elsie Kane *	NIL (Itinerant Scheme)
Brass (Trumpet, Cornet, Trombone)	Clive Burnell *	NIL (Itinerant Scheme)
Drums	Alan Grady	\$35 per lesson
Violin	Bev Oliver	\$35 per lesson
Piano	Angela Smith	\$33 per lesson
Guitar/Bass	Simon Patton	\$40 per lesson
Vocal	Jane Martin *	NIL (Itinerant Scheme)
Vocal	Loretta Pennington	\$45 per lesson
Speech and Drama	Laura Watson	\$30 per lesson

* Indicates this tutor is part of the Itinerant Music Scheme. Their lesson times are prioritised for NCEA Music students.

This information is correct as at 06/11/2025. Please note that teachers and costs are subject to change with each new academic year.