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OPENING HOURS

Music rooms are open from 7.30am to 4.45pm Monday to Friday for boarders and daygirls to utilise the facilities.

NZ MUSIC TOUR 2014

Following from the success of the music ensembles this year, an Overseas Music Tour for 2014 has been organised. Now is the time to show our talents on a world stage. June/July school holidays next year (June 30 to July 9) the Music students will have the opportunity to perform in Rotorua, New Zealand.

If your daughter is interested in singing as part of our International Choral Ensemble please see Jessica Dawes or Christina Bond for information and an itinerary. This will be an amazing experience for the students involved, giving them opportunity to collaborate and learn from world renowned music professionals and be part of world class clinics. Don't miss out on the New Zealand adventure and fun. Not only will students have the chance to perform and workshop, but they will also enjoy the culture and thrills of New Zealand. Extra activities include a traditional welcome by the Maori people, a visit to Huka Falls, white water rafting, snow play and the glow worm caves as well as some shopping time.
The deposit for this Music Tour has been extended. Please contact Jessica Dawes or Christina Bond if you are interested or would like to find out more about this tour.

LORETO COLLEGE VISIT

On Friday July 19 students from Loreto College Coorparoo visited Girls Grammar for a combined music rehearsal. Students from Loreto joined in with a RGGS concert band rehearsal, then our students played through the Loreto College Jazz Band repertoire.

It was an afternoon of fun music making and making new friends. This was a great opportunity for both schools to mingle and learn from each other. We look forward to more possible exchanges in the future.

MUSIC GALA 2013

On Friday 23 August the 2013 Music Gala was held in McKeague Hall. Audiences were treated to performances from our Prep to Year 12 students. A variety of ensembles including string, choirs, keyboard, percussion and flute ensembles, concert band and stage band performed on the night. 2013 has brought the expansion of the program to fifteen ensembles and all ensembles were showcased at the Gala, presenting a wide range and variety of music from the classical Beethoven works to modern day Snow Patrol and Queen. The night was a huge success and a testament to the strength of the Girls Grammar music program.

QSO PERFORMANCE

On Wednesday 28 August thirteen Girls Grammar students attended the Queensland Symphony Orchestra concert held at the Pilbeam Theatre. The students were entertained with renditions of classics and songs from movies. The students were especially excited about the renditions of the Harry Potter, Lord of the Rings and Pirates of the Caribbean soundtracks, played so convincingly you could visualise the movie scenes. It was such a privilege to see a professional orchestra of this calibre up close.

BATTLE OF THE BANDS

Battle of the Bands invites all schools in Central Queensland to participate in a competition based music festival. This year, two of our very talented musicians, Camille Traill and Hollie Dunn entered the battle arena, performing three songs to a packed crowd and twenty enthusiastic supporters from Girls Grammar. They sang one cover ‘If I Were a Boy’ by Beyonce and two originals written by the girls themselves; ‘Tag You’re It’ by Hollie Dunn and ‘Lying Days Are Over’ by Camille Trail. The girls received
the Judges Encouragement award and gift vouchers from Green Brother’s Music Store.

It was amazing to see that Central Queensland has so much young talent. Thank you to the girls who came and supported Hollie and Camille and to our two musicians who represented our school so well.

SHEP 2014

The Queensland State Honours Program was held in Brisbane over the September holidays. It is a three day workshop with some of the most experienced conductors and conductors from Australia and overseas. Students are nominated by the school and then are selected to represent their school at this event. In 2013 Hollie Dunn, Kate Brosnan, Nicole Pillhofer, Lydia Strohfeldt and Alexandria Rogers were selected to represent Girls Grammar.

PROGRESS CONCERT TERM 3

The Progress Concert in Term 3 was held on Thursday 19 September. The evening was filled with enthusiastic performances from students of the Girls Grammar Instrumental Program.

Thank you to the teachers and senior students who helped with the running of the evening and to the parents who came along to support the performers.

MUSIC COMMITTEE COMPETITION

The music committee is organising a Stop Animation Time Competition. Students are asked to submit footage or 45secs-60secs of animation footage that reflects music or the music centre. A prize of $50 JBHiFi gift card will be awarded to the student who submits the most entertaining clip. Closing date for the competition is Friday Week 4.

OUTSTANDING EISTEDDFOD RESULTS

The Senior Choir and Chamber Singers travelled to Gladstone Eisteddfod on Sunday 20 October to compete. The girls performed beautifully and received First place in both the Senior Choir and Chamber Singers section. Excellent work!
Term 4 Progress concert will take a different turn, showcasing our progressing ensembles. This is a chance for our beginning ensembles to work toward a performance in an encouraging and smaller scale concert experience.

Come along to the CAB music rehearsal rooms on Thursday 21 November at 6.30pm to be entertained by the Girls Grammar ensembles.

**INSTRUMENTAL STUDENT PROFILES**

One instrumental student from Primary and Secondary school has been interviewed to give you an insight into what our students love about learning music here at school.

**Charlotte Graham Year 4**

- When did you join the Girls Grammar instrumental program?
  
  *In 2011, in Year 2.*
- What instruments do you learn?
  
  *Cello and violin.*
- When did you start learning these instruments?
  
  *Violin in Grade 2 and cello this year.*
- What do you love about your instruments?
  
  *I like my teacher and the music.*
- What is your favourite thing about music?
  
  *I love the Piano Guys and want to be like the cello guy.*
- What do you want to do with music in your future?
  
  *I want to be a successful cellist in a band and travel the world.*

**Courtney Ah Shay Year 11**

- When did you join the Girls Grammar instrumental program?
  
  *On the 22 August 2011.*
- What instruments do you learn?
  
  *Voice and piano and dabble in drums, bass, guitar, xylophone, glockenspiel, maracas and ukulele.*
- When did you start learning that instrument?
  
  *I started piano when I was 7.*
- What do you love about your instruments?
  
  *They are diverse and I never get bored.*
- What is your favourite thing about music?
  
  *It’s a universal language and brings people together.*
- What do you want to do with music in your future?
  
  *I might not do music as a career but it will always be a part of my life.*