

Better to illuminate than to merely shine...

– St. Thomas Aquinas



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MUSIC EXCELLENCE PROGRAM

Applications NOW OPEN

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## MUSIC EXCELLENCE PROGRAM

### VISION

*The Music Excellence Program* is grounded and aligned with the Aquinas College Vision and Mission as it aims to ignite a love of learning and a sense of wonder in the students within our learning community.

*The Music Excellence Program* aims to inspire skilled, musically minded musicians in Years 7 – 8 to reach their potential by motivating and challenging students. Students in the program will discover new learning opportunities working both independently and collaboratively to enhance their musical skills and abilities, discover new learning opportunities and become independent learners to achieve their musical goals.

### PROGRAM

*The Music Excellence Program* is offered to students in Year 7 - 8. Successful applicants will be placed together for their specialised *Music Excellence Program* in the Arts elective allocation. They will be in a mainstream core class for Religion, English, Maths, Science, HASS, and Health and Physical Education, and experience the Technologies as part of their elective subjects. Additionally, students will be able to explore other subjects and experiences as part of their Sport and Culture time, as well as engaged in extra-curricular selections of their choosing.

Following a successful Year 7, students already in the *Music Excellence Program* will complete an expression of interest that will be considered by the program teachers and coordinator. Students who have applied themselves and shown strong commitment to the program will transition into the *Music Excellence Program* again for Year 8.

### PROGRAM EXPECTATIONS

All students in the *Music Excellence Program* are expected to maintain a high level of academic performance in their *Music Excellence Program*, maintain their potential in core and other elective subjects, and to actively participate in the religious, cultural and sporting life of the College.

Each semester, student results and participation will be monitored using the following criteria:

- Achievement of A or B in their specialised *Music Excellence Program* each semester
- A commitment to one or more instrumental music programs
- Maintain their potential of achievement in all core and elective subjects each semester
- Consistently (C) for effort in all subjects
- Attendance Rate of >95%
- Active participation in College life (E.g., liturgies, social justice initiatives, ANZAC Day, musical, sporting or cultural activities, leadership, tutorials etc)

*The College will review a student's place in the Program if the above criteria are not met.*

### ENTRY

Entry into the *Music Excellence Program* is by application only. Students must be enrolled to attend or currently be attending Aquinas College to apply.

To apply, students are to complete the application form and hand deliver a student portfolio that contains all documentation set out on the application form to the main office and submit a 2-minute digital audition. Applications open Term 1 and the successful applicants will be notified via email.



# THE ILLUMINATE MUSIC EXCELLENCE PROGRAM

## ROUND 1 APPLICATION FORM 2027

Applicants Name:
Current School & Year Level:
<b>ROUND 1</b> Applications for the Illuminate Music Program 2026 close on <b>Friday 20 March 2026</b> . Successful applicants will be notified via email..

With this application form students are to submit portfolio containing the following items. This is to be **hand delivered** to Aquinas College main office.

- A personal statement or letter, handwritten by the applicant, explaining why you would like to be considered for the program. Outline your musical and academic achievements and any other contributions to your school community.
- A letter from the student's parent endorsing the student's application to the program.
- Year 5 Semester 2 Academic Report
- Music Resume of qualification and experiences
- A Personal reference from a teacher, team coach or school leadership member
- Any other additional documentation to support the application (awards, co-curricular involvement, community service etc.)
- A 2-minute maximum audition is to be digitally submitted by the deadline of Friday 20 March 2026. Please upload the audition into the link provided, clearly identifying your child's name for the

**Please ensure that only photocopies are provided - these will not be returned.**  
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**Late applications will not be accepted.**

Name of Student:	
Signature:	Date:
Name of Parent/Caregiver:	
Signature:	Date: