



Dear Caregivers and students,

If this is your first association with the Tauranga Girls' College Music Department, a very warm welcome to you. If you are returning to us after the break, welcome back and may this year be the best ever for you.

At Tauranga Girls' College we run a wide range of extracurricular music activities to cater for the interests and skills of as many students as we can.

Some of the groups are run only for the students at Tauranga Girls' College and others are run in collaboration with our brother school, Tauranga Boy's College.

Here is a list of all the different groups on offer at the College along with the staff member who directs each group, the rehearsal time for the group and the venue.

### **Combined Groups**

Advanced Big Band	Mr Page (TBC)	Thursday 7.00-9.00pm at TBC Music Dept
Combined Chorale	Miss Geor (TGC)	Thursday 3.30-5.00pm at TGC Music Dept
Elementary Big Band	Mr Page and Mr Brady (TBC)	Tuesday 3.30-5.00pm at TGC Music Dept
Jazz Combo 1	Mr Williamson (Itinerant teacher)	By negotiation but probably on Monday 3.45-5.30pm
Brass Ensemble	Mr Page (TBC)	Friday 7.30am-8.15am at TBC Music Dept
String Ensemble	Miss Geor (TGC)	The students will learn the music with their respective teachers and then come together at agreed times twice each term to workshop for a few hours. At TGC the rehearsals will be Monday at lunch break.
Symphonic Band	Mr Brady (TGC)	The students will learn the music with their respective teachers and then come together at agreed times twice each term to workshop for a few hours. At TGC the rehearsals will be on a Wednesday at lunch break.

### **TGC Groups**

All-comers choir	Mrs Valentine
Chamber Ensembles	Miss Geor
Luminosa Armonia Chorale	Miss Geor
Funk Band	Mr Brady
Guitar Ensemble	Miss Geor
Jazz Combo 2	Mr Brady By negotiation with the members but probably Monday 3.45-5.30pm
LBDs (senior and junior groups; possibly 2 junior groups if this is oversubscribed)	Miss Geor
Percussion Ensembles (possibly two if this is oversubscribed)	Miss Geor (and Mr Brady if there are two)
Rockbands	Mr Brady

Here is a timetable showing the rehearsal venues and times for all of the groups:

Time	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
7.30am-8.15am		Addams family Leads by appointment M5	Addams Family Ensemble/Chorus sectional rehearsals by appointment		Brass Ensemble (at TBC)
1.30pm-2.20pm	String Ensemble M5 Funk Band M4	Bangers and Smash Percussion Ensemble M5	Symphonic Band M5 Guitar Ensemble M4	Junior LBD's 1 M2 Flying Sticks Percussion Ensemble M5	Junior LBD's 2 M5 Rock band M4
3.45pm-5.30pm	Jazz Combo 1 (at TBC) and Jazz Combo 2 M5	Elementary Big Band M5	Addams Family Chorus M5	Combined Chorale M5	Senior LBD's M5
5.30pm-7.00pm	Addams family Leads by appointment M5		Chamber Ensemble M7	Addams family Leads by appointment M5	Addams family Leads by appointment M5
7.00pm-8.30pm		Luminosa Armonia Chorale M5		Addams family Leads by appointment M5 Advanced Big Band (at TBC)	

If your daughter would like to be part of any of these groups she can enrol at the Participation Expo which will be held on Wednesday February 5<sup>th</sup>, 2020 in the school hall. She simply needs to read the information, fill in the relevant enrolment form/s and then attend the audition or first rehearsal as indicated on the enrolment form. The form can be completed at the Expo or otherwise delivered back to the Music Dept by February 15<sup>th</sup>.

If your daughter would like to receive tuition on her instrument (this includes private singing and piano lessons), then separate information and Itinerant Lesson enrolment forms will be given out in her tutor class and these also need to be returned to the Music Dept booth at the Expo. Lessons will begin on February 10<sup>th</sup>.

Please feel free to contact me by email [sgeor@tgc.school.nz](mailto:sgeor@tgc.school.nz) if you require any more information about the music programmes at Tauranga Girls' College. I am happy to help.

I wish you and your daughters an enjoyable and fulfilling year and look forward to meeting you at one of the school events later in the year.

Kind regards,  
Stephanie Geor  
(Leader of Learning, Director of Extracurricular Music)