



Wenona Music Scholarship – Year 7 in 2025

General Information for Applicants

Music at Wenona

Thank you for your inquiry regarding Music Scholarships at Wenona School. Ever since the School was established in 1886 we have had a strong commitment to the Performing Arts, and Music in particular.

Wenona offers a range of opportunities for girls to be involved in Music through its co-curricular and extra-curricular programs. The Music Extra-Curricular Tuition Program involves lessons in a range of instruments in the Senior and Junior Schools. Tuition is taken by a team of over thirty qualified music teachers, many of whom regularly professionally perform.

Girls can enrol for extra-curricular instrument lessons and/or voice lessons. They can also choose to take AMEB examinations.

Musical groups and activities available for girls in Year 7 and above include:

- Orchestra
- Wind Symphony
- Camerata (String Ensemble)
- Stage Band
- Rock Band*
- Senior Percussion Ensemble
- Middle School and Senior String Quartets*
- Additional chamber ensembles such as Brass, Flute or Clarinet Ensembles *
- Middle School Choir and Senior Choir
- Vocal Ensemble and Wenona Singers (specialist vocal groups) *
- A Musical and Rock Concert (alternating years) *
- Ensemble and Choral Concerts (each semester)

*By Audition

Wenona seeks active musicians to take on the demanding and rewarding role of Music Scholar. Such students will demonstrate a close affinity for, and commitment to, their chosen instrument as well their music ensembles. Their performances should clearly show a strong musical ability reflected in their technical proficiency, sense of musicality and stylistic interpretation of their repertoire. Wenona Music Scholars also perform in the annual Musical Scholars' Concert in the first semester of each year.

What we see in a Music Scholar

- Exceptional musicality;
- Good aural skills;
- A high level of technical proficiency;
- Willingness to actively participate in and support the Co-curricular Music program;
- The ability to work both as a soloist and in an ensemble environment;
- A well-rounded applicant with a love of music.



Wenona's expectations of Music Scholars

- to be leaders by their example and commitment within the School's Co-curricular Music program;
- to take Music as an elective subject from Year 9-12;
- to be a member of two or more of the School's musical ensembles for the duration of holding the scholarship;
- to be willing to participate fully in rehearsals. This may include rehearsals before or after school and some lunch times;
- to perform regularly, both solo and ensemble, in concerts, assemblies, open days that may be within or outside of school hours;
- to attend relevant performances involving Music Scholars irrespective of their own participation;
- to participate fully in School life by demonstrating initiative, kindness, and peer support at all times.

The Music Scholars are constantly assessed throughout the year by communication between the Instrumental Tutors, the Class Music teachers, the Head of Music, and the Director of Performing Arts who reports directly to the Principal.

The scholarship audition

The scholarship is open to instrumentalists of string, woodwind, brass and percussion instruments. For 2025 there will be specific focus on strings (viola, cello and double bass), woodwind (clarinet, oboe and bassoon) and brass (trumpet, trombone, French horn and tuba) however other instrumentalists may apply. Please note: applicants will not be considered for Piano, Harp and Voice as first instruments.

We would expect string candidates to perform at AMEB Grade 6 or higher.

We would expect woodwind, brass and percussion candidates to perform at AMEB Grade 4 or above.

The music scholarship audition consists of:

- performance of two short contrasting instrumental pieces, no longer than 5 minutes each, with **at least one piece to be accompanied by piano**. If offering an additional instrument, candidates will perform **one** extra piece on the second study instrument, of no longer than 5 minutes duration. Please note the audition panel may choose to only hear one piece on each instrument;
- a series of aural tests;
- a short vocal song, no longer than 2 minutes in length;
- a brief interview to meet the candidate, and to gain an understanding of their school and musical experience. The candidate may also wish to ask any questions of the panel.

All music that is to be performed by the candidate is to be available for the auditioning panel on application (2 copies, including the accompaniment if applicable, per piece).

You may provide your own accompanist. The School accompanist is available only with prior arrangement; if you require an accompanist, please note this on the **Music Background Form** (available for download on the Scholarships page of the Wenona website) that must be completed and returned to Wenona School by **15 September 2023**.

Music Scholarship applications are reviewed closely, and **auditions are by invitation only**. Auditions will be conducted on **Friday 10 November, 2023**. The Enrolments Department will advise your audition date and time directly. Please note that feedback on the Music Scholarship application submission is not provided.



How to apply for a Music Scholarship

1. Complete an online application for the Scholarship Test administered by Academic Assessment Services, by **17 August 2023**. Follow the link for this on the Scholarships page of the Wenona website. The Scholarship test is scheduled for **Friday, 25 August 2023**.
2. Complete the **Music Background Form** (download from our website at www.wenona.nsw.edu.au under the Enrolments/Scholarships tab) and return it by **Friday 15 September 2023** to:

The Director of Enrolments and Community Relations
Wenona School
176 Walker Street
NORTH SYDNEY NSW 2060

3. Auditions will take place on **Friday 10 November 2023**, by **invitation only**. If your daughter is chosen to audition for the scholarship, you will be notified by email of a time and what to prepare.

You are not required to submit a separate Wenona application form, in order to apply for the Music Scholarship. Should you be successful, the Enrolments Department will assist with your enrolment to Wenona.