

Music 2019 v1.2

General Senior Syllabus

MERIDAN STATE COLLEGE - MUS (possible 4 QCE credits)

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1 Course overview

1.1 Introduction

1.1.1 Rationale

The arts are an intellectually engaging intersection of lateral thought and practice. They interrogate the human experience and challenge our understandings by encouraging and provoking alternate ways of seeing, thinking and doing. They enable us to know and observe our world collectively and as individuals. They reveal a sense of who we are and might become as we make connections and new meaning of the world around us and our place in it.

Creative and expressive communication is central to the arts. Students learn to pose and solve problems, work independently and in collaboration, and create and convey meaning from various viewpoints. New skills are learnt and knowledge is created through the investigation and experience of valued traditions and practices across various art forms.

The arts encourage unity through active involvement in building cultural literacy by respecting and valuing the meaningful and unique impact of Aboriginal people's and Torres Strait Islander people's contribution to Australia's arts knowledge, traditions and experience. Australia's multicultural identity, cultural inheritance and contemporary arts practice is enhanced through this recognition and the shared inspirations of the broader Asia-Pacific community.

Music is a unique art form that uses sound and silence as a means of personal expression. It allows for the expression of the intellect, imagination and emotion and the exploration of values. Music occupies a significant place in everyday life of all cultures and societies, serving social, cultural, celebratory, political and educational roles.

The study of music combines the development of cognitive, psychomotor and affective domains through making and responding to music. The development of musicianship through making (composition and performance) and responding (musicology) is at the centre of the study of music.

Through composition, students use music elements and concepts, applying their knowledge and understanding of compositional devices to create new music works. Students resolve music ideas to convey meaning and/or emotion to an audience.

Through performance, students sing and play music, demonstrating their practical music skills through refining solo and/or ensemble performances. Students realise music ideas through the demonstration and interpretation of music elements and concepts to convey meaning and/or emotion to an audience.

In musicology, students explain the use of music elements and concepts, analysing music in a variety of contexts, styles and genres. They evaluate music through the synthesis of analytical information to justify a viewpoint.

In an age of change, Music has the means to prepare students for a future of unimagined possibilities; in Music, students develop highly transferable skills and the capacity for flexible thinking and doing. Literacy in Music is an essential skill for both musician and audience, and learning in Music prepares students to engage in a multimodal world.

A study of music provides students with opportunities to develop their intellect and personal growth and to make a contribution to the culture of their community. Students develop the capacity for working independently and collaboratively, reflecting authentic practices of music performers, composers and audiences. Studying music provides the basis for rich, lifelong learning.

Assumed knowledge, prior learning or experience

The key ideas of making and responding identified in the P–10 Australian Curriculum: The Arts continue in senior syllabuses throughout The Arts learning area. Prior experience in any or all of The Arts subjects will provide students with an understanding of making and responding as learning and assessment in Music.

Through making, students 'learn about and use knowledge, skills, techniques, processes, materials and technologies to explore arts practices and make artworks that communicate ideas and intentions' (Australian Curriculum 2017). Making is working *in* the art form as artist. Through responding, students 'explore, respond to, analyse and interpret artworks' (Australian Curriculum 2017). Responding is working *about* the art form as audience.

Pathways

Music is a General subject suited to students who are interested in pathways beyond school that lead to tertiary studies, vocational education or work. A course of study in Music can establish a basis for further education and employment in the fields of arts administration, communication, education, creative industries, public relations and science and technology. The demand for creativity from employees is rising in a world of rapid technological change. As more organisations value work-related creativity and diversity, the processes and practices of Music develop transferable 21st century skills essential for many areas of employment. Specifically, the study of Music helps develop creative and critical thinking, collaboration, ICT skills, social/personal skills and communication — all of which is sought after in modern workplaces.

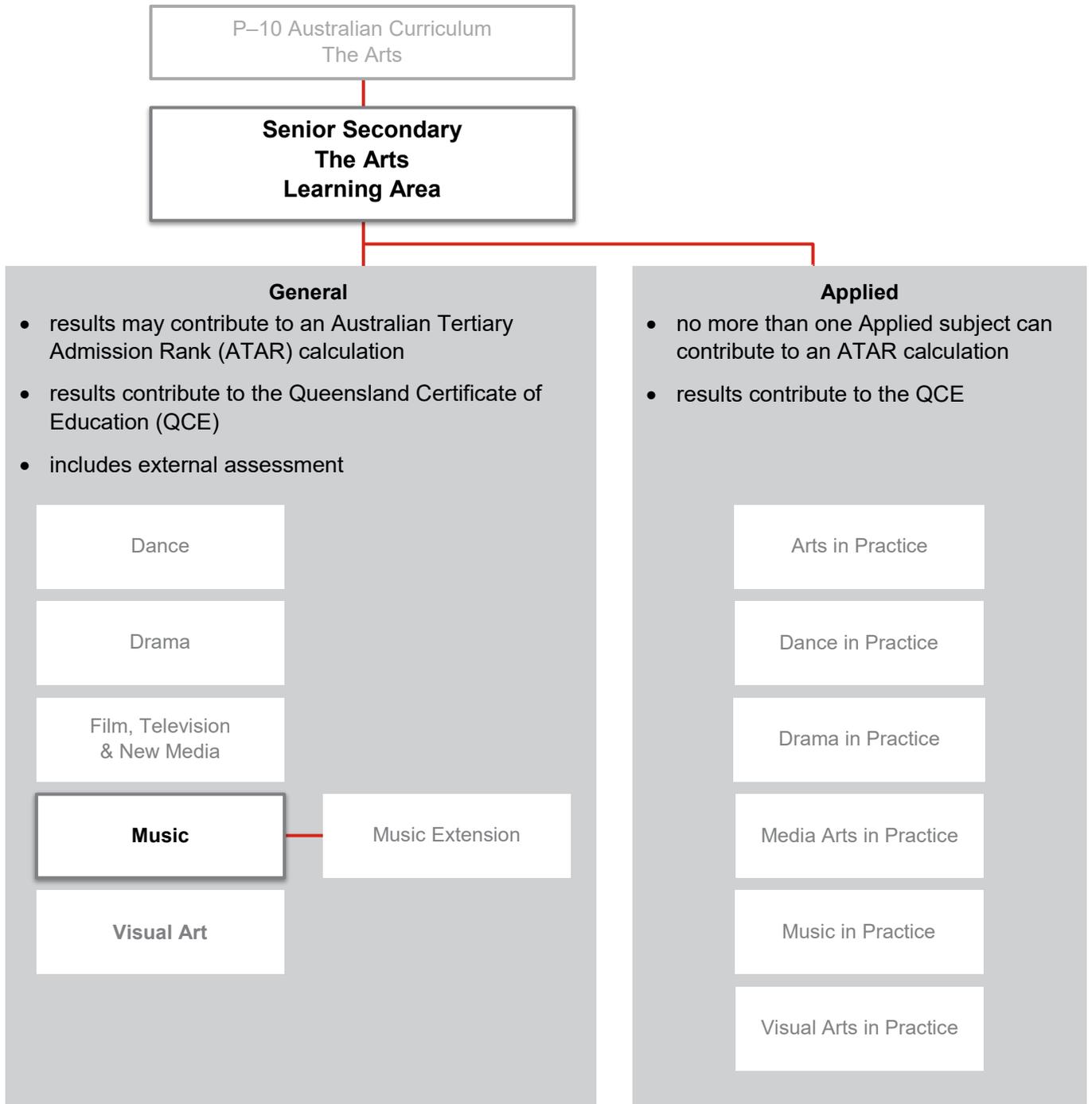
Tertiary studies, vocational education or work experience in the area of music can lead to and benefit careers in diverse fields such as:

- arts administration and management, e.g. artist manager, arts administrator, booking agent, copyright/royalties manager, music accountant, orchestra manager, production music manager, record producer, studio manager, tour manager, venue manager
- communication, e.g. music copyist, music editor, music librarian, print music manager, sound archivist
- education, e.g. arts educator, instrumental teacher, studio teacher, university music academic
- creative industries, e.g. backing musician, composer, conductor, creative entrepreneur, instrument repairer, music director, performer, presenter, recording engineer, repetiteur, stage manager
- public relations, e.g. creative director, music lawyer, music merchandiser
- science and technology, e.g. music therapist, music video clip director, new media artist, producer, programmer, sound designer.

1.1.2 Learning area structure

All learning areas build on the P–10 Australian Curriculum.

Figure 1: Learning area structure



1.1.3 Course structure

Music is a course of study consisting of four units. Subject matter, learning experiences and assessment increase in complexity from Units 1 and 2 to Units 3 and 4 as students develop greater independence as learners.

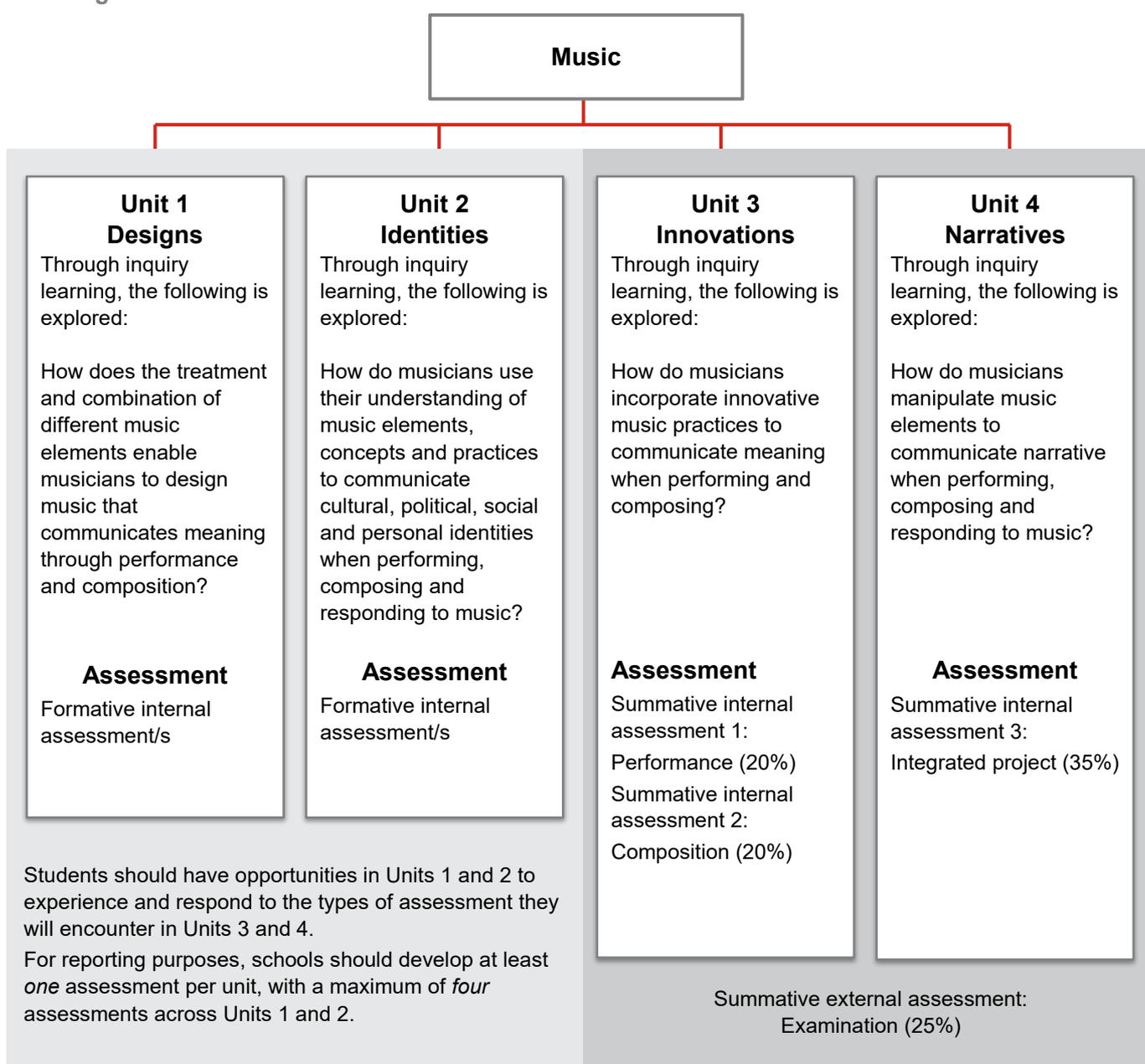
Units 1 and 2 provide foundational learning, which allows students to experience all syllabus objectives and begin engaging with the course subject matter. Students should complete Units 1 and 2 before beginning Unit 3. It is recommended that Unit 3 be completed before Unit 4.

Units 3 and 4 consolidate student learning. Only the results from Units 3 and 4 will contribute to ATAR calculations.

Figure 2 outlines the structure of this course of study.

Each unit has been developed with a notional time of 55 hours of teaching and learning, including assessment.

Figure 2: Course structure



Additional Requirements

Study Requirements	Special Requirements
<p>This is a General subject and as such requires a significant commitment of time and energy to complete the course successfully. This includes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Three lessons per week face to face teaching.• Individual/practise /tutorial sessions 1-2 hours per week.• Students will be required to practise in groups and as a solo in own time at school and at home to complete their assessment work.	<p>Students must have access to the internet at home or at a local library. Students must also be able to borrow texts from the school library at all times. Students must be able to play an instrument to performance standard or sing confidently to an audience with an accompanist.</p> <p>The ability to read music from the staff, TAB or chord charts is also required. Due to the large amount of technologically based assessment and classwork it is recommended that students are participants in the College's BYOx program.</p>