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FEES FOR MUSICAL INVOLVEMENT AT WESTLAKE BOYS HIGH SCHOOL

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Welcome to the Music Department at Westlake Boys High School.

There are lots of opportunities for getting involved in Music at Westlake Boys. Students often sign up for many different ensembles, sometimes including a combination of bands, orchestras, choirs and more. This leads to the question, “How much does this all cost?”

At Westlake Boys we try to manage the cost of musical involvement so that fees are kept to a minimum and so that involvement in multiple groups does not become a financial burden.

CO-CURRICULAR MUSIC FEE: Intermediate vs Premier

WBHS runs a two-tier system of musical ensembles; Intermediate and Premier. (We don't really have any *beginner* co-curricular ensembles. Beginner music happens in Itinerant music lessons and in core-music classes)

Intermediate ensembles include: Stage Band, Momentum Choir, Symphonic Band, Camerata Strings and the Contemporary Rock Band programme. All of these groups have a weekly rehearsal, give multiple performances during the year, and participate in at least one National Level competition.

Premier ensembles include: Voicemale Choir, Concert Band and Big Band – (the latter two ensembles are also open to advanced players from Westlake Girls High School. These ensembles have extended weekly rehearsals, regular workshops, attend an annual camp or tour, and receive additional help from outside clinicians or tutors.

Fees:

Involvement in one-or-more **Intermediate** level ensembles, will generate a single **\$100** co-curricular music fee. This fee will cover the following for as many groups as they are involved in:

- Purchase/hire/copying of all music repertoire played during the year
- Entry fee for all compositions/festivals associated with their ensembles
- Bus travel to Auckland based festivals/competitions
- Maintenance/tuning of all department instruments associate with their ensemble
- Other costs associated with running their ensemble.

Involvement in one-or-more **Premier** level ensembles, will generate a single **\$200** co-curricular music fee. If boys are involved in a **mixture** of Intermediate and Premier groups, they will only be charged the Premier fee – not both fees. The **Premier** music fee will cover the following, for as many groups as they are involved in:

- Purchase/hire/copying of all music repertoire played during the year
- Entry fee for all compositions/festivals associated with their ensembles
- Bus travel to Auckland based festivals/competitions
- Maintenance/tuning of all department instruments associate with their ensemble
- Other costs associated with running their ensemble.
- Purchase of any additional instruments/gear needed to perform advanced repertoire.
- Additional staff costs related to these ensembles – e.g. Choir accompanist, professional workshop tutors, APOPS programme membership.

Depending on the combination of groups a boy is involved in he will be charged **either** the Premier fee **or** the Intermediate fee. In the unlikely event that both fees appear on his statement, this could only be the result of a clerical error. Please contact the Music Department and we will remedy this.

WHAT THE INTERMEDIATE AND PREMIER FEES DON'T COVER.

Ensembles run by Westlake Girls High School

There are three Westlake Premier ensembles which are run at **Westlake Girls High School**, and managed by the **WGHS** music department. Advanced players from Westlake Boys High School are also able to audition for these ensembles, which are:

- Westlake Symphony Orchestra
- Westlake Chamber Orchestra
- Choralation Choir

There are fees associate with these ensembles as well, but these are set by the Westlake Girls Music Department and will be clearly communicated to all successful applicants via a contract at the time they accept their place. Information about these three ensembles can be found on the Westlake Girls High School website.

Camps and Tours

Premier ensembles have a variety of opportunities over and above those offered to Intermediate Ensembles. These include attending workshop camps (which are lots of fun and are highly productive) and may also have the opportunity to travel out of Auckland to represent the school at various National Level competitions. The exact costs of these opportunities cannot be known until closer to the time and is always dependent on supplier prices, but a rough guide would be:

- Instrumental Camp for Concert Band and Symphony Orchestra – 6-9 May: \$250 approx.
- Voicemale Choir Camp – 3 days in late May: \$180 approx.
- Tauranga Jazz Band National Competition – 3 days in early April: Costs dependent on length of trip.
- Voicemale to Big Sing Finale – 5 days in late August incl Plane Flight: \$1500 approx.

Itinerant Music Tuition Lessons

Half hour weekly lessons on the following instruments are available in the Westlake Boys Music Department:

- Trumpet, French Horn, Euphonium, Trombone, Tuba
- Clarinet, Flute, Bassoon, Alto Saxophone, Tenor Saxophone, Baritone Saxophone
- Violin, Viola
- Guitar, Bass Guitar, Drums
- Singing (open to members of Voicemale Choir only)

The cost of Itinerant music lessons is a **\$150 per instrument**, though students are only able to learn more than one instrument if space permits.

Hopefully the information above clarifies any questions you might have about the fees associated with Music Involvement at Westlake Boys. If you have any further questions contact:

HoD Warwick Robinson (regarding Camps, Trips and Co-Curricular involvement) or

AHoD Eddie Hare (regarding Itinerant Music Tuition)