Meriden has a proud history of excellence in music. Music education is highly regarded by the School, and has been a significant component of the Meriden curriculum for many years. Furthermore, the music cocurricular programs in both the Junior and Senior Schools are highly-regarded, with Meriden girls often performing at local, state, national and international concerts and competitions. The Meriden Music Academy also provides opportunities for girls to further their musical education.

Many families choose to send their daughters to Meriden because of its excellence and opportunities in music. Consequently, many Meriden girls go on to gain music qualifications in one or more instruments.

As a result of the strong tradition in music at Meriden and the high number of musically-talented girls at the School, a specialist music class has been introduced in the Junior School. This class takes the form of a composite 5/6 class which, by virtue of the girls’ existing knowledge and the focus of the class, provides opportunity for the development of advanced musical concepts and shared experiences.

ELIGIBILITY

Entry to the 5/6 music class in 2016 is open to students at Meriden or at other Australian schools who are either in Year 4 or Year 5 in 2015.

Applicants need to show considerable ability and interest in music as well as being academically able; they must be able to work independently and cooperatively.

Successful applicants are expected to participate in a minimum of two cocurricular music activities and in special events at the School both during and outside school hours.

Please note: The 5/6 music class holds only 12 places for each of Years 5 and 6. Places are offered in order of musical ability, aptitude, potential and the musical needs of the School.

APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

The attached application form for entry into the 5/6 Music Class in 2016 should be submitted by Friday, 19 June 2015, and should be accompanied by the following documentation:

- a brief outline of the girl’s musical involvement and achievements
- copies of her musical examination certificates and result pages, where possible
- copies of evidence of her other relevant musical achievements, where possible
- a copy of her latest NAPLAN results
- a copy of her most recent school report
- evidence of any leadership achievements
- evidence of any community involvement
- a certified copy of the student’s birth certificate
- a copy of the student’s immunisation history from Medicare Australia.

Please do not place documents in a folder. A paper clip will suffice.
Junior School 5/6 Music Class Application for entry in 2016 continued

AUDITION

Suitable applicants will be asked to audition. Auditions will be held on Wednesday, 22 July and Thursday, 23 July 2015. The auditions will involve some aural and singing exercises; girls will also be asked to play two prepared pieces on their preferred musical instrument or to perform two prepared vocal items if the girl is a vocalist. A piano accompanist will be available on the day. The audition panel will consist of music educators from Meriden and/or the wider music community.

NOTIFICATION OF OUTCOME

All applicants will be notified of the outcome of their application by Friday, 14 August 2015. Unsuccessful applicants may be placed on a waiting list.

JUNIOR SCHOOL (ORCHESTRAL) INSTRUMENTAL, PIANO AND VOCAL MUSIC SCHOLARSHIPS

The School Council is very mindful of the costs associated with providing a girl with music lessons and instruments. Because the School’s reputation benefits significantly from the musical expertise of its students, the School Council has decided to offer music scholarships to girls in the 5/6 music class.

Successful applicants for the Year 5/6 music class who are orchestral instrumentalists, pianists or vocalists may be offered a Junior School (Orchestral) Instrumental, Piano or Vocal Scholarship.

These scholarships are offered to girls who are learning instruments or are vocalists, which are beneficial to the School’s orchestras, bands and choral ensembles.

Scholarship applicants must be permanent residents of Australia; scholarship holders will be expected to continue on with their private music tuition for the remainder of the scholarship.

It is anticipated that scholarship applicants will meet the following minimum criteria:

Strings: AMEB Grade 3 or equivalent (Year 5 applicants)
AMEB Grade 4 or equivalent (Year 6 applicants)

Woodwind: AMEB Grade 2 or equivalent (Year 5 applicants)
AMEB Grade 3 or equivalent (Year 6 applicants)

Brass: AMEB Grade 2 or equivalent (Year 5 applicants)
AMEB Grade 3 or equivalent (Year 6 applicants)

Other: Aural skills and sight reading ability need to be at a high level.

Piano: AMEB Grade 4 or equivalent (Year 5 applicants)
AMEB Grade 5 of equivalent (Year 6 applicants)

The Junior School (Orchestral) Instrumental Music Scholarships will cover 65% of the school tuition fees until the end of Year 6.

The Junior School Piano and Vocal Music Scholarships will cover 50% of the school tuition fees until the end of Year 6.

During Year 6, current scholarship holders will be invited to apply for one of the Senior School Music Scholarships.
### HOW TO APPLY

**Meriden students**
Meriden students who wish to apply for entry into the 5/6 Music Class in 2016 must submit:

- The Application Form for Entry into the 5/6 Music Class (attached)
- Supporting documentation (as listed in the Application Requirements section)

**Non-Meriden students**
Non-Meriden students who are at an Australian school and who are permanent Australian residents must submit:

- The standard Application Form for Enrolment at Meriden (available on the Meriden website or from the Registrar)
- The Application Form for Entry into the 5/6 Music Class (attached)
- Supporting documentation (as listed in the Application Requirements section)
- Application Fee of $200

The completed form/s, supporting documentation and the Application Fee (non-Meriden students) should be submitted to:

**The Registrar**
Meriden
10-12 Redmyre Road
Strathfield NSW 2135
(PO Box 78, Strathfield NSW 2135)

### KEY DATES

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### INQUIRIES

All inquiries regarding the 5/6 music class and the Junior School Music Scholarships should be directed to the Meriden Registrar, Mrs Gina Malley, at gmalley@meriden.nsw.edu.au or on (02) 9752 9444.
### Junior School 5/6 Music Class Application for entry in 2016

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**DETAILS OF MUSICAL ABILITY**

Your principal instrument/voice is

Do you play other instruments? If so, please give details

Provide details of your most recent AMEB examinations, including year, grade and results

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**JUNIOR SCHOOL (ORCHESTRAL) INSTRUMENTAL, PIANO AND VOCAL MUSIC SCHOLARSHIPS**

[ ] I wish my daughter to be considered for a Junior School (Orchestral) Instrumental, Piano or Vocal Music Scholarship

**DECLARATION**

I hereby apply for entry into the 5/6 music class for the above student. I understand that Meriden’s acceptance of this application form does not constitute an offer of a place. I also understand that an offer of a place does not constitute an offer of a Junior School (Orchestral) Instrumental, Piano or Vocal Music Scholarship. I authorise Meriden to contact the student’s instrument/voice teacher if deemed necessary in relation to the application.

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