

Music notes

Music Camp

At the beginning of term, over 350 Meriden girls gathered at Stanwell Tops for the annual Music Camp. Students from Sinfonia, Symphony Orchestra, Wind Symphony, Concert Band, Senior Singers, Intermediate Singers, Madrigals, Intermediate Chamber Strings and Senior Chamber Strings came together to create music with their peers from all year groups.

Rehearsals were productive and rewarding, and all the ensembles made exceptional progress in technical and stylistic aspects of their repertoire in preparation for future eisteddfods and performances.

There were many highlights, including a special visit from the Principal, Mrs Lisa Brown, a combined instrumental ensemble with over 150 students, and a special combined vocal and symphonic rendition of *Lean on Me*. On Monday evening, our creative Year 12 students organised an enjoyable and entertaining night of music, dancing and games with the theme of "Music Icons".

The final day of camp culminated in a concert featuring ensemble, small group and solo performances, showcasing all the hard work from three wonderful days of music-making. The weather was spectacular and the views overlooking Stanwell Tops were enjoyed by all.

Thank you to all the Performing Arts staff and teachers who dedicated their time to accompany the girls on camp. We look forward to another successful camp in 2024.

[Click here](#) to view images taken at Music Camp.



Meriden's Senior School musicians rehearsing at Music Camp

Amadeus news

Oboist, Molly Grogan, Year 10, was chosen from a pool of student and emerging professional musicians from all over Australia to participate in the Young Mannheim Symphonists National Academy. During the recent school holidays, she travelled to Brisbane where she learned about historically informed performance practice while engaging with symphonic repertoire, including Beethoven's *Symphony No. 8* and Mendelssohn's *The Hebrides Overture*.

Congratulations to Emma Rose Koeswandy, Year 7, who participated in the London Young Musician Awards and received the Outstanding Pianist Special Award (15 and Under). Emma also placed second in the Inner West Eisteddfod for violin.

Year 9 students, Nerissa Du, Connie Liu and Sharon Zhao have been accepted into the Australian Chamber Orchestra's Academy program, which will be held in July. This prestigious opportunity will provide a week of intensive workshops and masterclasses with professional musicians from all over Australia.

Amadeus Concert

Congratulations to all the girls in the Amadeus program who performed in the second Amadeus Recital last week. The evening was a wonderful showcase of their hard work, musicianship and dedication to their craft.

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Eva Gao, Year 8

Joyce Chung, Year 10	<i>Etude No. 1 from Eight Concert Etudes Op. 40</i>	Kapustin
Annabelle Desmond, Year 10	<i>Arpeggione Sonata Movement 1</i>	Schubert
Ellie Dong, Year 10	<i>Piano Sonata No. 16 Op. 31 No. 1 Movement 1</i>	Beethoven
Tina Dong, Year 8	<i>Air and Dance</i>	Gordon Jacob
Erin Du, Year 11	<i>Polonaise de Concert</i>	Popper
Nerissa Du, Year 8	<i>Violin Concerto No. 3 Movement 1</i>	Saint Saens
Eva Gao, Year 8	<i>Cello Concerto Op. 129 Movement 2</i>	Schumann
Molly Grogan, Year 10	<i>Introduction, Theme and Variations Op. 102</i>	Hummel
Sienna Kang, Year 12	<i>Talking Points Movements 4 and 1</i>	Williams
Helen Liu, Year 12	<i>Claribel</i>	Bozza
Cindy Xu, Year 9	<i>Concertino Op. 107</i>	Chaminade
Alina Yuan, Year 10	<i>Violin Concerto No. 1 Movement 1</i>	Haydn

Music Academy news

Meriden has been awarded the Top Ten Most Outstanding Accredited Schools certificate by the AMEB. Congratulations to the staff in the Music Academy, particularly Mrs Carolyn Mirabito and Mrs Susan Tripolone, for all their efforts in preparing and running the AMEB exams.

Other Music news

In other Performing Arts news, Ms Nicky Abkiewicz recently competed in the National Band and Solo Championships, held in Newcastle over the Easter break. Ms Abkiewicz placed first in the Open Tenor Horn Section and first in the Open A Grade Brass Band section with her band, Sydney City Brass.

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